

Social Problems and Global Issues

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MESSAGE FROM THE GLOBAL DIVISION CHAIR

This year's SSSP Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada will focus on the theme of "service sociology." For the Global Division, this year's theme provides us with an opportunity to explore some of the ways that sociologists are conducting research and producing knowledge with and for audiences beyond the boundaries of their discipline. The Division's thematic session, "**Toward a Public Sociology: Integrating Transnational Scholarship and Community Service,**" examines this question with a particular focus on efforts to integrate transnational research and education with community service, policies, or providers that address social problems and related issues of social justice.

We are sponsoring and co-sponsoring a total of nine sessions at this year's meetings. Below you will find a full list of schedule of these sessions, as well as a few other events that we think you will find interesting. Also, please be sure to join us for food and drink at the **Division Sponsored Reception** on Friday, August 19th, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

At the Awards Banquet, on Saturday, August 20th, from 8:00-10:00 PM, the Global Division will honor the winners of this year's prize for the best graduate student paper (Erica Blom,) and the outstanding

book on global issues (Millie Thayer). Congratulations to this year's winners, and thanks to all of those who sent submissions to these awards. Thanks as well to those who served as members of these award committees for your diligent work.

The Division is also grateful to David Fasenfest, Editor of *Critical Sociology*, for continuing to co-sponsor our annual award for the best graduate student paper on globalization.

Finally, I would like to welcome Tony Samara as the Global Division's new Chair for 2011-2013. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to him at the conference or by email (tsamara@gmu.edu), if you have not already has the pleasure of making his acquaintance. He will need someone to serve as next year's co-editor of "Social Problems and Global Issues, the newsletter of the Global Division, and someone to serve as webmaster. If you are interested in serving on the Global Division's Executive Committee, please try to attend our business meeting on Friday, August 19th, from 12:30-2:10 PM in the Lake Tahoe Room.

I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

John G. Dale.
Associate Professor of Sociology
George Mason University

IMPORTANT GATHERINGS IN LAS VEGAS

Global Division Business Meeting

All Global Division members are invited to participate in the organizing meeting for our Division scheduled for *Friday, August 19th from 12:30 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.* in the Lake Tahoe Room. During the meeting we will create conference sessions for the 2012 SSSP meeting, discuss the student paper competition, book award, and other issues pertinent to our Division. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Division Sponsored Reception

Date: *Friday, August 19*

Time: *6:30 PM - 7:30 PM*

Room: Reno

Graduate Student Happy Hour

Date: *Friday, August 19*

Time: *10:00 PM - 11:00 PM*

Room: Toby Keith's I Love this Bar & Grill

Awards Banquet

Date: *Saturday, August 20*

Time: *8:00 PM - 10:00 PM*

Room: Reno

WINNERS OF THE 2011 GLOBAL DIVISION AWARD COMPETITIONS

Global Division/*Critical Sociology* Graduate Student Paper Competition

The 2009 SSSP Global Division/*Critical Sociology* Graduate Student Award Committee co-chairs, Dr. John G. Dale and Dr. Tony R. Samara, are pleased to announce this year's winner:

Erica Blom

Departments of Sociology and Public Policy
University of Michigan

“From the Developing World to the West: Transnational Networks and Policy Change.”

They also are pleased to award this year’s Honorable Mention to:

Bart Bonikowski

Department of Sociology
Princeton University

“Cross-national Interaction and Cultural Similarity: A Relational Analysis.”

Global Division Outstanding Book Award

The co-chairs of the 2011 SSSP Global Division Outstanding Book Award Committee, Dr. Ethel Brooks and Dr. Bhavani Arabundi, are pleased to announce this year’s winner:

Millie Thayer

Department of Sociology
University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Making Transnational Feminism: Rural Women, NGO Activists, and Northern Donors in Brazil (Routledge., 2010)

GLOBAL DIVISION SPONSORED AND CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS
FOR THE 2011 CONFERENCE IN LAS VEGAS

Date: Friday, August 19

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM

Session 7: The Social Reconstruction After Natural and Unnatural Disasters I

Room: Studio 1

Sponsors: Community Research and Development; Environment & Technology; Family; and Global

