

Social Problems and Global Issues

SSSP Global Division Newsletter

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Greetings, Global Division members!

I hope your fall term has been productive and enjoyable. It has been a particularly busy and exciting one for me, starting the term with the ratification of our first collective bargaining agreement for our faculty union at the University of Oregon and finishing the term in all the excitement of a promising faculty search in the Department of International Studies (and everything in between, of course).

This is also my first term and my first newsletter as Chair of the Global Division. I want to thank all of you for your continued support of the Division and to offer a special thanks to those who have contributed their time and effort in different ways to building our community. Thanks particularly to outgoing Chair of the Division, Tony Roshan Samara, for his generous help in transitioning the chairship. Thanks also to our newsletter editor, Jason Smith, for his terrific work in service to our community. Building off the energy of a very stimulating annual meeting in NYC this past August, I hope you will agree we have a number of items of interest in our newsletter. Some highlights:

Turkish sociologist Fatime Gunes of Anadolu University shares some glimpses into her research and experiences with SSSP over the years. She is co-organizing the upcoming *Gender and Globalization* session (with Ligaya McGovern) for our 2014 annual meeting in San Francisco.

Elena Shih, winner of our 2013 Student Paper Award, has generously written a piece on her work titled, "The Anti-Trafficking Rehabilitation Complex: Moral Economies of Women's Work in China, Thailand, and the U.S." Congratulations again, Elena, on winning this competitive award and thanks for your fantastic work!

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We are also piloting a new feature called "New Member Spotlight." Our inaugural piece features Matthew P. Eddy, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Minot State University. Matthew is organizing the *Comparative Approaches to Social Welfare and Well-being* session, which is co-sponsored with the Sociology and Social Welfare Division.



Together, Fatime, Elena, and Matthew are great examples of our incredible intellectual community of colleagues who are doing impressive scholarly and activist work. Many thanks to all three for taking the time to share their work with us.

Please also take a moment to check out the announcements, CFPs, and fellowship opportunities. I particularly want to draw your attention to our awards: the Global Division is again sponsoring a Graduate Student Paper Award and an Outstanding Book Award. Please circulate these announcements through your networks and do consider nominating the work of a colleague, student, or your own work.

Meanwhile, the SSSP Call for Papers for the 2014 annual meeting is out and our division has ten exciting sessions open for participation. You'll find them listed at the end of the newsletter and you can find the complete call for papers for the 2014 SSSP meetings here: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/565/>

Lastly, as the year comes to a close it is a wonderful time to renew your membership in the SSSP and in the Global Division. Your timely renewal will continue to support the work of our organization, our community of globally-oriented scholars, practitioners, and activists, and will ensure you continue to receive communications relevant to your membership. Renew here: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/255/fuseaction/ssspmember.portal/userid/-1>

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have ideas, questions, or would like to get more involved in the Global Division. Wishing you all a wonderful winding down to your fall term and a relaxing and joyous winter break!

Warm regards,
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MY LIFE, MY WORK, AND SSSP



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When I received the email from Yvonne asking me to write for the Global Division Newsletter, I got really happy and excited.

First and foremost, I thank you all for honoring me with this invitation. I immediately began to ask myself: What can I write? Where and how should I start? I knew if I could start the rest would follow.

My first visit to the US was in 2003, to attend the ASA convention to present my dissertation titled "Woman Labor and Poverty". I was informed that there was an SSSP convention the same year and I attended some of the meetings. I was impressed by the critical view of SSSP on social

issues. Our life experiences/conditions undoubtedly impact what we study, which issues we tackle and what our worldview is. At the time I was a doctoral candidate working on women's poverty, I was raising my daughter (*Duygusu*) by myself and working at a university as a lecturer to earn my living. It was next to impossible for me to attend those conventions as an academic living in Turkey. But the later events in my life proved just the opposite. One of the main topics in my study is how women in poverty work together to survive and sustain each other and working with them on my research has also inspired me in my own life. Even in my most desperate times, I never lost my faith in myself, people around me, my labor, and laborers. My story with SPSS below is a little example for this – what do you think?

In 2004 I presented a paper titled “Ecologically Just Sustainable Politics and Policies: Possibilities and Obstacles in the Age of Economic Globalization,” with Nahide Konak, at the annual convention of SSSP in San Francisco. This experience encouraged me and in 2005 I attended the SSSP convention in Philadelphia to present “Misinterpretation of Poverty by Poor Women in Turkey: Eskisehir Case.” I am grateful for the support from the SSSP *Lee Student Support Fund* since it played a crucial role for me to attend that convention.

