

Social Problems and Global Issues

SSSP Global Division Newsletter

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FROM THE GLOBAL DIVISION CHAIR

I wish you all a hopeful and productive new year. This year looks to be another promising one for the Global Division. We have several interesting sessions and co-sponsored sessions. Our thematic session, "Global Dynamics in the Pacific Rim" is very timely and expands the focus of the Global Division. We are also able to continue the Outstanding Book Award and the Best Student Paper Awards for graduate and undergraduate students in spite of the budget crunch. Please encourage your best students to submit papers for these awards. It is one way we recruit new members to our Division.

I wish to thank all the session organizers, chairs of the award committees, and co-sponsoring divisions whose efforts will certainly contribute to a dynamic program. I would also like to thank David Steele, my co-editor of the Global Division Newsletter for his dedication to this unpaid job. He is really wonderful to work with. Thank you also to those of you that sent in news items for this newsletter.

I also wish that as a Division we continue to strengthen our community and spirit of solidarity for scholarly collaboration on

global issues. So, I look forward to the opportunity for such collaboration with you during our annual meeting in San Francisco in August 2009.

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NOMINATIONS FOR GLOBAL DIVISION CHAIR (2009-2011)

The SSSP Global Division announces a call for nominations for the position of Division Chair. This position has a term of two years (becoming effective in 2009 at the annual meeting in San Francisco and ending at the 2011 annual meeting when the term of the new Chair begins). Nominees must be current members of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. The Division encourages all members to either consider service in this position or to recommend other members who they feel would serve the Division well. All Global Division members will be eligible to vote in the Division Chair election. Please send your nominations to the current Division Chair: Ligaya Lindio McGovern, lmcgover@iuk.edu.

**GLOBAL DIVISION CALL FOR PAPERS ~ SAN FRANCISCO, AUGUST 7
-AUGUST 9, 2009**

Submission Deadline: Saturday, January 31, 2009 at midnight (EST)

Global Division Sponsored Sessions

Session 62:

*Global Dynamics in the Pacific Rim -
THEMATIC*

Co-organizers: Ligaya Lindio McGovern
& Robyn Rodriguez

Session 63:

*Human Rights: The Politics of Race and
Ethnicity and Immigration*

Co-organizers: John Dale & Tony Samara

Session 64:

Race, Ethnicity and Global Conflict
Organizer: Daniel Egan

Global Division Co-Sponsored Sessions

Session 5:

*Impact of Globalization on Communities in
Less Developed Nations*

Organizer: Debarashmi Mitra

Session 42:

Teaching About Human Rights

Organizer: Otis B. Grant

Session 47:

Globalization and Environmental Justice

Organizer: David F. Steele

Session 65:

*Politics of Inclusion/Exclusion in the Neo-
liberal Agenda and Participatory
Development*

Co-organizers: Jon Shefner & David A.
Smith

Session 66:

Alternative Globalizations

Co-organizers: John Dale & Daniel Egan

Session 67:

Neo-liberal Articulations of Imperialism

Co-organizers: Richard A. Dello Buono &
Ligaya Lindio McGovern

Session 68:

*The Globalization of Service Work:
Comparative Perspectives*

Co-organizers: Bhavani Arabandi & Corey
Dolgon

Session 69:

*Neoliberalism, Global Inequality, and
Resistance*

Co-organizer: David A. Smith & Jon
Shefner

Session 70:

*Global Intersections of Gender, Race and
Class*

Co-organizers: Ligaya Lindio McGovern &
Fatime Gunes

Session 86:

*Mapping the Discursive Coordination of
Global Action*

Organizer: Marie Campbell

GLOBAL DIVISION AWARD COMPETITIONS

Global Division/*Critical Sociology* Graduate Student Competition **Deadline: 5/5/09**

