

Health, Health Policy, & Health Services Division Newsletter

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Message from the Co-Chairs

As we continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, our Division members' work is more important than ever. We are hopeful that we will be able to share our research in-person during the [annual SSSP meeting in LA in August](#). Our Division has planned a number of timely sessions in a variety of formats, from standard paper sessions to roundtables to short critical dialogues that allow us to present ideas and debate specific issues. We hope all Division members will consider submitting to the conference. Please keep in mind that the January 15 deadline is rapidly approaching.

In addition to details on conference sessions, this issue of our Division newsletter includes information about our graduate student paper award, a number of articles and policy briefs you may find useful in your own work or as you plan for your course content for next term, and a variety of job opportunities.

Bill Cabin is in his last year as Co-Chair of the Division, and we need to have at least two nominees for our Division election. Please consider serving in this role!

Sincerely,
Bill Cabin, *Co-Chair (2020-2022)*
Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda, *Co-Chair (2021-2023)*



Division Opportunities & Awards

Call for Nominations for Division Co-Chair

Bill Cabin's term as co-chair ends at the 2022 Annual Meeting in August. As a result, the Division will hold an election in early 2022 for a new co-chair. The new co-chair will work with Jennifer Bulanda who is in her first year as a co-chair. We are required to have at least two nominees for the position. Self-nominations are welcome. Anyone interested in running for the co-chair position should contact Bill Cabin (wcabin@umich.edu) or Jennifer Bulanda (bulandjr@miamioh.edu) by December 10, 2021.

Graduate Student Paper Award

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. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2021) may submit a paper if it was written while a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. 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 disqualify the submission. The award recipient will present a version of the winning paper at a session of the 2022 SSSP Annual Meeting. Thus, the paper also should be submitted to any Health Division meeting session organizer or the roundtable organizer by the January 15, 2022 deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$150, a plaque of recognition, student membership, and conference registration. The winner will be recognized at the Division Meeting as well as the SSSP Awards Ceremony. Send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Jennifer Bulanda (bulandjr@miamioh.edu) and William Cabin (wcabin@umich.edu). The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (including references) and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified only on the cover page). In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) online submission portal for presentation at a conference session.



SSSP Announcements

SSSP Updates & Information

There have been many recent additions to several SSSP webpages. New information concerning conferences, calls for papers, awards, fellowships, and scholarships, as well as job opportunities, are being added regularly.

- [Search for the Next SSSP Executive Officer \(Application Deadline: 12/15/21\)](#)
- [SSSP 2022 Annual Meeting](#) and the [SSSP 2022 Call for Papers](#)
- Information on SSSP [Awards](#), SSSP [Fellowship](#), and SSSP [Scholarship](#)
- [SSSP Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards](#)
- [Job Opportunities](#)
- [Affiliated Call for Submissions and Conferences](#)

Community Research and Development Division Community Partner Paper

The Community Research and Development Division announces its 2022 Community Partner Paper Competition. Consistent with our division's mission, this paper award is intended to recognize rigorous academic work that has practical implications for members of marginalized communities and specifically, to celebrate community-engaged work. Paper topics can focus on various social issues and problems related to community, such as the causes and consequences of communities' exclusion or marginalization from processes and resources, the capacities and strengths of communities and community movements, and the development and changes within communities.

Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses, applied research, and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication. Papers must be co-authored with a community partner; they may be co-authored by more than one faculty member and/or student, but must include at least one community partner. Community partners are characterized by any community-based entity that is outside of the academy. Papers must not exceed 25 double-spaced pages (including all notes, references, and tables), and should include a brief abstract.

To be eligible for the award, the author(s) must make a commitment to present the paper at a session during the 2022 SSSP Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. To be considered, submit (a) a copy of the manuscript, (b) a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Community Research and Development Division Community Partner Paper Competition, and (c) a brief letter from the community partner commenting on his or her role in the paper. All materials must be submitted electronically to the Annual Meeting Call for Papers on the SSSP conference website by January 15, 2022 and also sent to the Committee Chair, Matthew H. McLeskey, at mhmclesk@buffalo.edu. The winner will receive a \$100 cash award and a plaque of recognition at the Community Research and Development Division business meeting.

2022 SSSP Annual Meeting

Health, Health Policy, & Health Services Division 2022 Annual Meeting

Submission Deadline:

January 15, 2022 – 11:59 pm

Division-sponsored sessions:



Reimagining Health Care Post COVID-19: Will the Lessons Be Lost?

