FROM THE DIVISION CHAIR

Dear Family Division,

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well, and in the throes of a productive yet relaxing summer.

I don’t know about all of you, but I am gearing up (and getting excited) for the 67th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. This year’s theme is Narratives in the World of Social Problems: Power, Resistance, Transformation, and promises to be a fantastic event. It is being held August 11 – 13, 2017, at the Montreal Bonaventure Hotel in Montreal, Quebec Canada. If you are a program participant, you must register by June 1, 2017. For all other attendees, preregistration closes July 15, 2017.

In this newsletter, you can read about some of the great accomplishments of our members, learn how to get involved in the Family Division, and access information so that you can start planning your days (and evenings) at the annual meeting.

I look forward to meeting you in August!

All the best,

Jennifer Haskin
SSSP Family Division Chair
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**MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Publications:**


* In the 1990s, the U.S. Congress overhauled welfare policy to encourage work, marriage, and responsible fatherhood for Americans in poverty. This led to the creation of the Healthy Marriage Initiative in 2002 and the funding of hundreds of marriage education programs across the country. Based on over 500 hours of participant observation in marriage education classes and interviews with those who taught and took them, Jennifer Randles takes the reader inside the marriage education classroom to reveal how healthy marriage policy promotes the idea that family well-being and preventing poverty depend on individuals learning to love in a responsible and rational way that minimizes the economically costly and socially destabilizing consequences of uninformed romantic choices. Sociologists have long described how social and economic inequalities pervade the most intimate aspects of individuals' lives. The unique contribution of this book is that it shows how romantic love and interpersonal commitment have recently become direct objects of policy efforts to address inequality.


* The Stuff of Family Life Facebook page, from sociologist Michelle Janning (Whitman College) connects home spatial and object design and social relationships. Part stuff, part sociology. If you're interested in following how family relationships, roles, and inequalities connect to home design, domestic spatial arrangements, and household objects, and want to be kept up to date with current research, writing, and imagery associated with these topics, consider liking the page and sharing it. [https://www.facebook.com/thestuffoffamilylife/](https://www.facebook.com/thestuffoffamilylife/)
GET INVOLVED

If you are a new member, let us introduce you to the division! Please contact me for more details.

Write a brief piece about an issue, research topic, or current event that relates to families.

Volunteer to organize or co-organize a paper session for the 2018 meeting in Philadelphia.

Volunteer to chair or co-chair the graduate student paper competition award committee.

Volunteer to judge or co-judge papers in the graduate student paper competition.

If you’ll be in Montreal, come to the Family Division Meeting on Friday, August 11, 4:30-6:10pm, Room Outremont. If you can’t make it, feel free to drop me an email with any ideas.

In case you missed my recent emails re mentoring: there is a demand for mentors for the 2017 SSSP annual meeting. Please consider volunteering. This is an important opportunity for us to grow as a division! The application to serve as a mentor can be found here: http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1984

GRADUATE PAPER COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you to all graduate students who submitted a paper to this year’s competition. We received a number of outstanding submissions!

The Winner of the Family Division Graduate Paper Competition: Hope Harvey with her paper When Mothers Can’t “Pay the Cost to be the Boss”: Roles and Identity within Doubled-Up Households

Hope Harvey will be presented her official award at SSSP annual meeting Awards Ceremony on August 12, 2017 at 6:45pm.

The Runner-up: Jasmine Hill with her paper He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother: Kin Support Strategies of the Black Middle Class

Congrats to both of you 😊
## 2017 ANNUAL MEETING INFO

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Link to Annual Meeting Registration Form: [http://www.sssp1.org/2017_Annual_Meeting_Registration](http://www.sssp1.org/2017_Annual_Meeting_Registration)

Link to Hotel Reservation Information: [http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/695/Hotel_Reservation_Information/](http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/695/Hotel_Reservation_Information/)