



Healthy Outlook

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Statement from the Co-Chair *Valerie Leiter*

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Division:

This year's SSSP meeting theme, "Building Just, Diverse, and Democratic Communities," reminds me of a story told by Irving Zola and related by John McKinlay. In it, a physician considers the dilemmas of modern medicine:

"You know," he said, "sometimes it feels like this. There I am standing by the shore of a swiftly flowing river and I hear the cry of a drowning man. So I jump into the river, put my arms around him, pull him to shore and apply artificial respiration. Just when he begins to breathe, there is another cry for help. So I jump into the river, reach him, pull him to shore, apply artificial respiration, and then just as he begins to breathe, another cry for help. So back in the river again, reaching, pulling, applying, breathing and then another yell. Again and again, without end, goes the sequence. You know, I am so busy jumping in, pulling them to shore, applying respiration, that I have *no* time to see who the hell is upstream pushing them all in" (McKinlay, in Conrad, 2006, *The Sociology of Health & Illness: Critical Perspectives*, emphasis in original).

This year's theme emphasizes the "upstream" distal and proximal factors that push some people into the river sooner than others and how social justice is linked with health experiences and outcomes. Our division's thematic session, "Revisioning Healthy Communities: Justice, Diversity, and Democracy," organized by Betsy Ettorre (immediate past co-chair of the division), addresses these crucial issues. We look forward to seeing you at that session, as well as the roundtables and our other sponsored sessions. This year, we have a plethora of co-sponsored sessions on provocative issues such as global health, pharmaceutical drug use, and AIDS, demonstrating the cross-fertilization of ideas throughout SSSP.

You are warmly invited to join us for the Division-sponsored reception on Thursday at 6:30-7:30 and to participate in planning next year's meeting during the division's business meeting on Friday, from 12:30-2:10. Bring your panel ideas!

Please join me in thanking Debora Paterniti, our out-going Co-Chair, for her intelligent and cogent leadership of the division over the last two years. And I heartily welcome Amy Schulz, our incoming Co-Chair of the division, and enthusiastically anticipate working with her over the next year to further the mission of the division.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting in Montréal!

Valerie

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Highlight Your Programs!!

Here is a list of the division sponsored sessions and events at this year's annual meeting in Montreal.

Thursday

- 8:30—10:10 Session 2: Consumption of Pharmaceutical Drugs
 12:30—2:10 Session 23: Thematic Session: Revisioning Healthy Communities: Justice, Diversity, and Democracy
 2:30—4:10 Session 31: Perspectives on AIDS/HIV I
 Session 33: Global Crises in Health Care
 4:30—6:10 Session 43: Perspectives on AIDS/HIV II
6:30—7:30 Division Sponsored Reception

Friday

- 12:30—2:10 Division Business Meeting—Bring your panel ideas for 2007**
 2:30—4:10 Session 63: Health Roundtables
 4:30—6:10 Session 77: Community and Health

Saturday

- 8:30—10:10 Session 84: The Social Organization of Health and Health Work
 12:30—2:10 Session 107: Medical Authority and Reproductive Regulation



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Congratulations to our Student Paper Winner!

Each year the Division invites students to submit their work for consideration for the annual paper competition. The committee received a number of submissions and are pleased to announce that the 2006 Graduate Student Paper Award for the SSSP Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division goes to Kristen Springer, a doctoral student in Sociology at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her paper title is "Starving Hearts and Changing Gendered-Expectations: Gendered Models of How Wives' Income Impacts Husbands' Later Mid-Life Health."

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FUTURE PUBLICATION DATES

Wondering when "Healthy Outlook" will be delivered to your inbox? Not sure if your call for papers will make it out to everyone before the deadline?

Here is a list of our 2006/2007 submission deadlines and our publication goals.

Fall– September 30/October 13

Winter– December 1/December 15

Spring/Summer– June 15/July 2

New Books by our members

Stephen J. Morewitz (2006) *New Trends in Diabetes, Arthritis, Osteoporosis, Fibromyalgia, Low Back Pain, Cardiovascular Disease, and Cancer*. Springer. ISBN: 0-387-28778-7

Darin Weinberg (2005) *Of Others Inside: Insanity, Addiction, and Belonging in America* Temple University Press

Do you have News of Note?

We would love to hear from you!!!

Items of interest are new books, promotions, successful dissertation defenses, acquisition of first jobs and anything else you would like to share with fellow division members.

Also let us know about calls for papers and relevant grants or fellowships.

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Consider Submitting your SSSP Conference Paper to Social Problems

Manuscripts for *Social Problems* should be prepared according to the style guide on the inside back cover of *Social Problems*. Authors should submit five copies of their manuscript plus a PC-compatible electronic file. These copies will not be returned. *Social Problems* requires no submission fee. However, all papers accepted for publication pay a \$50.00 fee to help pay for copy editing and other editorial expenses. Papers written by graduate students or the unemployed are exempt from this fee.

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NEW THIS YEAR!!! SPEED MENTORING SESSION

This year's SSSP annual meeting in Montreal will feature a "speed mentoring" session that will offer graduate students, untenured faculty, and applied sociologists (mentees) the opportunity to sit one-on-one with a stellar group of senior faculty (mentors) to get feedback on dissertations and/or research projects that are underway or still in the planning stages. These meetings will each last 20 minutes, and there will be time for four such meetings within the speed mentoring session time block of 100 minutes. Senior faculty mentors include Joel Best, Richard Caputo, Kimberly Cook, Elizabeth Ettorre, Kathleen Ferraro, Gregory Hooks, Valerie Jenness, Nancy Jurik, Barbara Katz Rothman, Kathleen Lowney, Nancy Naples, Mary Romero, and Richard Wilsnack.

Complete details about the speed mentoring session and how to participate as a mentee will be included in the SSSP preliminary program and will also be posted on the SSSP web site. Although this session is primarily intended for graduate students, untenured faculty, and applied sociologists, tenured faculty are also welcome to indicate mentor preferences and will be accommodated as space permits.

For further information, please contact the speed mentoring session organizer, Steve Barkan (barkan@maine.edu).