The Global Division in cooperation with the Sage journal *Critical Sociology* announces its 2009 Graduate Student Paper 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 2009 Annual SSSP meetings: Global Dynamics in the Pacific Rim; Human Rights: The Politics of Race and Ethnicity and Immigration; Race, Ethnicity and Global Conflict; Neo-liberal Articulations of Imperialism; The Globalization of Service Work: Comparative Perspectives; Neoliberalism, Global Inequality, and Resistance; Globalization and Environmental Justice; Alternative Globalizations; Politics of Inclusion/Exclusion in the Neo-liberal Agenda, Indigenous Communities, and Participatory Development; and Global Intersections of Gender, Race and Class. Jointly- authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current graduate students or have graduated not prior to January 1, 2009. The award recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$460, student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2009 SSSP Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Award recipients will be expected to present their paper at the 2009 Annual Meeting and will also be invited to participate in the 2009 *Critical Sociology* conference held the day following the SSSP Conference. 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. Note: Previous winners of this award are ineligible to compete. Papers of up to a maximum length of 30 double-spaced pages may be sent beginning on January 31, 2009 but no later than May 5, 2009 to both Co-Chairs of the 2009 Global Division Graduate Student Award Committee: Dr. John G. Dale, jdale@gmu.edu and Dr. David A. Smith, dasmith@uci.edu . Winning papers will be invited to submit their paper for publication in *Critical Sociology*.

Global Division Undergraduate Student Competition **Deadline: 5/5/09**

The Global Division announces its 2009 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in the area of social problems that contain a global perspective. Suggested paper topics include, but are not limited to, the following themes being featured at the 2009 SSSP Annual Meeting: 1) Global Dynamics in the Pacific Rim; 2) Human Rights: The Politics of Race and Ethnicity and Immigration; 3) Race, Ethnicity and Global Conflict; 4) Neo-liberal Articulations of Imperialism; 5) The Globalization of Service Work: Comparative Perspectives; 6) Neoliberalism, Global Inequality, and Resistance; 7) Globalization and Environmental Justice; 8) Alternative Globalizations; 9) Politics of Inclusion/Exclusion in the Neo-liberal Agenda, Indigenous Communities, and Participatory Development; and 10) Global Intersections of Gender, Race and Class. Jointly-authored papers are accepted but all contributing authors must be current undergraduate students or have graduated not prior to January 1, 2009. The award recipient(s) will receive a \$100 prize, student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2009 SSSP Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Award recipient(s) are expected to present their paper at the 2009 SSSP Annual Meeting. Papers must be submitted electronically in a format compatible

with MS WORD and author(s) should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. Undergraduates may receive the award for this competition only once. Papers of up to a maximum length of 30 double-spaced pages may be sent beginning on January 31, 2009 but no later than May 5, 2009 to both Co-Chairs of the 2009 Global Division Undergraduate Student Award Committee: Dr. Tony Samara, tsamara@gmu.edu , and Dr. David F. Steele, steeled@apsu.edu.

Global Division Outstanding Book Award

Deadline: 4/5/09

The Global Division announces its 2009 Outstanding Book Award. The goal of this award is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global studies and social problems. Books on a variety of topics and themes will be reviewed, including but not limited to the following global themes: Neoliberalism and Global Conflict; Globalization and Transitional Politics; Alternative Forms/Models of Globalization; the Post-Washington Consensus Era in Latin America, Asia, Africa, or the Middle East; Global Cities; Transnational Communities; Transnational Social Movements; Gender, Globalization, Migration and Human Rights; Globalization and Indigenous Communities; Global Dynamics in the Pacific Rim. Eligible books must have been published within 3 years of the meeting (2006-2009 for this year's award). Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted; however, at least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP. The award recipient(s) will receive one or two tickets to the SSSP awards banquet. Award recipients are not required to present a paper at the 2009 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA in order to qualify for this award. Authors are encouraged to nominate their own work. Nominations may also be made by other members of the Global Division, as well as from publishers. Nominees should send full publication information and a paragraph explaining why this book is recommended. Contact information for the author should be included if available. Authors will be requested to facilitate with their publishers that copies of the nominated book be sent to each of the Award Committee co-chairs. Nominations are now being accepted but must be received no later than April 5, 2009. To nominate a book for this award, please copy your message to both Co-Chairs of the 2009 Global Division Outstanding Book Award Committee: Dr. Howard Lune, luneh@wpunj.edu and Dr. John Dale, jdale@gmu.edu .