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Steven Lang, LaGuardia College at CUNY

Papers:

“Beyond Petroleum in the Gulf of Mexico: The Social Construction of Catastrophe,”
Lynn Letukas, University of Delaware and John Barnshaw, University of South Florida

“There’s God, then there’s Mac’: Responses to Living in a Geography of Trouble,”
Daina Cheyenne Harvey, Rutgers University

“Citizen Activism and the Reframing of a Slow-Moving Disaster,” Steven Lang, LaGuardia College at CUNY

Date: Friday, August 19

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Session 15: The Social Reconstruction After Natural and Unnatural Disasters II

Room: Studio 1

Sponsors: Community Research and Development; Environment & Technology; Family; and Global

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Steven Lang, LaGuardia College at CUNY

Papers:

“Oh, did the women suffer, they suffered so much: Impacts of Gendered Based Violence on Kinship Networks in Rwanda,” Nicole S. Fox, Brandeis University, 1st place Winner of the Family Division’s Student Paper Competition

“What Matters about ‘One dead cow’?: Institutional Responses and Adaptations to BSE and Food Risks in Canada,” Kevin E. Jones and Debra J. Davidson, University of Alberta

“Sociological insights in the search of the disaster resilient community: past, present and future,”
Fernando I. Rivera and Marc R. Settembrino, University of Central Florida

Date: Friday, August 19

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 34: Immigration, Exclusion, and Human Rights: Changes in State and Local Policy

Room: Studio 2

Sponsors: Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Global; Law and Society; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Organizers: Theo J. Majka, University of Dayton
Lloyd Klein, Saint Francis College

Presider: Lloyd Klein, Saint Francis College

Papers:

“God has been Bordered: Vietnamese Caodaists in Cambodia Struggle for Religious and Ethnic Integration Across Borders,” Thien-Huong Ninh, University of Southern California

“Different structure, different outcome: comparing ethnic relations in Indonesia and Malaysia,”
Kim-Yung Keng, University of Hawaii

“Criminal Justice Protection for Muslim Minorities in Europe,” Pamela Irving Jackson, Rhode Island College and Peter Doerschler, Bloomsburg University

“Patterns of ethnic segregation in contemporary cities: a comparison between Milan, Copenhagen and Toronto,” Roberta Cucca, Politecnico di Milano

Date: Friday, August 19

Time: 4:30 PM - 6:10 PM

Session 43: Immigration, Exclusion, and Human Rights: American Perspectives

Room: Studio 2

Sponsors: Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Global; Law and Society; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Organizers: Lloyd Klein, Saint Francis College
Theo J. Majka, University of Dayton

Presider: Lloyd Klein, Saint Francis College

Papers:

“Pathways to participation in the politics of immigration: Comparing professional advocates and amateur activists in a new immigration destination,” Julie Stewart and Marti Morris, University of Utah

“The US-Mexico Border as Liminal Space: transnational problems, local institutions, and vulnerable migrants,” Heidy Sarabia, UC Berkeley

“Online forums as a space for Moral Panic: Examining the online debate on AZSB1070,” Kishonna L. Gray, Arizona State University and Arifa E. Raza, University of California, Riverside

“The DREAM Act at the State Level: Explaining the Passage and Rejection of In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students in Utah and Colorado,” Erica Jade Mullen and Orly Clerge, Brown University

“Do Cubans Care About Social Problems? The Exile Identity and Civil Society Ideology Among Cuban-Americans in Florida,” Guillermo J. Grenier, Florida International University

Date: Saturday, August 20

Time: 11:10 AM - 12:20 PM

PLENARY

Session 56: Presidential Address

Room: Lake Tahoe

Sponsor: Program Committee

Introduction: James A. Holstein, Marquette University

Presidential Address: The Challenge of Service Sociology

A. Javier Treviño, Wheaton College

Date: Saturday, August 20

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 71: Global Drug Issues

Room: Ely

Sponsors: Drinking and Drugs and Global

Organizer & Presider: Stephen J. Sifaneck, Berkeley College-NYC

Papers:

