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Letter from the Editor

Dear Division Members:

For most of us, summer is a time of professional development, when respite from teaching responsibilities makes it possible to concentrate on such pleasant tasks as writing, research, and attendance at conferences. I look forward to renewing friendships and meeting new members at this year's SSSP meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

This summer's newsletter contains a number of important announcements. First, there is an URGENT posting regarding nominations for members to serve as the Division Chair of Educational Problems. I am serving an extra term of one year, due to lack of response from members.

Next, it is my pleasure to announce that Mukaria J. Itang'ata, at

Western Michigan University is the recipient of the 2005 Student Paper Competition award. Congratulations Mukaria!

Following this, the Publications Committee of the Association for Black Sociologists is publicizing a call for applications for a new editor for *Race in Society*. Finally, the list of sponsored and co-sponsored sessions for the 2005 meeting in Philadelphia is included.

URGENT!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The SSSP Educational Problems Division is announcing a call for at least two (2) nominations for the position of Division Chair. Please consider volunteering for this worthy position. Self nominations are acceptable. Please send your name or your nomination to: Deirdre M. Smythe at: smythe@stu.ca or Michele Koontz at: mkoontz3@utk.edu.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JUNE 20, 2005

Student Paper Competition

Award Recipient

Congratulations are extended to Mukaria J. Itang'ata in the Department of Education Studies at Western Michigan University for her paper, "Using the Multiple perspectives Approach to Analyze a Policy: The Case of Education Vouchers Policy." As this year's winner, she will receive a monetary prize of \$100, a student membership to SSSP, free SSSP conference registration, and a complimentary ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. We look forward to the presentation of Mukaria's work in the co-sponsored session of Educational Problems and Poverty, Class and Inequality, "Education and inequality: Fallout from the Bush Administration Reforms."

Sponsored Session

"Practice, Pedagogy and Politics in Transformative Education."
Lorna Rivera
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Discussant: Art Shostak

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1. "Practicing Critical Pedagogy: Teacher-As-Learner in Cusco, Peru."
Catherine Fobes
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2. "Teaching from the Margin: The Public Pedagogy of the Cannabis Reform Rally."
Keith C. Saunders
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3. "The Intersection Between Teacher Attrition and Cultural Conflicts: Novice teachers tell their stories."
eborah L. Smith
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Brian J. Smith
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4. "Towards a Better Life: Women Helping & Empowering Women."
Tanni Chaudhuri
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Co-sponsored Sessions

With Poverty, Class and Inequality

"Education and Inequality: Fallout from the Bush Administration Reforms"
Deirdre M. Smythe
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1. "Intellectual Diversity and the Movement for an Academic Bill of Rights"

Melanie E. L. Bush
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2. "A Multiple Perspectives Analysis of Education Vouchers Policy"

Mukaria J. Itang'ata
Western Michigan University
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3. "No Child Left Behind: Critical Intersections in Choice, Segregation and Equity in American Public Education."

Stephanie Southworth
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John Barnshaw
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4. "School Performance and the Reform Process: Standardization, Accountability, and Minority Students"

Kamini Maraj Grahame
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Peter R. Grahame
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5. "Constructing Success: Teenage Motherhood, Resistance and Class Constraints"

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With Race and Ethnic Minorities

"Race Matters at School"

Lorna Rivera
University of Massachusetts-Boston
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Discussant: Otis Grant
Indiana University

1. "The Presentation of Race & Ethnic Relations: A Content Analysis of English Language Textbooks in Japan."

Mieko Yamada
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2. "Racial Bias in Teachers' Evaluation of Students' Delinquent Behavior: Race Matters"

Bert Burraston
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Andrew Despain
Brigham Young University
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3. "Color-blind Teaching and Multiculturalism: How White Teachers Teach Language Minority Students"

Cecile David
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4. "Racial Literacy in Adult Basic Education: A Case Study"

Sophie E. Hammett
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With Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

"Juvenile Prisoners, Juvenile Delinquents and Juvenile Justice-Related Education Policy"

Organizer: Ken Kyle
Presider: Kamini Grahame

1. "Theory and Intervention to Reduce Recidivism Among Juveniles"

Terrence T. Allen
Wayne State University

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2. "The JD Track: Why So Many Adjudicated Youth Cannot Read"

Jane C. Hood

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Randy Maestas

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3. "School Discipline, Prisons, and the Profits of Control"

Tyson E. Lewis

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Elizabeth Vazquez

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4. "Processed and Summoned: An Examination of Law Enforcement's Increased Role in School Disciplinary Action"

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CALL FOR EDITOR :

RACE IN SOCIETY

The Publications Committee of the Association of Black Sociologists welcomes applications for the next editor of **RACE IN SOCIETY**. The editor serves a three-year term. Your application should include a preliminary discussion of the monetary and/or in-kind resources your institution would provide to the editor, including office space, furniture, networked computers, printer(s), telephone and e-mail access, graduate student assistance stipend(s), and faculty release time. Additional items that should be discussed are expenses for photocopying, postage, supplies, a managing editor (including summer salary), and funding for a book review editor(s) and summer staff. Applicants should send a letter of application, curriculum vita, and documentation of institutional support by **July 15, 2005**. Members of ABS are encouraged to apply and/or nominate colleagues who might be encouraged to apply. Please send applications and nominations to: **Donald Cunnigen, Department of Sociology-Anthropology, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881-0808**. For more information, contact **Donald Cunnigen, ABS Publications Committee Chairperson**, at: Dcunn@uriacc.uri.edu