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From the Desk of our Division Chair

Dear Family Division Members,

The summer is I hope for everyone going well. It is going too fast for me as I try to catch up on everything that I did not have the time for during the year. It's almost time for the SSSP annual meeting, which this year is in Boston. We have an abundance of activity at this year's conference and plenty of opportunity for your participation. **The conference hotel is the Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers, a historic hotel in a historic part of the city, the Back Bay; the hotel was built in 1927.** If you haven't made your room reservations yet, please consider doing it soon and staying in the conference hotel.

The program is exciting for the annual meeting in Boston with ten sessions sponsored or cosponsored by the Family Division! Please attend as many sessions as you can to learn and support what colleagues have been working on recently. **I encourage everyone to attend the Family Division's Reception, co-sponsored with many other divisions** (Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Disabilities; Educational Problems; Environment and Technology; Global; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Institutional Ethnography; Labor Studies; Law and Society; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Social Problems Theory; Sociology and Social Welfare; and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course), **on Thursday, July 31st from 6:30-7:30pm the Plaza Ballroom. Additionally, please support the 8th Annual AIDS Fundraiser and the Graduate Student and New Member Reception 9:00pm – 11:00pm In Plaza Ballroom.**

We invite everyone including graduate students, community activists, and faculty to **get involved** with the division. You will be able to propose paper sessions (that you can organize and/or chair if you want) for next year's meetings, discuss resolutions, become a reviewer for the family division's Graduate Student Paper Competition or just meet everyone and talk about what they are doing in the field. **The Family Divisional meeting is open to all SSSP members and will be Thursday 10:30am – 12:10pm in the Stanbro Room** Please come and bring a friend. This is a good place to meet others in the division and to volunteer for service. I look forward to seeing you in Boston.

Cheryl Boudreaux, Chair Family Division
Grand Valley State University

Family Division Meeting: Thurs., July 31st, 10:30-12:10, Stanbro Room

FAMILY DIVISION SPONSORED SESSIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 31

8:30am – 10:10am Sessions

THEMATIC

Session 9: Crossing Borders: Immigration and Family

Room: White Hill

Sponsor: Family Division

Organizers: Orly Benjamin, Bar-Ilan University

Ebonie Cunningham Stringer, Wilkes University

Presider & Discussant: Ebonie Cunningham Stringer, Wilkes University **Papers:**

“They Don’t Ask, You Don’t Tell: Exploring Communication

Patterns in the Second-Generation Indian American Family,” Cynthia B. Sinha, Georgia State University “I’m Here to Tell My Story: A Photovoice Workshop with Refugee Adolescents from Liberia and Sudan,” Linda Gjokaj, Michigan State University “The Immigrant Family: The Impact of Current Immigration Policies and Practices on U.S. Citizen Children,” Jemel Aguilar and Jodi Berger, University of Texas, Austin

12:30pm – 2:10pm Sessions

Session 22: Parenting Culture

Room: Charles River

Sponsor: Family Division

Organizer & Presider: Mary Ann Kanieski, Saint Mary’s College

Papers:

“Managing the Lactating Body: The Breast-Feeding Project at the Age of Anxiety,” Orit Avishai, University of California, Berkeley

“Toward a More Nuanced Account of Intensive Mothering: The Case of Caring for ‘Problem Children,’” Ara Francis, University of California, Davis

“‘Other Mothers’: Infertility and the Culture of Motherhood,” Elizabeth Sternke, Purdue University

2:30pm – 4:10pm Sessions

Session 32: Constructions of Parenthood

Room: Charles River

Sponsors: Family Division

Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Elizabeth Pare, Wayne State University

Papers:

“Complicating Master Narratives of Young Teen Moms,” Mary Patrice Erdmans, Central Connecticut State University

“Changing Places, Changing Parents: A Canadian Study of

Mothering and Fathering ‘Against the Grain,’” Gillian Ranson, University of Calgary “Welfare ‘Single Moms’ in Israel: Readapting the Gender Contract,” Amalia Sa’ar, University of Haifa “Sons and Mothers: Crossing the Borders of Family Relationships for Teenage Fathers,” Jane Reeves, University of Greenwich