SSSP Global Division Listserv

Approximately one hundred of our Division members are currently signed up for the SSSP Global Division Listserv. The listserv is a quick way to share news about the Division and global issues. If you would like to be added to the SSSP Global Division Listserv, please send an e-mail to David Steele at steeled@apsu.edu or Ligaya McGovern at lmcgover@iuk.edu. If you are already a member of the listserv, please feel free to use it to communicate with Division members.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF GLOBAL MEMBERS

Books

Dworkin, Shari L. and Faye Linda Wachs. 2009 (February). *Body Panic: Gender, Health, and the Selling of Fitness*. New York: NYU Press.

Orum, Anthony M. and John G. Dale. 2008. *Political Sociology: Power and Participation in the Modern World*. 5th Edition. New York: NY: Oxford University Press.

Available at:

<http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Sociology/Political/?view=usa&ci=9780195371154>

Shefner, Jon. 2008. *The Illusion of Civil Society: Democratization and Community Mobilization in Low Income Mexico*. Penn State University Press.

Available at: <http://www.psupress.org/books/titles/978-0-271-03384-6.html>

Articles and Book Chapters

Dale, John G. 2007. "Transnational Conflict between Peasants and Corporations in Burma: Human Rights and Discursive Ambivalence under the U.S. Alien Tort Claims Act." Pp. 285-319 in *The Practice of Human Rights: Tracking Law between the Global and the Local*, edited by Mark Goodale and Sally Engle Merry. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Dale, John G. 2008. "Burma's Boomerang: Human Rights, Social Movements and Transnational Legal Mechanisms 'from Below'." *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology* 45:1 151-184 (April). (Special Issue on "The New World Order - Global Dynamics in the Twenty-First Century.").

Dale, John G. and Tony Roshan Samara. Forthcoming. "Legal Pluralism within a Transnational Network of Governance: The Extraordinary Case of Rendition." *Law, Social Justice, and Global Development* 12. (Special Issue on "Legal Pluralism"). Available at: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/elj/lgd/>.

Dworkin, Shari L. and K. Blankenship. Forthcoming. "Microfinance and HIV/AIDS Prevention: Assessing Its Promise and Limitations." *AIDS & Behavior*.

Dworkin, Shari L., R. Fullilove and D. Peacock. Forthcoming. "Are HIV/AIDS Prevention Interventions for Heterosexually-Active Men Gender-Specific? A Critical Look at Work in the United States." *American Journal of Public Health*.

Ligaya Lindio-McGovern. 2008 "Philippine Struggle for Sustainable Civil Society and Democratization." Pp. 63-84 in *Comparative Perspectives on Civil Society* edited by Robert Dibble. New York and Plymouth, UK: Lexington Books.

Sanderson, Matthew R., and Jeffrey D. Kentor. 2008. "Foreign Direct Investment and International Migration: A Cross-National Analysis." *International Sociology* 23:4 514-539.

Sills, Stephen J. and Natassaja Chowthi. 2008. "Becoming an OFW -- renegotiations in self-concept among Filipino factory workers in Taiwan." *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*. 17:2 189-220.

Steele, David Foster. 2008. "Globalization and Cooperative Activity among National Labor Unions and National Environmental Organizations in the United States." *International Journal of Social Inquiry* 1:2 179-200. (Special Issue on "Understanding Globalization: Theories, Challenges & Impacts.").

Zakia Salime. 2008. "Mobilizing Muslim Women in Africa: Multiple Voices, the Shari`a and the State." *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 28:1 200-211.

Zakia Salime. 2008. "Mandatory Liberal Democracy?" *Sociological Forum* 23:2 320-321.