In 2006, with the confidence that I got from having recently earned my Ph.D., I acted as an organizer and presenter at the SSSP 2007 New York convention “Poverty and Development” Session. I hadn't had so many opportunities until then even in my own country. This duty was very critical for me in that it let me share knowledge and experiences with colleagues from various nationalities.

In 2008, thanks to *the Lee Scholar Activists Support Fund*, I presented the paper titled “Perception of People about Desertification in Desertification Risk Areas in Turkey” at the Boston convention. Desertification is also one of the biggest problems caused by the global capitalism. SSSP conventions presented a great opportunity for me to carry overseas the experiences and views of people who suffer this problem to other academics and discuss how the global problems are answered at the local level.

In 2009, at the San Francisco convention, I acted as organizer and presider for the Gender, Race and Class session, with Ligaya Mc Govern.

Benefiting from *Lee Scholar Activists Support Fund*, in 2013 I presented the “Perception of Deprivation by Women in Different Labor Categories and Family Structure” paper at the New York convention. In this session significant discussions took place where the relationship between women and poverty was questioned.

In particular, we discussed the commonalities and differences in the poverty experiences of women living in Turkey versus the US. This discussion was very important because it reflected the discrepancies at the theoretical and conceptual levels as well. My dissertation, “Women's Labor and Poverty” has since been published and is available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble among other places. Apart from my doctoral dissertation, I have worked in many research projects focusing on poverty, women, urban transformation, environmental problems, development, and social policy. I have various publications about these issues. As a sociologist

living in Turkey, I would like to stress the fact that, since 2003, my continuous relationship with SSSP has nurtured me tremendously, both personally and academically. As the platforms that enable us to question how global capitalism affects social groups/classes from diverse countries and regions, these conventions offer great opportunities and possibilities.

For the 2014 convention, with Ligaya Mc Govern, we are organizing the “Globalization and Gender” session. As a scholar who has spent a substantial part of her academic/personal life studying poverty and fighting poverty, I have a special interest in the theme of this upcoming convention. We can turn this session into a discussion platform with rich content where the relationship between global capitalism and gender is deeply critiqued. We can discuss and share what the dynamics of local and global resistance are against the impoverishing effects of global capitalism, our experiences of resistance so far, our common and different points, our successes and failures, and come up with new solutions. I invite all members of SSSP and any others with interests and concern on these issues to contact me/us so that we may share ideas and work together to help make a better world.

THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING REHABILITATION COMPLEX: MORAL ECONOMIES OF WOMEN’S WORK IN CHINA, THAILAND, AND THE U.S.



Elena Shih

In Bangkok, I recently celebrated the forty-third birthday of one of my research subjects, and friend, a former Thai sex worker who I call Pi Pon. She and I share a love for cheap draught beer and a good game of pool, and we spent her birthday at a pool hall nestled amidst corrals of go-go bars in Bangkok’s Nana red light district, where she worked as a sex worker for over ten years. Walking through the crowded street our eyes darted back and forth cautiously before we reached our destination, and once inside, we chose a table in the furthest corner of the bar to avoid being seen by her current employers. Once settled, Pi Pon shook her head, and pointed toward her right shoulder where the Thai word for freedom was neatly stitched on her uniform, she sharply provoked: “I must wear this uniform to work everyday, but my boss doesn’t let me choose where to celebrate my own birthday...Do you think this is freedom?”

Pi Pon and I met in 2008, when I first began conducting ethnographic participant observation at Thai Light Restoration Ministry, an American Christian anti-human trafficking rescue project that trains former Thai sex workers to make jewelry. This jewelry is sold through free and fair trade markets in the U.S. as part of the bustling social movement to combat human trafficking, and a growing section of the market that aims to “leverage the marketplace” to raise funds and awareness around human trafficking. Touted as a “rehabilitated trafficked person,” Pi Pon’s employment is contingent on abiding by several forms of moral discipline, one of which forbids her from even entering the red light district at the moral indignation that she may continue

selling sex.

