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From the Desk of our Division Chair

Dear Family Division Members,

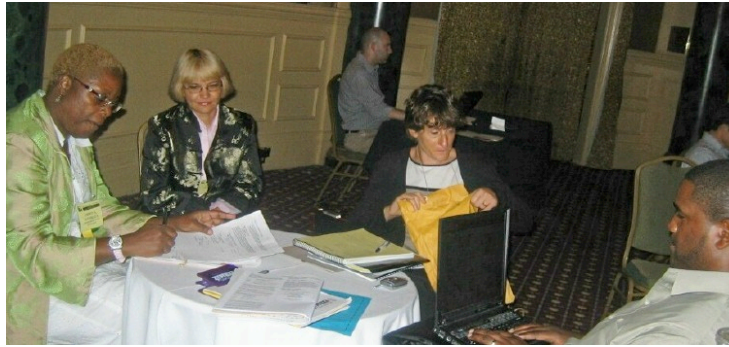
Late fall in Michigan, yellow leaves drifting to the ground. Despite the unusually warm fall, we were expecting snow for Thanksgiving. Fall is always so fast paced. It is like we have stored everything up and suddenly must get it done in the fall.

We had a great annual meeting in New York last summer and are looking forward to an equally successful time in Boston this year. The theme will be “Crossing Borders: Activist Scholarship, Globalization, And Social Justice.” We have four great sessions sponsored by the family division and six co-sponsored sessions (see pages 2-3). You are invited to submit your papers online. Papers are due by January 31, 2008.

I want to thank Nancy Mezey for all her work as last year’s chair and Ebonie Cunningham Stringer for her work as newsletter editor. Both have done stellar work contributing to the success of the division. Ebonie will continue to serve as newsletter editor this year.

As always, please send us your book reviews and other newsworthy articles for publication in the newsletter. I look forward to a great new year with you.

Cheryl Boudreaux
Division Chair



Family Division Meeting, August 2007, New York City

2008 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Sponsored by the Family Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

Deadline: 1/15/08

The Family Division announces its 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should be of professional quality and may relate to any aspect of the sociology of the family. Authors should be currently enrolled as graduate students, or individuals who received their Ph.D.'s in May 2007 or later. To be eligible, a paper may not be published, accepted, or under review for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or submitted for presentation at a professional conference are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; they can be authored by one or more students, but may not be co-authored with a faculty member or non-student. Papers should be no more than 35 pages in length, including all notes, references, and tables. Please email papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Dr. Ebonie L. Cunningham Stringer, ebonie.cunningham@wilkes.edu. Alternatively, papers may be sent via snail mail to Dr. Ebonie L. Cunningham Stringer, Department of Sociology, 319 Breiseth Hall, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. The winner and any runners-up will be announced in spring 2008. The winner(s) will receive a modest cash stipend, free conference registration, and an opportunity to present her/his paper at the SSSP conference, held in July 31 - August 2, 2008 in Boston, MA.

SHARING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please take the time to review our members' recent publications and accomplishments. We hope that you will consider making them a part of your personal library, incorporating them into your course syllabi, or your applied work.

Pei-Chia Lan, Associate Professor of Sociology at National Taiwan University, received two awards for her work, *Global Cinderellas: Migrant Domestic and Newly Rich Employers in Taiwan* (Duke University Press 2006): 2007 Distinguished Book Award from the Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association and 2007 ICAS Book Prize: Best Study in Social Science from the International Convention of Asian Scholars.

Please feel free to share your accomplishments, special announcement or research notes with the division in future newsletters. Please email all requests to Ebonie Cunningham Stringer at ebonie.cunningham@wilkes.edu.

Conference Information:

The Call for Papers for the 58th Annual Meetings in Boston, MA is now available online (<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/293>) and a hard copy has been mailed to all current members and Ph.D. granting departments.

Just a few points to keep in mind: This year, papers or extended abstracts (2-3 page summary of the intended presentation) for presentations at division sponsored sessions **MUST be sent electronically via our online**

submission cover sheet to session organizers no later than midnight (EST) on January 31, 2008. You may review the online submission cover sheet by clicking on the following link: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageId/591>. Please submit your work for consideration and also circulate the list of sessions widely so that we can increase the pool of submissions. You can visit SSSP's website (www.sssp1.org) for specific information about the conference.

SESSIONS SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY DIVISION

Thematic session:

"Social Services, Movements, and Justice: Supporting Families Through Activism."

Organizer: Presider Michelle Janning
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"Crossing Borders: Immigration and Family"

Organizer: Orly Benjamin, benjamo@mail.biu.ac.il
Presider: TBA

"Family Policy and Institutions"

Organizer: Presider: Ebonie Cunningham Stringer Ebonie.Cunningham@wilkes.edu

"Parenting Culture"

Organizer: Presider: Mary Ann Kanieski Kanieski@saintmarys.edu

SESSIONS CO-SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY DIVISION

"Constructions of Parenthood"

Organizer: Presider Elizabeth Pare`, Wayne State University,
ac7023@wayne.edu <mailto:ac7023@wayne.edu>
Co-sponsor/s: Youth, Aging, and the Life course

"Youth in Families"

Organizer: Presider Sarah Jane Brubaker, Virginia Commonwealth University,
sbrubaker@vcu.edu
Co-sponsor/s: Youth, Aging, and the Life course

"Disability and Family"

Organizer: Presider Alexis Bender and Valerie Leiter
Co-sponsor/s: Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division for 2008:

"Transgendered Families"

Organizer: Presider Nancy Mezey
Co-sponsor/s: Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities Division for 2008:

"Coordinating Families"

Organizer: Presider: Alison Griffith, York University
Work phone: 416-736-5002 Email: agriffith@edu.yorku.ca
Co-sponsor/s: Institutional Ethnography, Family, Educational Problems

"Violence within the Family"

Organizer: Presider Marty Shockey-Eckles (St. Louis Univ.) SHOCKEYM@SLU.EDU and Lisa Tichavsky (NC State) LPTICHAV@sasw.chass.NCSU.EDU
Co-sponsor/s: Crime & Juvenile Delinquency

Additionally you are invited to participate in a session that crosses divisions: Crossing Your OWN Borders: Theorizing Across Substantive Sections of SSSP

Organizers: **Mitch Berbrier**, University of Alabama in Huntsville
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Berbrier and Corbin write “Within our discipline, angst is almost ritually expressed about the sectioning of sociology into Divisions (in SSSP) and the dividing of sociology into Sections (in ASA). We thereby request theoretically-orientated papers that explicitly run against these trends, crossing those intellectual borders. We imagine that these papers would in creatively engage two or more theories or orientations that are ordinarily confined within substantive areas. Our hope that such cross-fertilization can yield interaction, discussion, and contestation which may in turn yield advances in social problems theory.”