

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS: FAMILY DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of Our Division Chair



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.

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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 or 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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Sharing Our Accomplishments

Awards

Carolyn C. Perrucci, Purdue University, recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Women Scholar Award.

Job Announcements

Maria S. Johnson, Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware.

Publications:

Journal Articles

Johnson, Maria. 2013. Strength and Respectability: Black Women's Negotiation of Racialized Gender Ideals and the Role of Daughter-Father Relationships. *Gender and Society*. 27(6):889-912.

Carolyn C. Perrucci, "Displaced Workers," in Vicki Smith (ed.), **Sociology of Work: An Encyclopedia**, Sage Publications, 2013.

Robert Perrucci and Carolyn C. Perrucci, "The Good Society: Core Social Values, Social Norms and Public Policy," *Sociological Forum*, Vol. 29, No. 1, (March 2014): 356-379.

Books

Clare Huntington, *Failure to Flourish: How Law Undermines Family Relationships*

The book argues that families are essential to both individual and societal flourishing but the law undermines family relationships in multiple, unappreciated ways, contributing to inequality in America. In response, the book sets forth a new, more emotionally intelligent vision for a legal system that not only resolves familial conflict but actively encourages the healthy relationships that are at the core of a stable society.

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?*

Society for the Study of Social
Problems

2014 Annual Meeting

"50 Years Later: From a War on Poverty
to a War on the Poor"

August 15-17, 2014

San Francisco Marriott Marquis
San Francisco, CA

Society for the Study of Social Problems 2014 Annual Meeting

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