Pi Pon's accounts, as well as those of her co-workers, and women who work in an identical organization called the China Star Project in Beijing, China, frame an integral part of my dissertation project, which examines why and how transnational social movements reinstall the hegemonic sources of power and inequality they seek to deconstruct. I frame my inquiry around literature on transnational social movements, gender and sexuality, and labor in the Global South, fundamentally interested in how the anti-human trafficking movement mobilizes resources through state- and market-based approaches to managing labor migration and low wage women's work. My dissertation argues that trafficking rehabilitation through vocational training constructs a *transnational moral economy of low wage women's work*, where activists sell jewelry as a proxy commodity for fair trade, virtuous labor, and moral consumption.

Former commercial sex workers are compensated not only for the jewelry they produce, but also for different forms of religious and moral labor. At both organizations, an hour of Christian worship or bible study is built into workers wages. In Thailand, this requirement is penalized by per minute deductions in wage for lateness or absence. Selling jewelry alongside China Star activists at a secular anti-trafficking conference in Pasadena, California, I listened as volunteers were boastful about the transformative effects of jewelry making, and were eager share that "Our girls are 'not required' to participate in bible study." Upon hearing this detail, the largely secular audience gladly opened their pocketbooks to "Buy for Freedom"—a slogan used by many anti-trafficking organizations use market victim-produced commodities. But what the activists failed to mention is that workers are required to make jewelry throughout the hour if they choose to skip bible study; thus, all attend for the break in manual labor it provides, and all workers don't see it as much of a choice.

Workers are compensated with a local minimum wage which is anywhere from 1/3-1/5 of what they formerly earned as sex workers. Unlike the majority of low wage migrant workers in each county, they also receive health insurance, weekends off, an annual spiritual retreat, and are not required to work during Christian holidays. Many workers contested the label of "victims of trafficking," that is used to describe them and the jewelry they produce, articulating instead that they are proud that earnings from sex work helped support their families. While many commercial sex workers recognize sex work as "hard work"—including one Thai worker who showed me scars on her arms from years of self-mutilation as a means of coping with sexual violence encountered during sex work—they see their new position as jewelry makers as just another low-wage job within the limited economy. In fact, many consider the job of lesser status as well, finding the rote character of wage labor and the consistent monitoring of social behavior of considerably less dignity and autonomy than characterized their experiences with sex work.

Within such rescue programs, manual labor is embedded with tactics of moral reform, collapsing transnational moral panics about sexuality and gender-based rights. Yet still, workers in these programs articulate enormous resilience as constantly negotiate their agency within global capitalism and moral reform. Pi Pon's assertive questioning of "freedom" on her birthday, is not meant as a gesture of resignation, but rather as an ironic statement made in her

characteristically blunt and facetious tone. In fact, the next morning, she tells me that she will sleep in and miss church worship altogether—accepting the 120 Baht deduction in pay that month as a birthday present to herself—because she is not Christian and thus considers worship as one more form of labor.

Despite global justice goals, these anti-trafficking rehabilitation organizations reproduce women's global subordination at the discursive and labor process levels. They revise the nature of women's work in the market processes of production and consumption, replacing the traditional exchanges of wage for labor for affective commitments between First World Rescuers and their alleged victims in the Global South. The labor processes of reform work are often contested by workers within these programs, but are largely invisible in sites of movement organization in Los Angeles, where consumer activists optimistically champion the goals of transnational mobilization through the market.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT: An article based on Elena's dissertation will appear in the Winter 2014 Issue of *Contexts*, a publication of the American Sociological Association.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE



Matthew P. Eddy

I graduated with a doctorate in sociology from the University of Oregon in the Summer of 2013 and began teaching as an Assistant Professor in Sociology at Minot State University in August.

My first publications grew out of participant-observation fieldwork with human rights organizations utilizing the “accompaniment” strategy. Accompaniment names the practice of interpositioning, or third-party nonviolent intervention, in which international activists serve as “unarmed bodyguards” for villages, local activists, or NGOs who are threatened by systemic violence and war, yet remain committed to nonviolence. My first article, “Freedom Summer Abroad: Biographical Pathways and Cosmopolitanism Among International Human Rights Workers,” builds on Doug McAdams’ classic *Freedom Summer*, about the biographical profiles of high-risk activists during the U.S. civil rights movement.

