

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS: FAMILY DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of Our Division Chair



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope that this edition of our newsletter finds you settled in to your summer routine. With any luck, you're getting plenty of rest and relaxation, time to spend with those you love, and perhaps you're even being productive in your scholarship and activism!

As you know, an exciting conference awaits us in Denver, Colorado. The preliminary program is now available on the SSSP website for your viewing pleasure. You can also find an "at-a-glance" list of Family Division Activities. Besides our usual reception and paper sessions, the family division has a special addition to our conference activities. We are going where the Family Division has never gone before (at least to my knowledge) — we will be engaging in a service activity with families in the local Denver community! We are still in the process of planning the event, but I hope that you will start to get excited about this opportunity while you stay tuned for details. If you would like to serve on the planning committee—I mean be a part of the *planning process* (the word "committee" is pure profanity once the semester ends!) please send me an email

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to the address below.

I would also like to give you an update on our 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. There were a number of great submissions, but judges' final decisions are in. Congratulations to our first place winner, Abi Ocobock of the University of Chicago! You'll get a chance to read more about Abi later in the newsletter.

In closing, let me encourage you to continue to share information about your publications, promotions and other accomplishments with our division. We want to celebrate you and provide opportunities for the Family Division community to incorporate your work into the classroom, future research and activism. Let's also keep one another informed about post docs, publication and grant opportunities, job openings, ect. You should also feel free to share your ideas for what you would like to see taking place in our division. You can do this by attending our division meeting during the annual meetings (Friday, August 17th 12:30- 2:10 pm, Mt. Columbia Room) or by sending me an email with your thoughts and suggestions at any time.

Hope to See You in Denver!

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Graduate Student Paper Competition Winner



Abi Ocobock is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Sociology department at the University of Chicago. Her dissertation study – "Gaining the Right to Marry: The Impact of Marriage as a New Institutional Context in the Lives of Gay Men and Lesbians" – is a mixed methods interview and questionnaire study with married and unmarried gay men and lesbians in Massachusetts and Michigan.

It investigates how having access to legal marriage shapes the kind of relationship and family choices gay men and lesbians make, the meanings they attach to those choices, and its consequences for their personal, family and social relationships. Abi holds a B.A. in Politics from the University of East Anglia (United Kingdom) and an M.Sc in Comparative Social Policy from Oxford University. She also has an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Chicago.

She will present her winning paper, "The Power and Limits of Marriage: Married Gay Men's Family Relationships", at the 2012 annual meeting in Denver.

Our Joys, Accomplishments and Announcements

Joys

Congratulations to Laura Simon (Franzen)! She was wedded to Joel Franzen on July 13th. We wish her and her new spouse a lifetime of happiness!

Publications

2012. Cunningham Stringer, Ebonie. "Mothering While Imprisoned": The Effects of Family and Child Dynamics on Mothering Attitudes. " *Family Relations* 61(2): 313-326.

2011. Gillespie, Michael D. "Capital Accumulation and Family Economy Deterioration: Historical Contingencies and the "Great Recession" of the United States." *World Review of Political Economy* 2(3): 406-440.

Society for the Study of Social Problems
2012 Annual Meeting
"The Art of Activism"
August 16-18, 2012
The Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel
Denver, Colorado

Blog and Radio Show

Peggy Wireman will be hosting an internet radio show that will include discussions on working women, women's jobs and what women really need. Information about the shows can be found on her blog http://connectingdots.us/?page_id=10.

Peggy also invites suggestions for speakers, she can be contacted via e-mail at Wireman1234@sbcglobal.net.

Previous discussions about myths about women that drive our national policies can be found in Chapter 2 of her book, "Connecting the Dots: Government, Community and Family". In addition, Chapter 6 of her book was cited by the head of the Wisconsin chapter of the National Association of Social Workers as a must read on race. You can view selections from this book and an additional e-book, "The Community Action Guide", via Google books or Transaction Publishers.

Family Division 2012 Meeting Activities At-A-Glance

Family Division Reception

Thursday, August 16 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Rooms: Mount Evans A & B (AT)

Family Division Annual Business Meeting

Friday, August 17 from 12:30 PM - 2:10 pm
Room: Mt. Columbia

Family Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Sessions

Session 24: Children, Families, and Health

Room: Longs Peak (AT)
Organizer &
Presider: Laura E. Simon, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Session 46: Jobs, Families, and Communities

Room: Mt. Harvard (GH)
Organizers: Ted M. Brimeyer, Georgia Southern University
April M. Schueths, Georgia Southern University
Presider: April M. Schueths, Georgia Southern University
Papers:

Session 69: Care Work in the Home

Room: Mt. Harvard (GH)
Organizers &
Presiders: Ebonie L. Cunningham Stringer, Wingate University
Laura Lorenz, Brandeis University
Discussant: Ebonie L. Cunningham Stringer, Wingate University

Session 100: Family and the Economy

Room: Pikes Peak (AT)
Organizer &
Presider: Ebonie L. Cunningham Stringer, Wingate University

Session 115: Queer Families

Room: Mt. Columbia (GH)
Organizer &
Presider: Elisabeth A. Sheff, Georgia State University
Discussant: Chandra Denise Ward, Georgia State University

Session 126: Family Formation: Co-Parenting and Contemporary Family Forms

Room: Mt. Columbia (GH)
Organizer &
Presider: Megan Reid, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

SPECIAL

Session 131: Student Award Winning Papers IV

Winner of the Family Division's Student Paper Competition Will Present
Room: Mt. Yale (GH)
Paper:
"The Power and Limits of Marriage: Married Gay Men's Family Relationships"
Abi Ocobock, University of Chicago,

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Session 137: Global Families and the Art of Research and Activism

Room: Mt. Columbia (GH)
Organizer &
Presider: Nancy J. Mezey, Monmouth University