“Assembling governmental technologies of harm reduction in Taiwan,” Jia-shin Chen, Shuang Ho Hospital, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan

“Cannabis Drug Tourism: Global Travel to Quasi-Legal Contexts,” Stephen J. Sifaneck, Berkeley College-NYC

“Mexico’s Drug War Exposes Transitional Social Problem and Political Crisis,” Avelardo Valdez, Charles Kaplan and Alice Cepeda, University of Houston

“Morality, Science, and the Politics of HIV Prevention: Needle Exchange Policy in the United States and the United Kingdom,” Tasleem J. Padamsee, The Ohio State University

“Shackles, full circle: An ethnography of methamphetamine use among Cambodian-American refugee deportees in Phnom Penh,” Heidi Hoefinger, Goldsmiths College, University of London

Date: Saturday, August 20

Time: 4:30 PM - 6:10 PM

Session 83: Understanding the Consequences of the Financial Crisis

Room: Parlor D

Sponsor: Program Committee

Organizer: Karen M. McCormack, Wheaton College

Presider: Vince Montes, LaGuardia CC / CUNY

Papers:

“Don’t Give Up the Dream: Advice from Low-Income Homeowners to Prospective Homebuyers,” Anna M. Santiago and Amy R. Roberts, Case Western Reserve University, George C. Galster, Wayne State University and Eun-Lye Lee, Case Western Reserve University

“Homeowners in Trouble: Strategies of Action in Unsettled Times,” Lindsay A. Owens, Stanford University

“State Control And Managing Marginalization In The Current Economic Crisis,” Vince Montes, LaGuardia CC / CUNY

“The Greek Financial Crisis,” Steven Panageotou, University of Tennessee

“Two Giants on the World Stage: A Look at China and the US Surrounding the Financial Crisis of 2008,” Shane M. Willson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Date: Sunday, August 21
Time: 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM

Session 98: Critical Analysis of Governance: Institutional Ethnography and Global Studies
Room: Laughlin

Sponsors: Global and Institutional Ethnography

Organizers & Presiders:

Lauren E. Eastwood, SUNY Plattsburgh

Lauri J. Grace, Faculty of Arts and Education, Deakin University

Discussant: Lauren E. Eastwood, SUNY Plattsburgh

Papers:

“Global Connections in Local Educational Policy: The Australian Vocational Education and Training Sector,” Lauri J. Grace, Faculty of Arts and Education, Deakin University

“Fair Labor Governance: Global Systems, Local Consequences,” Sarah Miraglia, Syracuse University

“Children’s Health and Welfare Policy Reform in South Africa: The Social Implications of New Management Strategies,” Catherine van de Ruit, University of Pennsylvania

“The Transnational Production of Place-Based Policy Discourse in Neighbourhood Policymaking,” Jessica Erin Carriere, University of Toronto

Date: Sunday, August 21
Time: 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM

Session 97: Authors Meet Critics: Amory Starr, Luis Fernandez, and Christian Scholl, *Shutting Down the Streets: Political Violence and Social Control in the Global Era*, New York University Press

Room: Tonopah

Sponsor: Program Committee

Organizer: Karen M. McCormack, Wheaton College

Presider: Michelle Janning, Whitman College

Critics:

Patrick Gillham, University of Idaho

Jeff Juris, Northeastern University

Jackie Smith, University of Pittsburgh

Linus Owens, Middlebury College

Date: Sunday, August 21
Time: 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM
SPECIAL

Session 101: Student Award Winning Papers III
Room: Studio 2

Sponsor: Program Committee

Organizer: Holly Foster, Texas A&M University

Presider: Donald A. Lloyd, University of Southern California

Papers:

“Cross-national Interaction and Cultural Similarity: A Relational Analysis,” Bart Bonikowski, Princeton University, Honorable Mention of the Global Division’s Student Paper Competition

“Expressions of Relatedness: Ethnography of Everyday Talk and Interactions in the Barbershop,” Shatima J. Jones, Rutgers University, 1st place Winner of the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division’s Student Paper Competition