I next focused on some of the nitty-gritty dilemmas faced by transnational human rights activists in the context of Israel-Palestine. In the article, “When Your Gandhi is Not my Gandhi,” I map out the discursive strategies activists employed as they leveraged “memory templates” of Gandhi and Dr. King in tactical debates. My most recent article, “We Have to Bring Something Different to the Place” (*Social Movement Studies*, 2013), explores the most commonly discussed ideological division among nonviolent activists – principled and pragmatic nonviolence. This dichotomy, or continuum, is often remarked upon by scholars of nonviolence and social movements, but it has rarely been studied empirically. I analyze the prevalence of these

nonviolent orientations among accompaniment workers, and how they might contribute to tactical choices and shape emotional fields of interaction with opponents. I propose that linking “tragic” and “comic” dramaturgical styles to divergent performances of “nonviolence” can sometimes help to explain diverse outcomes in the field.

My dissertation, “Recalibrating Conceptualizations of ‘Cultures of Peace’: A Cross-National Study of Nonviolent Attitudes,” undertook secondary analyses of existing cross-national poll data, and collected original survey data on nonviolent attitudes in the U.S. and Costa Rica. The Costa Rican sample was selected based on Costa Rica’s distinctive history of demilitarization. In 1948, for both principled and pragmatic reasons, Costa Rican leaders decided to abolish their military and to increase investments in education, universal health care, and environmental protection. The robustness of my survey findings, in which Costa Ricans expressed strong confidence in nonviolent methods of conflict resolution, and the intriguing complexities of Costa Rica’s social democratic evolution helped to spark a documentary film project with my advisor, Dr. Michael Dreiling (University of Oregon). With a grant from the Jubitz Family Foundation, and additional help from a Kickstarter campaign, the film “A Bold Peace: Costa Rica’s Path of Demilitarization” should near completion in mid-2014. The website, aboldpeace.com, provides more information for those who are interested in this film project.



MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Victoria Reyes. 2013. “The Structure of Globalized Travel: A Relational Country-Pair Analysis.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 54(2).

CALL FOR PAPERS AND COMPETITIONS

JOURNAL OF FEMINIST STUDIES IN RELIGION, SPECIAL ISSUE “GLOBAL FEMINISMS AND RELIGION”

Deadline January 1, 2014

The *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* will soon be celebrating its 30th anniversary. To mark this exciting occasion, we would like to dedicate a special section or issue to Global Feminisms and Religion. We therefore invite submissions in a variety of formats — articles, Living it Out pieces, roundtables, review essays — which address issues of globalization, religion, and feminist inquiry and practice across borders or which highlight feminist work in



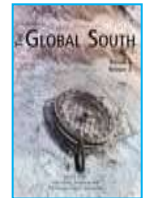
religion in particular cultural contexts beyond the U.S. Please consult with the JFSR editors about ideas and timelines for roundtables or review essays (journal@fsrinc.org). Article submissions will be considered in our regular anonymous review process and are welcome immediately and until January 2014. If you are a regular reader of JFSR and have suggestions for soliciting submissions for this special topic, please contact the editors.

<http://www.fsrinc.org/jfsr/submissions>

THE GLOBAL SOUTH, SPECIAL ISSUE “GLOBAL SOUTH AND/IN THE GLOBAL NORTH: INTERDISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATIONS”

Deadline January 15, 2013

This special issue of *The Global South* encourages striated readings of place that challenge nation-based models of the Global North (First World) and the Global South (Third World) by suggesting that one may exist within the other. The political clout of a nation, its fiscal soundness or disrepair, its general attitude toward the value of education and the accessibility of health care, obviously do not consistently characterize the experiences of all of its residents, and this issue explores that gap. We especially encourage essays that focus on the blurring of political demarcations of space, or essays that transgress disciplinary lines. Interdisciplinary and co-authored studies are thus particularly welcome. Questions guiding the issue’s theme include but are not limited to these:



- Where do we find evidence of the Global South within the Global North, particularly within countries resolutely classified as First World? Might we find the Global North similarly pocketed into the Global South?
- What might be gained by revamping traditional nation-based classifications of how power is allotted? What are the pragmatic advantages and pitfalls to reading place in a new more granular way?
- What case studies most clearly illustrate the complications in traditional Global South/Global North hierarchies?
- What might be revealed by situating seemingly disparate locations along a spectrum that accounts for the distribution of power as fundamentally connected to the characteristics of space?
- How is interdisciplinary study particularly well-suited to grapple with the exigencies of place-based study? What disciplines converge most productively via the study of both real and imagined places?

Guest co-editors: Kirsten Dellinger (Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Mississippi), Jeff Jackson (Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Mississippi), Katie McKee (Associate Professor of Southern Studies and English, University of Mississippi), Annette Trefzer (Associate Professor of English).

