

# Social Problems and Global Issues

## SSSP Global Division Newsletter

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### FROM THE GLOBAL DIVISION CHAIR

There's no denying it.... I am delighted to serve as the elected Chair of this exciting new SSSP Division! However, I hasten to add that at our first meeting in Philadelphia, we established a Global Division Executive Committee that is charged with coordinating all of the various activities being organized by the Division. And thankfully so, since the interest expressed in the Global Division has been overwhelming!

The Division, now in its second year, has announced its call for participation in the 2005 Annual Meeting. The full list of Global Division sponsored and co-sponsored sessions are included in this issue of the Newsletter. In addition, there is a call for participation involving two mini-conferences being held in Montreal on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the SSSP Conference Hotel, the day after the Annual Meeting concludes. The Global Division is a co-sponsor of these special sessions and everyone is invited to participate. Many of our members are active in other associations, such as the American Sociological Association (PEWS, etc.) and we are pursuing ideas for various forms of collaborative projects. But the focus of the SSSP remains unique in its dedication to critical studies of social problems with a scholar-activist orientation. With the Global Division now firmly established, we are pleased to have another space to channel our work and we intend to add our voices to all those who insist that "another world is possible!"

In this first issue of *Social Problems and Global Issues*, we wish to offer special thanks to the Global Division's founding Chair, David A. Smith (University of California-Irvine) for his continuing work on behalf of the Division. As a former editor of *Social Problems*, David helped build on the work of previous editors in expanding the scope of the journal to include global concerns. I would like to join David in encouraging all Division members to not only present their work at Global Division-sponsored sessions but also to submit their papers for publication in *Social Problems*. Many of you may also know that David has recently assumed co-editorship of the journal *Contemporary Sociology*, another favorite venue of scholarly publication for many of our members. We salute him along with our UC-Irvine colleagues Valerie Jenness and Judith Stepan-Norris for assuming this important editorship.

Speaking of which, I would like to thank David Steele for agreeing to assume the co-editorship of this newsletter. We envision *Social Problems and Global Issues* to serve not only our Division members but all those who share an interest in the global dimension of social problems. We solicit contributions as well as suggestions from all of you. This is an exciting time to participate in the growth of the SSSP Global Division and so we invite you to get involved with our activities. Don't forget to encourage graduate students who you may know to participate in our new Global Division Student Paper Competition (submission information included in this issue). **Please take the time to review the Call for Papers at Division Sponsored Sessions of the 2006 SSSP Conference Program in Montreal. Also, be sure to renew your SSSP and Global Division Membership!**

*Richard A. Dello Buono, Global Division Chair, 2005-2007*

**GLOBAL DIVISION SESSIONS**  
**2006 SSSP MEETING (AUG. 10-12)**

*The Global Division is going to be very active at the 2006 annual meeting in Montreal. Please consider submitting a paper for one of the following sessions:*

**Sponsored Sessions**

**Session 1:** Alternative Visions of Globalization – **THEMATIC**  
Organizer: David Steele  
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**Session 2:** Regional Political Changes and Challenges to Globalization – **THEMATIC**  
Organizer: Jon Shefner  
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**Session 3:** Globalization and Transnational Politics  
Organizer: John Dale  
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**Session 4:** Globalization and Development: The WalMartization of the World? – **THEMATIC**  
Organizer: David A. Smith  
Telephone (W): 946-824-7292  
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**Co-Sponsored Sessions**

**Session 2:** Globalized Repression and Resistance  
(Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division and the Global Division)  
Co-organizer: A. Kathryn Stout  
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Co-organizer: Richard A. Dello Buono  
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**Session 17:** Is the Global Local? Implications of Globalization on the Environment - **THEMATIC**  
(Environment and Technology Division and the Global Division)  
Organizer: Tamara L. Mix  
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**Session 18:** The Color of Pollution  
(Environment and Technology Division; Global Division; and the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division)  
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**Session 23:** Families in Global Perspectives  
(Family Division and the Global Division)  
Organizer: Michelle Janning  
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**Session 30:** Global Crises in Health Care  
(Global Division and the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division)  
Organizer: Javier Pereira  
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**Session 31:** Globalization, Work, and Workers  
(Global Division and the Labor Studies Division)  
Organizer: Chuck Koeber  
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**Session 32:** Teaching for Global-Local Problem Solving: Curriculum Transformation and Social Change - **THEMATIC**  
(Global Division and the Teaching Social Problems Division)  
Co-organizers: Walda Katz-Fishman and Jerome Scott  
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**STAY AN EXTRA DAY (AUGUST 13, 2006) AT THE SSSP ANNUAL MEETING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING MINI-CONFERENCES**

**CUBAN SOCIALISM TODAY /  
EL SOCIALISMO CUBANO HOY**  
(August 13, 2006 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

*Sponsored by:*

Dalhousie University International  
Development Studies  
SSSP Global Division  
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias  
Sociales, FLACSO-Cuba Programme

*Themes include:*

- Social Development in Cuba
- Sustainable Development
- Education and Development
- Comprehensive Health and Social Security
- Community Work and Social Participation
- Culture and Arts

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**GLOBALIZATION AND NEOLIBERAL  
CRISES: SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND  
SOCIAL STRUGGLES**  
(August 13, 2006 - 2:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.)

*Sponsored by:*

*Critical Sociology*  
SSSP Global Division  
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias  
Sociales, FLACSO-Cuba Programme  
(additional sponsors invited)

*Themes include:*

- Social Movements in the Western Hemisphere
- Globalization and Hegemony/Counter-hegemony
- Global Social Forums
- Migration and Border Crises
- Global Solidarity

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**CONTRIBUTIONS/SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER BY MEMBERS**

Have you read a really good article or book related to the interests of the Global Division lately? Is anything happening on your campus that you would like to share with Global Division members? Do you want to make other Global members aware of your work? Please submit this material for the spring 2006 newsletter by contacting Richard A. Dello Buono, [rdellob@hotmail.com](mailto:rdellob@hotmail.com) or David Steele, [steeled@apsu.edu](mailto:steeled@apsu.edu)!

We look forward to receiving your news!

# GLOBAL DIVISION STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Global Division announces its 2006 Graduate Student Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global studies and social problems. Suggested paper topics include but are not limited to the following themes being featured at the 2006 Annual Meeting: Regional Political Changes and Challenges to Globalization; Globalization and Transnational Politics; Globalization and Development; or Alternative Visions of Globalization. Jointly-authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current graduate students or have graduated not prior to January 1, 2006. The award recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$250, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. The Awards Committee may, at its discretion, additionally offer second and third place awards of student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration at the 2006 Annual Meeting, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. All award recipients are expected to present their paper at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Montreal. Papers must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with MS WORD and authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. Although faculty sponsorship is not formally required to enter the competition, participants are invited to request a note from a faculty member or independent scholar that speaks to the academic quality of the submission and they should be emailed directly to the addresses below. Papers of up to a maximum length of 30 double-spaced pages may be sent beginning on January 31, 2006 but no later than May 5, 2006 to both Co-Chairs of the 2006 SSSP Global Division Graduate Student Award Committee:

**Dr. Jon Shefner** [jshefner@utk.edu](mailto:jshefner@utk.edu) and **Dr. David A. Smith** [dasmith@orion.oac.uci.edu](mailto:dasmith@orion.oac.uci.edu)

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