MINI-CONFERENCE (CO-SPONSORED BY THE SSSP GLOBAL DIVISION)
SAN FRANCISCO, AUGUST 7, 2009

There will be a terrific mini-conference on "The Social and Natural Limits of Globalization" at the University of San Francisco on August 7, the day before the ASA conference begins, co-sponsored by the Political-Economy of the World-System (PEWS), Marxist, and Environmental & Technology sections of the ASA and the SSSP Global Division. We will be inviting papers that seek to extend the analytical project of Polanyi's THE GREAT TRANSFORMATION into the present—for example, by asking how is the logic of a market society being instituted on a global scale? What are the limits to such a project and what forms of resistance are emerging to challenge it? In addition to introductory remarks by John Bellamy Foster and a plenary session on the countermovement today featuring Fred Block and Timmons Roberts, the conference will include open paper sessions exploring the social and natural limits of globalization via topics such as migration, global inequality, financialization, the food crisis, and the social foundations of global environmental change. We hope that many of you will consider attending and/or submitting papers to this event. Queries may be directed to jennifer.bair@colorado.edu.

Summer Research Institute for Undergraduates

The Disaster Research Center at the University of Delaware welcomes applications for the Fifth Annual Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program. Ten students from a variety of disciplines will be selected to participate in a nine-week program providing hands-on research training and mentoring in social science aspects of disasters. A stipend and all transportation and lodging expenses are included. Students entering their junior or senior year in Fall 2009 and students traditionally underrepresented in graduate schools are strongly encouraged to apply. Students should have declared a social science major and/or completed at least 12 credits in the social sciences. Deadline for application: February 13, 2009. For program details, guidelines, and application materials, visit www.udel.edu/DRC/REU. Contact: Brittany Scott at (302) 831-6625 or bscott@udel.edu.

Global Division Member Website

For Global Division members who read French, fellow Global member Michel Handfield publishes a sociocritical review on the web called *Societas Criticus* located at www.societascriticus.com. Please contact us if you have a website that focuses on global issues that you would like to include in the newsletter.

Call for Complete Papers for a Book Project

Uprooting Neoliberal Globalization From Below

As a follow up of the previous announcement for this book project, Ligaya Lindio-McGovern and Richard Dello Buono are now in the planning process of negotiating a book contract with a publisher. Complete papers with an abstract and c.v. of interested contributors to this volume are now being solicited. The paper should relate to the major theme/s of this volume: How are various groups (workers, peasants, indigenous communities, migrant workers, service workers, environmental groups, trade unions, etc), men and women, in the different regions of the world -- Asia, Africa, Latin America, Middle East, Europe and North America---resisting neoliberal globalization? How do grassroots movements create alternatives to neoliberal globalization? How do grassroots resistance movements confront the state as well as other centers of power as they organize resistance against neoliberal globalization? What theoretical underpinnings can be gleaned from their strategies, tactics, ideologies, and alternatives in resisting globalization? Papers should be between 5,000-6,000 words, and should not have been published anywhere else. Papers will be reviewed and there will be a selection process for quality control. Papers selected on the first round of review should expect to revise their papers based on reviews. Please submit papers on or before June 30, 2009 to Ligaya Lindio McGovern, lmcgover@iuk.edu, ligayako29@aol.com, or ligayalm@att.net. Sometimes either of these emails get full, so you can try the other email addresses. If you have the intention to contribute please contact Ligaya McGovern as soon as possible.

The Justice 21st Committee of SSSP has gotten off the press the *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2008*. Both the entire booklet and pamphlet of single-page briefs are accessible for free at the SSSP website: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323>. First published in 2004, the *Agenda* comes out every four years, to coincide with major U.S. elections. The 2008 *Agenda* contains eleven pieces of public social sciences scholarship written by SSSP members. Each piece is intended to define a pressing social problem, present research evidence about it, and then to offer concrete policy initiatives designed to ameliorate the problem.

Materials from the August 3, 2008 conference POWER AND RESISTANCE: CRITICAL REFLECTIONS, POSSIBLE FUTURES presented by *Critical Sociology* and co-sponsored by the ASA Marxist Section, SSSP Global Division and SAGE Publications are available on the web at <http://www.critical-sociology.org/>. Members may find this material of interest if they were unable to attend the conference.



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