Please submit 500 word proposals by January 15, 2014 and completed papers by May 15, 2014 to Annette Trefzer (atrefzer@olemiss.edu) and Jeffrey Jackson (jacksonj@olemiss.edu). For inquiries, please contact Annette Trefzer.

SSSP GLOBAL DIVISION STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Deadline January 31, 2014

The Global Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in cooperation with the Sage journal *Critical Sociology* announces its 2014 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global or transnational studies and social problems. Suggested paper topics include but are not limited to the following themes:

- Transnational Public Sociology
- Knowledge Production about Globalization
- Democratizing Globalization
- The Politics of Human Rights
- Re-imagining Community
- Critical and/or Institutional Ethnography and Global Governance
- Transnational Corporate Accountability
- Immigration, Citizenship, and Global Justice
- Globalization and Environmental Justice
- Transnational Movements
- Transnational Organizing within the Global South
- Gender Issues in Globalization
- Transnational Families

Jointly-authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current graduate students or have graduated not prior to September 1, 2014. Published papers are also accepted but must have first been published after January 1, 2013. The award recipient will receive student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2014 Annual SSSP Meeting in San Francisco, a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet and a \$400 prize (this award has been made possible in part by support from the Sage Journal *Critical Sociology*). Award recipients are expected to present their paper at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Winning papers will be invited to submit their paper for publication in *Critical Sociology*. 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 address below. Note: Previous winners of this award are ineligible to compete. Papers should be double-spaced and not exceed 10,000 words including citations. To be eligible for consideration, submissions must be uploaded to the [online submission system for the SSSP Annual Meeting](#) and must also be sent to Dr. Tony Roshan Samara (tsamara@gmu.edu) by January 31, 2014.

SSSP GLOBAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD

Deadline April 1, 2014

The Global Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is pleased to announce its 2014 Outstanding Book Award. Given the massive growth of interest and research in the areas of global studies and social problems over the last decade, the Award is intended to recognize published work of exceptional quality in these areas and to encourage further critical scholarship about them. Accordingly, books on a variety of topics and themes will be considered for the Award, including but not limited to the following: alternative models of globalization; global dynamics and forms of resistance to neoliberalism (including the post-Washington Consensus era in Latin America, Asia, Africa, or the Middle East); transnational social movements; human rights struggles and global activism (around gender, indigeneity, migration, peace, social justice, etc.); transnational communities and cultural politics; global cities. We are particularly interested in books that link critical politics and activism with analytical and theoretical rigor.

To be eligible for consideration, books must have been published within 3 years of the meeting (2011-2014 for this year's award). Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the Award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The award recipient(s) will receive one or two tickets to the SSSP awards banquet, at which the Award will be announced. Nominations can be made by members of the Global Division as well as by publishers; self-nominations are also welcomed.

Nominees should send full publication information and a paragraph explaining why this book is recommended. If available, contact information for the author should be included. Authors will be requested to facilitate with their publishers that copies of the nominated book be sent to the Award Committee Chair. Nominations must be received no later than April 1, 2014. To nominate a book for this award, please send your message to the Chair of the 2014 Global Division Outstanding Book Award Committee, Dr. Nancy Plankey-Videla (plankeyvidela@tamu.edu).

COMMUNICATION THEORY, SPECIAL ISSUE "COMMUNICATION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE"

Deadline February 1, 2014

Advocacy and communication for social change have been interpreted and applied in different ways across contexts and over time. Communication theory, connected with research, policy and practice, offers divergent perspectives. Critical assessments of these divergent theories will help build a more comprehensive understanding of communication for social change. In order to integrate more global and critical perspectives, we invite critical



reflections on the ways in which communication theory serves and limits social change, in terms of development practice, policy, and discourse.

Communication Theory therefore invites authors to submit papers for a future special issue on "Communication for Social Change." Contributions could analyze current theoretical developments in advocacy and communication for and about social change, revisit epistemological and historical foundations, examine the integration of theory and practice, or critically assess special approaches such as advocacy communication, behavioral change communication, participatory communication or communication for sustainable social change.

Authors should indicate that they wish to have their manuscript considered for the special issue.

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1468-2885](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1468-2885)

Inquiries can be sent to Jan Servaes (jservaes@cityu.edu.hk) and Karin Wilkins (karin.wilkins@austin.utexas.edu).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Global Urban Book Series - Ashgate Publishing

The Global Urban Book Series with Ashgate Publishing is now seeking authors and editors for additional books to appear as part of the series. This book series provides cutting edge interdisciplinary research on political, spatial, cultural and economic processes and issues in urban areas across the US and the world, and on the global processes that impact and unite urban areas. The organizing theme of the series is the reality that behavior within and between cities and urban regions must be understood in a larger domestic and international context. An explicitly comparative approach to understanding urban issues and problems allows scholars and students to consider and analyze new ways in which urban areas across different societies and within the same society interact with each other and address a common set of challenges or issues.



The volumes in the Global Urban Studies book series explore urban issues at three levels, i) urban areas individually in the US and abroad, ii) urban areas in comparative context across regions, nationally, and internationally, and iii) how the forces of globalization change urban areas. Each book in the series will focus on a common and/or emerging issue in cities across the globe.

Scholars interested in writing or editing future books in the series should contact series editor, Laura A. Reese, and submit an initial prospectus and a curriculum vita. The preliminary prospectus should be six to ten pages outlining the following:

- Theme or thesis
- Comparative or global focus
- Methodology
- General topics or chapter description
- Time frame for completion

Proposers will be contacted by the series editor to potentially provide a full proposal. Even in the case of completed manuscripts, the submission process should begin with a preliminary proposal.

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POST-DOC / FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHR FELLOWS 2013-2015

Deadline February 1, 2014

The Center for Historical Research 2013-2015 Program - Ohio State University

The Center for Historical Research is engaged in a two-year program of lectures and seminars on the topic of "State Formations: Histories and Cultures of Statehood." The rubric for 2013-2014 is "The State as Idea and Practice"; in 2014-2015 the Center will focus on the problem of "States in their Environments."

The CHR invites applications from senior faculty, junior faculty, and doctoral students who work on states and statehood for one-year residential research fellowships at Ohio State University. Along with invited lecturers and seminar presenters, the successful applicants will be integral participants in a two-year program which aims to reconsider statehood as a historical phenomenon.

The overall aim of the program is to reconsider "the state" as an object of historical and theoretical concern. Currently, there seems to be no established consensus about how exactly to objectify states in history and explain their contributions to the production of social order. Is the state a concrete, institutional assemblage, a discursive construct, or some combination of the two? Does it function as an autonomous command structure or merely as a relay in a more diffuse circuitry of social power? Do its actions express the interests of particular state actors, "the state" as a whole, powerful social groups, or

society-at-large? Do we overstate the significance of states? Can we even generalize about "the state" as a historical phenomenon? To help us form a conspectus on current thinking, we welcome applications from scholars of any disciplinary background whose work engages innovatively with such issues.

<http://chr.osu.edu/applications>

GLOBAL DIVISION SPONSORED AND CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS FOR 2014

The call for papers can be found on the SSSP website at:

<http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/565/>

Submissions and inquires should be sent to corresponding session organizers

Session 52

Global Perspectives: Sustainability, Ecological Justice, and Globalization

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Co-sponsored with the Environment and Technology and Health, Health Policy, and Health Services divisions

Session 61

PAPERS IN THE ROUND: Globalization, Development and Social Change

Organizer: Yvonne A. Braun (ybraun@uoregon.edu)

Session 62

CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Gender and Globalization

Organizers: Ligaya Lindio McGovern (lmcgover@iuk.edu) and Fatime Gunes (fgunes@anadolu.edu.tr)

Session 63

Citizenship Regimes

Organizer: Tony Roshan Samara (tsamara@gmu.edu)

Session 64

Globalized Austerity, Poverty, and Social Policy – THEMATIC

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Co-sponsored with the Poverty, Class, and Inequality division

Session 65

The Organization of Trans-Local/Global Governance, Law and Policy

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Co-sponsored with the Institutional Ethnography division

Session 66

Teaching Social Problems: Globalization and Transnationalism

Organizer: Alexandra Pinerros-Shields (apineros@miracoalition.org)

Co-sponsored with the Social Problems Theory and Teaching Social Problems divisions

Session 67

Comparative/International Health Among Women and LGBTs

Organizers: Jenny Lendrum (ag9734@wayne.edu) and Christina Marie Miller-Bellor (cmmiller0580@gmail.com)

Co-sponsored with the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities divisions

Session 68

Comparative Approaches to Social Welfare and Well-being – THEMATIC

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Co-sponsored with the Sociology and Social Welfare division

Session 69

Transnational Organizing

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