Dear Family Division,

I hope the summer has been treating you well. The SSSP staff has organized a superb program for our 64th annual meeting in San Francisco from August 15th–17th. It’s not too late to register on-site, and I look forward to seeing many of you in San Francisco!

The conference theme “Fifty Years Later: From a War on Poverty to a War on the Poor” is still as timely as ever. President Obama signed a federal farm bill in March, which cut food stamp benefits to America’s poorest families. Yet nearly half of the sixteen affected states have resisted implementing those cuts. Congressional Republicans have recently proposed new ways to continue reducing these benefits. The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) is just one example of how the United States continues to wage a War on the Poor. Come to the Annual meeting in San Francisco to strategize about how we can address poverty on a national and global level.

Do you want to become more involved in the Family Division? Consider the following options:

• 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 2015 meetings in Chicago
• Volunteer to chair or co-chair the graduate student paper competition award committee or to judge or co-judge papers in the graduate student paper competition
• If you’ll be in San Francisco, come to the Family Division Meeting on Friday, August 15, 12:30pm–2:10pm in the Club Room. Otherwise, feel free to drop me an e-mail with any ideas.

I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco!

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Nancy Mezey, *LGBT Families*

The book takes a social constructionist perspective and presents a comprehensive yet accessible understanding of LGBT families today by drawing upon and making sense of the burgeoning scholarly literature about LGBT families from the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Drawing on multidisciplinary data, the book pays particular attention to how structures of race, class, gender, sexuality, and age shape LGBT families, and how members of such families negotiate the social landscapes within which they exist. The book also contains information about LGBT families and communities around the world. The book aims at helping readers better understand the formation, experiences, challenges, and strengths of LGBT families by addressing two main questions: *Why are new family forms so threatening to certain groups of people in society?* and *How are new family forms beneficial to the society in which they exist?*
Family Division Meetings
Friday, August 15 from 12:30pm–2:10pm
Room: Club Room

Family Division Sponsored Paper Sessions
Friday, August 15
Friday, August 15, 8:30am Session 5: The Social Organization of Families Under Scrutiny
Room: Foothill G1
Sponsors: Family and Institutional Ethnography

Friday, August 15, 4:30pm Session 57: Racial Intimacies and Relationships in the Post–Civil Rights Era
Room: Pacific H
Sponsors: Family and Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Saturday, August 16
Saturday, August 16, 10:30am Session 72: The Family and The State: Ideologies, Norms, and Policies
Room: Foothill B
Sponsor: Family

Saturday, August 16, 12:30pm Session 84: Gender, Class, and Destabilization of Traditional Family Life
Room: Foothill B
Sponsor: Family

Saturday, August 16, 2:30pm Session 98: Gender, Sexuality, and Trouble the Family
Room: Foothill B
Sponsor: Family

Sunday, August 17
Sunday, August 17, 8:30am Session 111: Families, Communities, and Mass Incarceration
Room: Foothill A
Sponsors: Family and Community Research and Development

Sunday, August 17, 10:30am Session 124: Families, Disability, and Poverty
Room: Foothill B
Sponsors: Family, Disabilities, Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Sunday, August 17, 12:30pm Session 136: Beyond Title IX: Expanding Support for Pregnant and Parenting Students
Room: Foothill B
Sponsors: Family and Educational Problems

Sunday, August 17, 2:30pm Session 154: Gender, Life Course, and Political Consciousness
Room: Foothill J
Sponsors: Family and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course

Sunday, August 17, 4:30pm Session 163: Social Consequences of Technological Change
Room: Pacific E
Sponsors: Environment and Technology and Family