“Rights vs. Neoliberalism: Welfare State Spending as institutionalization of Human Rights Norms in 18 Latin American Nations, 1980-2008,” K. Russell Shekha, Florida State University, 1st place Winner of the Sociology and Social Welfare Division’s Student Paper Competition

“Hopping on the Tips of a Trident: Graduate Students of Color Reflect on Teaching Social Problems at Predominantly White Institutions,” Chandra Waring and Samit Bordoloi, University of Connecticut, 1st place Winner of the Teaching Social Problems Division’s Student Paper Competition

Date: Sunday, August 21
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Session 109: Globalization and Environmental Justice
Room: Silver

Sponsors: Environment & Technology and Global

Organizer & Presider: Erin E. Robinson, Canisius College

Papers:

“Materialism and Post-Materialism: Theory, Human Development, and Valuation of the Environment,” Tobin N. Walton, University of Tennessee

“National Footprints in the Modern World-System: An Indirect and Direct Effects Theorization and Structural Equation Modeling,” Laura A. McKinney and Ed Kick, North Carolina State University

“Statistics, Uncertainty, and the News Media Construction of Cancer Clusters in Delaware,” Victor W. Perez and Joel Best, University of Delaware

“Third World Sanitation in the First World: A Look at Detroit, MI and Lowndes County, AL,” Jennifer S. Carrera, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Date: Sunday, August 21

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM

THEMATIC

Session 118: Toward a Public Sociology: Integrating Transnational Scholarship and Community Service

Room: Laughlin

Sponsor: Global

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: John G. Dale, George Mason University

Description: In what ways are sociologists conducting research and producing knowledge with and for audiences beyond the boundaries of their discipline? This thematic session, sponsored by the SSSP's Global Division, examines this question with a particular focus on efforts to integrate transnational research and education with community service, policies, and/or providers that address social problems and related issues of social justice. The papers presented at this session reflect diverse theoretical and methodological approaches for fostering public sociological understanding of complex social problems affecting (and deriving from) transnational practices and relations shaping communities around the world.

Papers:

“Strengthening Community Through Social Ties: How the Alvalade Case Matters to Public Sociology Debate,” Romana Xerez, Institute for Social and Political Sciences - Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal

“Sociology of Human Trafficking: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally,” Nadia Shapkina, Kansas State University

“Longings and Legalities: What Deported Migrants’ Narratives Reveal about the Future of U.S. Border Policy,” Carol L. Owen, Salem State University

Date: Sunday, August 21
Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 129: Re-imagining Community

Room: Laughlin

Sponsor: Global

Organizer & Presider: Tony Roshan Samara, George Mason University

Papers:

“Can Everyone be an Estonian?: National Boundaries in a Civic State,” Lisa C. Fein, Westminister College, Missouri

“Contemporary Indigenous Identities,” Michelle A. Harris, Northern Arizona University

“Re-imagining Community: Kashmiri Pandit Migrants Reliving Identity through Narratives,” Tamanna M. Shah, Kansas State University

“Solidifying the Right to Space: Consequences of the New Privatized African City?” Claire Herbert, University of Michigan

NEW BOOKS PUBLISHED BY MEMBERS OF THE GLOBAL DIVISION

■ *Free Burma: Transnational Legal Action and Corporate Accountability* by **John G. Dale** (University of Minnesota Press, 2011)

When the military’s ruling party violently quashed Burma’s pro-democracy movement, diplomatic condemnation quickly followed—to little effect. But when Burma’s activists began linking the movement to others around the world, the result was dramatically different. This book is the first to explain how Burma’s pro-democracy movement became a transnational social movement for human rights.

Through the experience of the Free Burma movement, John G. Dale demonstrates how social movements create and appropriate legal mechanisms for generating new transnational political opportunities. He presents three corporate accountability campaigns waged by the Free Burma movement. The cases focus on the legislation of “Free Burma” laws in local governments throughout the United States; the effort to force the state of California to de-charter Unocal Oil Corporation for its flagrant abuse of human rights; and the first-ever use of the U.S. Alien Tort Claims Act to sue a corporation in a U.S. court for human rights abuses committed abroad. Dale’s work also raises the issue of how foreign policies of so-called constructive engagement actually pose a threat to the hope of Burma’s activists—and others worldwide—for more democratic economic development.