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00am – 9:40am Sessions

Session 45: The Politics of Marriage

Room: Cabot

Sponsors: Family Division

Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

Organizer & Presider: Nancy Mezey, Monmouth University

Papers:

“The Contested Meanings and Politics of Marriage: Legalizing SameSex Marriage,” Rebekah M. Zinbarg, Brandeis University

“Globalization, Technocratization, and Legitimation of the Other: Changing Images of Love and Marriage,” Cheryl Boudreaux, GrandValley State University

“Open Marriage to All, and Then What?” Marietta Riska, Åbo Akademi University “Benefits to Health in Marriage and Cohabitation: A State Level Analysis,” Tara Hardinge, University of California, Irvine

2:30pm – 4:10pm Sessions

Session 69: Family Policy and Institutions

Room: Cabot

Sponsor: Family Division

Organizer & Presider: Ebonie Cunningham Stringer, Wilkes University

Papers:

“Keeping the Faith: How Incarcerated African American Mothers Use Religion and Spirituality to Cope with Imprisonment,” Ebonie Cunningham Stringer, Wilkes University “Is There Room for Family in Academia? Work/Family Policy and Academic Mothers in the U.S. and Finland,” Marjukka Ollilainen, Weber State University

“Motherhood in Jail: Other Mothers versus Intensive Mothering,” Brittne Leigh Aiello, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

“Babies in the Ivory Tower,” Deborah L. Little, Adelphi University and Linda E. Francis, University of Akron “Context Matters: An Alternative to the Demands-Resources Model of Work-Family Conflict,” Marisa C. Young, University of Toronto

4:30pm – 6:10pm Sessions

SPECIAL

Session 83: Student Award Winning Papers I

Room: Franklin

Sponsor: Program Committee

Presider & Discussant: Wendy Simonds, Georgia State University

Papers:

“Safety Cultivates Fear?: The Unintended Consequences of School Surveillance Measures,” Shannon McDonough, University of South Carolina, 1st place Winner of the Educational Problems Division’s Student Paper Competition

“Meaningful Exchanges: Recapturing and Restrictive Procreative Power in Frozen Embryo Donation,” Kristin J. Wilson, Rutgers University, 1st place Winner of the Family Division’s Student Paper Competition

“Choosing Truth: The Influence of Function, Institutions, and Global Culture on the Establishment of TRCs,” Claire Posner, Macalester College, 1st place Winner of the Global Division’s Undergraduate Student Paper Competition “Race and Trust: The Case of Medicine,” Abigail A. Sewell, NSF/Ford/Ronald E. McNair Fellow, Indiana University, Bloomington, 1st place Winner of the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division’s Student Paper Competition.

4:30pm – 6:10pm Sessions

Session 85: Coordinating Families

Room: Lexington

Sponsors: Educational Problems Division

Family Division

Institutional Ethnography Division

Organizer: Alison I. Griffith, York University

Presider: Marjorie DeVault, Syracuse University

Papers:

“Mothering Adopted Asian Children: Social Relations and the

Motherhood Experience,” Jungyun Gill, University of Connecticut “The Impact of Family Literacy on Promoting Parental

Involvement among Latin American Immigrants,” Nicole Lavan and Lorna Rivera University of Massachusetts, Boston Gaston

Institute “Holding Hands in the Fog: Standards, Contradictions and the Struggles of the Single-Mother in an Educational Space,”

Amanda Garrison, University of Missouri, Columbia “Parent Narratives of School Involvement,” Alison I. Griffith, York University

“Mother and Student: The Experience of Mothering in College,” Elizabeth Pare, Wayne State University

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30am – 10:10am Sessions

Session 96: Homelessness

Room: Holmes

Sponsors: Family Division

Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division

Organizer & Presider: Bart Miles, Wayne State University

Papers:

“The Effects of Runaway and Homeless Episodes on Educational Outcomes of Youth,” Yumiko Aratani and Janice Cooper,

Columbia University/NCCP “Homeless but Housed: Reflections from the Tent,” Sondra Fogel, University of South Florida

“Low Demand Housing Models and Addiction: Measuring Outcomes of the Chronically Homeless,” Christie Sennott,

University of Colorado at Boulder “Transitioning Out: Qualitative Interviews with Chronically Homeless, Dually Diagnosed Residents of a Safe Haven Shelter,”

Sara Plachta-Elliott, Brandeis University, Alisa Lincoln, Northeastern University and Lisa Gentry, Boston University

10:30am – 12:10pm Sessions

Session 107: Disability and Family

Room: Hancock

Sponsors: Disabilities Division

Family Division

Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Organizers: Alexis A. Bender, Georgia State University

Valerie Leiter, Simmons College

Presider & Discussant: Elisabeth O. Burgess, Georgia State University

Papers:

“Social Construction of Cognitive Disabilities in Children,” Elizabeth Caroline Harris, California State University, East Bay

“Moving Out?: Transition to Adulthood Among Youth with Disabilities and the Role of Families,” Alexandra Waugh and

Valerie Leiter, Simmons College “The Social Phenomenon of Down Syndrome: Mother’s Experience

and Understanding of Down Syndrome,” Dana Cervenakova Ahern, Boston College “Marital and Cohabiting Relationships

Following Spinal Cord Injury,” Alexis A. Bender, Georgia State University

2:30pm – 4:10pm Sessions

THEMATIC

Session 132: Social Services, Movements, and Justice:

Supporting Families Through Activism

Room: Holmes

Sponsor: Family Division

Organizer & Presider: Michelle Janning, Whitman College

Papers:

“An Examination of Household Division of Labor in Covenant Marriages,” Deborah Barr, University of Central Florida “The

Changing Meaning of ‘Home’: How Chinese Immigrants Negotiate Boundaries between ‘Us’ and ‘Them,’” Ken Chih-Yan

Sun, Brandeis University “Coping Mechanisms and Self-Esteem in the Partners of Abuse

Survivors,” Emily Olsen, Whitman College “Framing Disputes in Arizona’s Proposition 107 Debates: How the

Opposition Finally Made Their Case,” Natalie Mette-Bory, P. Denise Cobb and Mark Hedley, Southern Illinois University

Edwardsville

2:30pm – 4:10pm Sessions

Session 135: Violence Within the Family

Room: Stuart

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division

Family Division

Organizers: Lisa Tichavsky, North Carolina State University

Martha Shockey-Eckles, St. Louis University

Papers:

“Exploring the Link between Animal Cruelty and Interpersonal Violence,” Lindsay Lawer, University of Pennsylvania ““You

are Strong. You are Family. You will Prevail”: Family Rhetoric and the Virginia Tech Shootings,” Andre Arceneaux and

Kathryn Kuhn, St. Louis University

“What the Cops See: Inter-Generational Violence and Teen Crime,” Martha Shockey-Eckles, St. Louis University

“Juvenile Arrests in Family Conflicts: The Influence of Domestic Violence Laws and Incident Characteristics,” Lisa

Tichavsky, North Carolina State University “Reason for Hope? An Asset-Based Analysis of Violence Against

Women in the United States,” Rebecca Loya, Heller School, Brandeis University

4:30pm – 6:10pm Sessions

Session 141: Youth in Families

Room: Holmes

Sponsors: Family Division

Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division

Organizer & Presider: Sarah Jane Brubaker, Virginia Commonwealth University

Papers:

“Mothers’ and Fathers’ Intergenerational Transmission of Attitudes Towards Gender, Work, Family Role Reconciliation in

Portugal,” Claudia Andrade, University of Porto

“Dating in Secret: Strategies used by Second Generation Asian Indian Daughter’s to Reconfigure the Asian Indian Version of

Mate Selection,” Meena Sharma, Wayne State University “In Pursuit of Paternal Significance: Fathers’ Influence on their

Daughters’ and Sons’ Sexual Behaviors and Beliefs,” Rachel Everley, Virginia Commonwealth University

“What’s Age Gotta Do With It? How Mexican Immigrant Youth Conceptualize Age,” Isabel Martinez, Teachers College,

**2008 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS AND
OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Sponsored by the Family Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

CONGRATUALIONS to our 2008 Family Division Student Paper Competition winner, Ms. Kristin J. Wilson!!!! Kristin is a Ph.D. Candidate at Georgia State University. As the winner of the paper competition, Kristin was awarded a stipend and paid registration for the annual meetings in Boston. She will present her solo authored paper entitled, "Meaningful Exchanges: Recapturing and Restricting Procreative Power in Frozen Embryo Donation," during the annual meetings this year!

SHARING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please take the time to review our members' recent publications and accomplishments. We hope that you will consider making them a part of your personal library, incorporating them into your course syllabi, or your applied work.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!! to our former Family Divisoin Chair, Dr. Nancy Mezey on receiving tenure!!! She has also published a new book entitled, *New Choices, New Families: How Lesbians Decide about Families*. Way to Go Nancy!!!

Erdmans, Mary Patrice and Tim Black. 2008. "What They Tell You to Forget: Child Sexual Abuse and Adolescent Motherhood" *Qualitative Health Research* 18(1): 77-89.

Walter DeKeseredy is the co-recipient of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology's inaugural Research Excellence Award.

The following are some of Walter DeKeseredy's recent publications:

Donnermeyer, J.F, & DeKeseredy, W.S. (in press). Toward a Rural Critical Criminology. *Southern Rural Sociology*.

DeKeseredy, W.S., Schwartz, M.D., & Alvi, S. (in press). Which women are more likely to be abused? Public Housing, Cohabitation and Separated/Divorced Women. *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law, and Society*.

DeKeseredy, W.S., & Schwartz, M.D. (in press). Separation/divorce sexual assault in rural Ohio: Survivors' perceptions of collective efficacy. *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community*.

DeKeseredy, W.S. (in press). Canadian crime control in the new millennium: The Influence of neo-conservative U.S. policies and practices. *Police Practice and Research*.

Schwartz, M.D., & DeKeseredy, W.S. (2008). Interpersonal violence against women: The role of men. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 24, 178-185.

DeKeseredy, W.S., & Dragiewicz, M. (2007). Understanding the complexities of feminist perspectives on woman abuse: A commentary on Donald G. Dutton's Rethinking Domestic Violence. *Violence Against Women*, 13, 874-884.

DeKeseredy, W.S., Donnermyer, J., Schwartz, M.D., Tunnell, K., & Hall, M. (2007). Thinking critically

about rural gender relations: Toward a rural masculinity/male peer Support model of separation/divorce sexual assault. *Critical Criminology*, 15, 295-311.

Block, C.R., & DeKeseredy, W.S. (2007). Forced sex and leaving intimate relationships: Results of the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study. *Women's Health and Urban Life*, 6, 6-23.

Announcements

Are You Who You Are Online?

Student Presentation on Immersive Learning and the Virtual World of Second Life

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division is pleased to be sponsoring a panel of undergraduate students who will be presenting on their experiences in an immersive learning class that explored race and ethnicity in the virtual world of Second Life. The students created an outstanding graphic novel and play and will be sharing their work with SSSP on Thursday, July 31 from 4:30-6:10pm in the Newbury Room. This is a session you will not want to miss. Please come out and support the efforts of our students

Announcing the Publication of the *Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008*

The SSSP is pleased to offer you the *Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008*, which represents an effort by our professional association to nourish a more "public sociology" that will be easily accessible and useful to policy makers. It is also a way to give something back to the people and institutions that support our scholarly endeavors. We hope that you find it helpful in your challenging work of crafting successful solutions to contemporary social problems. In all, it contains 11 pieces from SSSP members, covering a variety of social problems in three sections: global issues, Americans at risk, and health & welfare. This is an effort on the part of scholars at the Society for the Study of Social Problems to disseminate the findings in social problems research as freely and as widely as possible. The web page for the project is located here: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323> <<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323>>. On that page, you can download the full version, and you can link directly to the one-page briefs and individual chapters. The chapters are available for free download, and may be suitable as cost-effective supplementary readings in many social problems-related courses.