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Statement from the Co-Chair Shannon M. Monnat

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Division:

Elizabeth Gage (Division Co-Chair) and I look forward to seeing you at the 62nd SSSP Annual Meeting in Denver, scheduled from August 16-18 at the Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel. Preregistration for the annual meeting ends July 15. SSSP has arranged a special room rate of \$189 at the Grand Hyatt. The rate includes high-speed wireless internet access. To make a reservation, call 888-421-1442 and request the SSSP group code (SSSP) or go to: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SSSP2012>.

The Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division has an exciting set of sessions and other activities planned. Arthur Greil has organized a session on Health Services and Health Policy, Elizabeth Gage has organized a session on Social Determinants of Health, and I have organized two sessions dealing with Health and Place and

and *Health Disparities* (co-sponsored with the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division). In addition to the Health Disparities session, we have five sessions co-organized with other SSSP Divisions. These are: *Alcohol, Drugs, Offending, and Rehabilitation*; *Current Issues in Prescription Drug Misuse*; *Children, Families, and Health*; *Sustainability, Ecological Justice and Globalization*; and *Nursing Work: a Peculiar Eclipsing*. We will also be joining with other Divisions to co-sponsor a reception in Denver. The reception is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, make new connections with scholars interested in health-related issues, and discuss opportunities for research collaboration. Finally, we invite you all to attend our annual Division business meeting where we will plan the sessions

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for next year's meeting, appoint members to the student paper award committee, and seek nominations for next year's co-chair election. If you are interested in organizing a session for next year's meeting in New York, have ideas for the Division, or would simply like to become more involved, please come to the business meeting and share your ideas. As we approach the annual meeting, more information will be made available via the Division's twitter feed. If you have not already done so, please follow us @SSSPHealth.

Our Division will once again be presenting an award for best graduate student paper at the annual meeting. The paper should be related to health and illness, health policy, health services or health disparities. If you have a graduate student who has written a quality paper in one of these areas, please nominate that paper for this award by sending an electronic copy to Miranda Waggoner (waggoner@princeton.edu) by May 1, 2012. You can also encourage students to nominate themselves. The winner will receive a \$100 award, a student membership to SSSP, the SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the awards banquet.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Deborah Potter for being elected as our Division co-chair for 2012-2014. Deborah is from the Department of Sociology at the University of Louisville. She will officially begin her co-chair duties at the 2012 meeting in Denver. I look forward to serving the Division with Deborah and to seeing all of you at our Division events in August!

Graduate Student Paper Competition

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division invites all graduate students to apply for this annual paper award competition. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest, including health and illness, health policy, and health services. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified on a title page but not referred to in other parts of the text). Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2011) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. (Please do not submit the thesis or dissertation itself.) Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors were graduate students at the time the paper was written. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2012 SSSP Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. Thus it is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to any Health Division session organizer or the roundtable organizer by the January 31st deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Send an electronic copy of the paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Miranda Waggoner, PhD, waggoner@princeton.edu

News of Note

Antwan Jones, along with Diana Grigsby-Toussaint from the University of Illinois, received a publication grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to conduct a GIS spatial analysis of the areas around all childcare facilities in central Illinois to determine how the social and built environment elevates child obesity risk. He was also recently awarded a two-year grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation based on his Policy Research Scholar project exploring housing instability and obesity in children. Specifically, the goal of this study is to illustrate how residential movement in childhood relates to obesity as an adolescent by exploring the differences in the built environment of past and current neighborhoods. This project relies on secondary data analysis of The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health). Other members who won an RWJF grant can be found at <http://www.rwjf-newconnections.org/grantees/>

Registration is now open for The Fourth US-UK Medical Sociology Conference. This is a residential conference and all participants will stay at one of the conference accommodations options. All attendees take meals together and attend all plenary sessions and working groups. The registrations fee is all-inclusive except for accommodations. University accommodations are available at a very reasonable cost. The conference convenes on June 14th at 5:00 PM and continues through 3:00 on June 16th. Click here to go to conference information and registration webpage: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/US-UKMedSoc2012/>

Member Publications

- Division member Yordanos M. Tiruneh authored “Refashioning Stigma: Experiencing and Managing HIV/AIDS in the Biomedical Era” in *International Public Health Journal*. The paper will also be published as a chapter in a book “Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV) research: Social science aspects.” Hugh Klein and Joav Merrick (eds.) New York: Nova Science, 2012, as well as in Merrick, J. ed. "Public Health Yearbook 2012", New York: Nova Science.
- Division member Antwan Jones has authored “Income, Homeownership and Residential Assorting among Latinos in the US.” in *Advances in Applied Sociology* 1(1): 1-12. He also has an article forthcoming in *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* titled, “Disability, Health and Generation Status. How Hispanics in the US Fare in Late Life.”
- Division member Wornie Reed co-edited the *Handbook of African American Health: Social and Behavioral Interventions*. New York: Springer, 2011 with Anthony Lemelle and Sandra Taylor.

62nd Annual Meeting The Art of Activism

**August 16-18, 2012
The Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel, Denver, CO**

Preliminary program will be available on May 15, 2012

All program participants must pre-register by May 31, 2012

- See the SSSP site at <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/483/fuseaction/ssspconf.portal> to find the registration form and for more information about registering for the Annual Meeting.
- If you are responsible for registering multiple individuals, you must complete the registration process for each individual.
- If you experience any problems while registering, please contact sssp@utk.edu

Conference Sessions

Division Sessions

Health Services and Health Policy
Organizer: Arthur Greil

Social Determinants of Health
Organizer: Elizabeth Gage

Health and Place
Organizer: Shannon Monnat

Co-sponsored Sessions

Children, Families, and Health (co-sponsored with Families)
Organizer: Laura E. Simon

Health Disparities (co-sponsored with Poverty, Class and Inequality)
Organizer: Shannon Monnat

Current Issues in Prescription Drug Misuse (co-sponsored with Drinking and Drugs)
Organizer: Brian C. Kelly

Nursing Work: a Peculiar Eclipsing (co-sponsored with Institutional Ethnography)
Organizer: Janet Rankin

Alcohol, Drugs, Offending and Rehabilitation (co-sponsored with Drinking and Drugs
AND Crime and Juvenile Delinquency)

Organizers: Matt Vogel & Tim J. Berard

Sustainability, Ecological Justice and Socialization (co-sponsored with Global)

Organizer: Jennifer J. Reed