John Dale is Associate Professor of Sociology and Affiliate Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University. He has served as Chair of the SSSP Global Division from 2009-2011.

■ *Yo Soy Negro: Blackness in Peru* by **Tanya Maria Golash-Boza**
(University of Florida Press, 2011)

Yo Soy Negro addresses the question of how "blackness" is experienced in Peru primarily through the eyes of the inhabitants of a small coastal Afro-Peruvian town, both in terms of their day-to-day lives in that town and as migrant workers in Lima. Based on extensive ethnographic work in the country and informed by more than eighty interviews with Peruvians of African descent, this groundbreaking study explains how ideas of race, color, and mestizaje in Peru differ greatly from those held in other Latin American nations.

Tanya Maria Golash-Boza explores the ways people in Peru talk about blackness and finds that the local discourse of blackness centers on skin color. The existence of this local discourse raises questions with regard to how we can conceptualize and theorize the African diaspora and calls for a more fluid conception of diaspora that allows for localized differences.

The conclusion that Golash-Boza draws from her rigorous inquiry is that Peruvians of African descent give meaning to blackness without always referencing Africa, slavery, or black cultural forms. This represents a significant counterpoint to diaspora scholarship that points to the importance of slavery in defining blackness in Latin America as well as studies that place cultural and class differences at the center of racial discourses in the region.

Tanya Maria Golash-Boza, assistant professor of sociology and American studies at the University of Kansas, is the author of *Immigration Nation? Raids, Detentions and Deportations in Post-9/11 America*.

■ *Cape Town after Apartheid: Crime and Governance in the Divided City*
by **Tony Roshan Samara** (University of Minnesota Press, 2011)

Nearly two decades after the dismantling of apartheid in South Africa, how different does the nation look? In Cape Town, is hardening inequality under conditions of neoliberal globalization actually reproducing the repressive governance of the apartheid era? By exploring issues of urban security and development, Tony Roshan Samara brings to light the features of urban apartheid that increasingly mark not only Cape Town but also the global cities of our day—cities as diverse as Los Angeles, Rio de Janeiro, Paris, and Beijing.

Cape Town after Apartheid focuses on urban renewal and urban security policies and practices in the city center and townships as this aspiring world-class city actively pursues a neoliberal approach to development. The city's attempt to escape its past is, however, constrained by crippling inequalities, racial and ethnic tensions, political turmoil, and persistent insecurity.

Samara shows how governance in Cape Town remains rooted in the perceived need to control dangerous populations and protect a somewhat fragile and unpopular economic system. In urban areas around the world, where the affluent minority and poor majority live in relative proximity to each other, aggressive security practices and strict governance reflect and reproduce the divided city.

A critical case for understanding a transnational view of urban governance, especially in highly unequal, majority-poor cities, this closely observed study of postapartheid Cape Town affords valuable insight into how security and governance technologies from the global North combine with local forms to create new approaches to social control in cities across the global South.

Tony Samara is Associate Professor of Sociology at George Mason University and Chair-Elect of the SSSP Global Division (2011-2013).

■ *Understanding Organizations* by **Howard Lune** (Polity Press, 2011)

Understanding Organizations takes a fresh look at the sociology of organizations, blending classic theories of industrial society with contemporary cultural studies, labor studies, social movement theory, and the role of nonprofits. In each chapter, Lune describes the major ideas and the new work that define the topic, as well as asking how these assumptions came about and how they impact us in our daily lives. This book will be the ideal companion to courses on organizations across the social sciences, and has insights to offer all students of organized life, whether one is interested in entering the corporate world, starting an arts organization, or mobilizing for social change.

Howard Lune is Associate Professor of Sociology and the Director of the Applied Social Research Program at Hunter College, CUNY. He has served on the SSSP Global Division's Executive Committee since 2005.