

# SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS: FAMILY DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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## From the Desk of Our Division Chair



Dear Family Division,

Thanks to the hard work of the amazing staff, SSSP is presenting a fabulous schedule of sessions and events for the 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Chicago from August 21<sup>st</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup>. Please don't forget that online registration is available until Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

This is my final newsletter as chair of the Family Division, and I have enjoyed getting to know the Division and meeting many of you. Also this is an important reminder that the **Family Division Chair Election** to select the incoming chair is open until **Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Please vote!**

Chicago is one of the United States' most racially and ethnically diverse, yet most segregated, cities (see [Nate Silver's article: http://53eig.ht/111T3WY](http://53eig.ht/111T3WY) for more details), a fact that undoubtedly affects Chicago families. Chicago also has a long history of protest and resistance to social inequalities, including present day labor walkouts by both adjunct professors and fast food workers. So what better place than Chicago to explore this year's conference theme "Removing the Mask, Lifting the Veil: Race, Class, and Gender in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"?

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Also please consider getting involved in SSSP and the Family Division. Some options include:

- if you're a new member, let us introduce you to the division. Please contact myself of the newsletter editor, Laura Simon, 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 2016 meetings in Seattle
- 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 Chicago, come to the Family Division Meeting on Friday, August 21, 4:30–6:10pm, Room Atlantic C. Otherwise, feel free to drop me an e-mail with any ideas.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Chicago!

*Kristy Watkins*, outgoing SSSP Family Division Chair

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## Sharing Our Accomplishments

### *Publications*

Crossley, S. (2015). 'Realising the (troubled) family', 'crafting the neoliberal state'. *Families, Relationships and Societies*.

Online first:

[http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/tpp/frs/pre-prints/content-PP\\_FRS-D-14-00064R2](http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/tpp/frs/pre-prints/content-PP_FRS-D-14-00064R2)

Garcia, J. (2015). The Importance of the Mentor-Mentee Relationship in Women's Desistance from Destructive Behaviors. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*. DOI: 10.1177/0306624X14568257

### *Awards and Accomplishments*

Julie Mikles-Schluterman, an Associate Professor of Sociology at Arkansas Tech University, was named the assistant director of the University Honors Program and received the 2015 Faculty Award of Excellence for Service at Arkansas Tech University. In addition to these great accomplishments, she and a colleague organized an event on campus where they broke a Guinness World Record. More details in the links below:

<http://www.atu.edu/academics/facultyexcellence.php>

<http://www.arkansastechnews.com/university/tech-bestows-faculty-awards-of-excellence/>

[http://www.couriernews.com/view/full\\_story/26586401/article-ATU-registers-almost-1-700-with-Be-the-Match](http://www.couriernews.com/view/full_story/26586401/article-ATU-registers-almost-1-700-with-Be-the-Match)

Janet Garcia, a PhD. Candidate at Rutgers University, received the American Society of Criminology Graduate Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities (2014) to fund dissertation research on the navigation of motherhood for formerly incarcerated mothers. Janet also received the Rutgers University Dissertation Fellowship (2015-2016).

Laura Simon, a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln (UNL), received UNL's Ogle Dissertation Fellowship for the upcoming Spring 2016 semester and the UNL Department Teaching Award for demonstrating teaching excellence.

### *Jobs*

Congratulations to Alicia Walker on accepting a three-year renewable Visiting Assistant Professor position at Missouri State University.

Congratulations to Pallavi Banerjee on accepting an Assistant Professor of Sociology position at the University of Calgary.

### *Stay Connected*



The Family Division now has a Twitter Page!

Consider following us [@SSSPFamily](https://twitter.com/SSSPFamily) or just checking out our posts - <https://twitter.com/SSSPFamily>

The Society for the Study of Social  
Problems  
65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
August 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel  
Chicago, IL

## Society for the Study of Social Problems 2015 Annual Meeting

### Family Division Meetings

**Friday, August 21, 4:30–6:10pm**

Room: Atlantic C

### Family Division Sponsored Paper Sessions

Friday, August 21, 8:30 AM ***Session 1: PAPERS IN THE ROUND: Families***

Room: Atlantic C

*Sponsor:* Family

Friday, August 21, 10:30 AM ***Session 17: Changing Issues in Families: Sexualities, Health, Gender, Race***

Room: Aegean

*Sponsors:* Family & Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities

Friday, August 21, 12:30 PM ***Session 27: Work, School, and Inequality for People of Color***

Room: Aegean

*Sponsors:* Family & Labor Studies

Friday, August 21, 2:30 PM ***Session 38: Reproductive and Family Health***

Room: Aegean

*Sponsors:* Family & Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Saturday, August 22 8:30 AM ***Session 60: Unmasking Inequalities in Family Carework***

Room: Baltic

*Sponsor:* Family

Saturday, August 22, 10:30 AM ***Session 72: Disability and Care***

Room: Baltic

*Sponsors:* Family & Disability

Saturday, August 22, 2:30 PM ***Session 104: Race, Class, Kin and Culture***

Room: Caribbean

*Sponsors:* Family & Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Sunday, August 23, 12:30 PM ***Session 152: Family and Social Movements***

Room: Pacific 2

*Sponsors:* Family & Conflict, Social Action, and Change

Sunday, August 23, 2:30 PM ***Session 165: Food and Inequality***

Room: Pacific 2

*Sponsors:* Family & Poverty, Class, and Inequality

Sunday, August 23, 4:30 PM ***Session 174: State Regulation of 21st Century Families***

Room: Pacific 2

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## Spotlight on Graduate Student on the Job Market:

Janet Garcia is a Ph.D. Candidate at Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice. Her research is primarily focused on the racial-ethnic differences in policing strategies, the impact of incarceration rates on communities of color, and the obstacles women face post-incarceration. Janet's dissertation investigates how formerly incarcerated women navigate motherhood post-incarceration and how this process influences mothers' ability to reintegrate back into society after imprisonment. Examining African American, West Indian and Hispanic formerly incarcerated mothers, her dissertation research unpacks the experiences of groups often viewed collectively as "minorities."

Devoted to social justice matters and the increased life chances of disadvantaged groups, Janet has served as a plenary panelist for a panel entitled, "Worn Out: Motherwork in the Age of Austerity"; she has also served as a keynote speaker for a panel on "Disrupting the 'Primary School to Prison' Pipeline." Her professional experience and involvement in previous research has received academic acknowledgements in publications by Rand Corporation and the Vera Institute of Justice. Janet has also received the Rutgers University Presidential Fellowship, the Rutgers University Dissertation Fellowship, and the American Society of Criminology Graduate Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities.