
Society for the Study of Social Problems: Gender Division

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We are wishing you a productive Spring and start of the Summer as we move into June! Although we acknowledge that sometimes there is no “normal” to return to, it's with great joy that we begin to participate more in physical social activities and return to campuses and our local coffee shops. This said, as you all know, the upcoming SSSP meeting will be virtual for everyone's safety as we make this transition.

Our program coordinators are finishing up finalizing our programs for this August in our virtual meeting. As we draw closer to the meeting, please keep your eyes open for any updates!

Lastly, we want to continue to encourage all of our members to think about self-care. Although summers are traditionally seen as a period of relaxation and vacation, in academia we often use it as a time to catch up on projects, plan for the Fall, and collect data. Remember to plan some time for yourself – a mundane feminist action that we all must remember!

Summer 2021 Conference Sessions

Wednesday, August 4

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Session 003: Gender and Work

Description: This regular paper session is dedicated to the debate and analysis of gender relations, the organization of gender, and the gendering of organizations within the broad context of work. Papers examine the relationship between gender and labor by covering a wide range of work-related topics. Each paper engages in the advancement of examining gendered power relations and identities in the study of work and organization by exploring issues of inclusion and exclusion.

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM

Session 011: Critical Dialogue: Sexual Violence, Power, and Justice

Description: This critical dialogue will investigate sexual violence, mechanisms of power, and access to justice, broadly conceptualized. Since the #MeToo movement, sexual violence has

received renewed public recognition, but it remains under-theorized in the discipline of sociology. The papers focus on both empirical patterns of sexual violence as well as the cultural meanings that frame the issue. They also take up intersectional approaches, attuned to the ways that social difference shapes sexual victimization and perpetration. The dialogue will move toward considerations of harm mitigation, ethical representation, and justice for survivors.

Thursday, August 5

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM

Thematic Session 040, Activist Café: Community Activists and Scholars in Dialogue

Description: Let's Do Coffee! This session is designed to be an interactive (with audience participation) informal conversation around collective action and social change. We'll use the session papers as a launching pad. Bring your favorite beverage and let's talk strategy, challenges and success when it comes to social action domestically and globally!

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Thematic Session 053: Let's Have A Real Talk: The Dynamics of Gender, Race, and Allies

Description: This session explores the intersectional dynamics of gender, race, and identity. Stereotypes and identity politics play a significant role in creating spaces where real conversations with allies, real and potential, may take place. Papers in this session examine threats and barriers to the fostering of allies across and within gendered and raced spaces.

Friday, August 6

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Session 064: Queer, Trans*, and Gender(ed) Lived Realities

Description: Incorporating an intersectional analysis, the papers in this session focus on LGBTQ+ experiences of embodiment. The panelists do so by utilizing a variety of methods to examine the lived realities of aging, body weight, interactions with medical providers, and institutionalized practices within healthcare systems.

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM

Thematic Session 072: Protest, Activism, and Gender in a Global Society

Description: Women have consistently participated in protests and activism across the globe, and yet, there is often little attention paid to the ways in which their activism is shaped by place, politics, and gender. This session explores the nuances of gender and activism in different geographical and political spaces.

Saturday, August 7

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Session 099: Reflexivity and the Self in Institutional Spaces

Description: This session focuses on Institutional Ethnography research, exploring researcher self-reflexivity when doing Institutional Ethnography research and how people reflexively navigate institutions, specifically how regulatory texts and discourses organize people's self-labelling and activities. This session has four papers and a discussant, with presentations on: donor philanthropy in the US, single parenting in Europe, map-making in Institutional Ethnography, and racial self-identifications on official forms.

Saturday, August 7 (cont.)

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM

Session 106: Critical Dialogue: Health, Gender, and Sexuality

Description: Two papers explore gender and health in multiple contexts, including how sports benefit girls and women's wellbeing in less and more industrialized nations (Tewari) and how gender shapes how partners and families provide social support after bariatric surgery (Stevens and Burton). After brief presentations from authors, the presenters and attendees will have a robust opportunity to critically explore the implications of their joint insights to their own works and to the broader themes of health, gender, and sexuality.

Time: 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Session 114: Gender and Global Climate Change

Description: This session includes diverse papers that look at a range of issues related to the environment and technology, gender, and global conditions.

Annual Meeting in LA 2022

Start getting excited! Our next in person meeting will be in **Los Angeles August 5-7, 2022**. It will have been a long 2 years since an in-person meeting and we look forward to not only seeing each other but also celebrating our accomplishments of the past years!

July Gender Division Meeting

Be on the lookout for the dates of our Gender Division meeting this July! Participating in this meeting will shape the discussions and sessions that we have in Los Angeles 2022 - we want to ensure that you have a seat at the table when we decide upon major themes and conversations next summer!

Do you have any events or accomplishments you would like to share? Email our newsletter editor, Isabel Geisler at geisler.i@northeastern.edu to have your news added!