Regular session – Organizer: Bill Cabin (wcabin@umich.edu)

Teaching Sociology to Health Care Professionals: Challenges and Opportunities

Roundtable – Organizer: Kathleen Abrahamson (kaabraham@purdue.edu)

Misinformation: Re-evaluating Causes, Health Consequences, and Solutions

Critical Dialogue – Organizer: Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda (bulandjr@miamioh.edu)

Reimagining Health Care: Explorations in Telehealth, Technology, and Inequality (co-sponsored with Environment & Technology)

Critical Dialogue – Organizer: Nels Paulson (paulsonne@uwstout.edu)

The Health of the Healthcare Workforce (co-sponsored with Labor Studies)

Regular Session – Organizers: Lilla Pivnick (Lilla.Pivnick@gmail.com) & Tania Jenkins (taniamj@email.unc.edu)

Global Health Disparities (co-sponsored with Global)

Roundtable – Organizer: Yuying Shen (yshen@nsu.edu)

Reproductive Justice: Race, Intersectionality, and Health (co-sponsored with Sport, Leisure, & the Body; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)

Regular Session – Organizers: Virginia Berndt (vkberndt@udel.edu), Meghan Daniel (mdanie26@uic.edu), & Yesenia R. Vargas (yvarga6@uic.edu)

Structural Determinants of Health (co-sponsored with Sociology & Social Welfare)

Regular Session – Organizers: Melanie Morris (mmmorris@bu.edu) & Roxanne Anderson (Roxanne.Anderson@bmc.org)

The Welfare State and COVID-19 (co-sponsored with Poverty, Class, & Inequality)

Regular Session – Organizers: Adria McLaughlin (amclau12@vols.utk.edu) & Rahim Kurwa (rahim.kurwa@gmail.com)

Alternative Methods of Addressing Student Behavior in the Classroom and Implications for Student Wellbeing (co-sponsored with Teaching Social Problems)

Critical Dialogue – Organizers: Jienian Zhang (jienian.zhang@wisc.edu) & Stephanie Kirkland (kirklan5@uab.edu)

From the Field

The Commonwealth Fund has released several new issue briefs, including:

- Meeting the Health Care Needs of Transgender People Without Housing (November 5, 2021)
- Severe Maternal Mortality in The United States: A Primer (October 28, 2021)
- Community-Based Long-Term Services and Supports: Are the Needs of Older Adults and Their Caregivers Being Met? (October 27, 2021)
- Medicare Advantage vs. Traditional Medicare: How Do Beneficiaries' Characteristics and Expenditures Differ? (October 14, 2021)
- Adapting Health Care Delivery In Response to COVID-19: International Lessons for the United States (September 21, 2021)

For these and more, see:

Issue Briefs | Commonwealth Fund | <https://www.commonwealthfund.org>

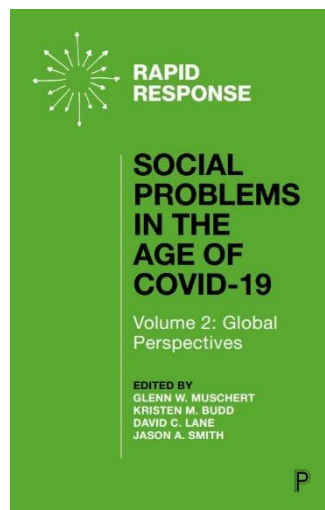
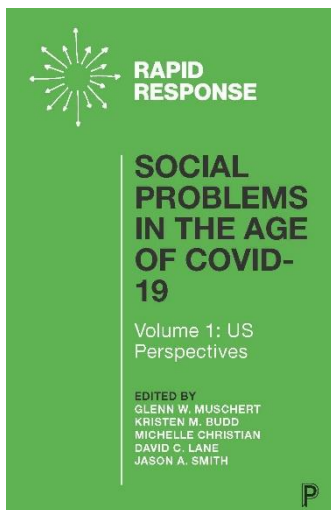
The Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) has released several new issue briefs, including:

- Medicaid Enrollment and Spending Growth: FY 2021 & FY 2022 (October 27, 2021)
- Analysis of Recent National Trends in Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment (October 29, 2021)
- A Closer Look at the Remaining Uninsured Population Eligible for Medicaid and CHIP (November 18, 2021)
- Potential Costs and Impact of Health Provisions in the Build Back Better Act (November 17, 2021)

For these and more, see: <https://www.kff.org/>

Health Affairs: The October 2021 issue has a special focus on Perinatal Mental Health.

Journal of Health and Social Behavior: The September 2021 issue is a Special Issue on Findings, Challenges, and Future Directions in Medical Sociology



As you plan course curriculum for next semester, don't forget SSSP's two new rapid-release volumes. These include brief explorations of social justice issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic and are written for a general audience, making them very accessible for students:

***Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19 –
[Volume 1: US Perspectives](#)***

***Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19 –
[Volume 2: Global Perspectives](#)***

Employment Opportunities

Assistant Professor at York University

The Department of Sociology at York University, Toronto is conducting a search for an assistant professor in Sociology of Engaged Research with Black Communities. We seek to strengthen our current teaching and research strengths through a scholar whose research is engaged with Black communities. We are interested in scholars whose fields of research are tied to one or more of the following areas: sociologies of health; environment and crisis; youth and education.

<http://webapps.yorku.ca/academichiringviewer/viewposition.jsp?positionnumber=2227>

University of Massachusetts Boston Department of Gerontology

The Department of Gerontology in the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston invites qualified persons to apply for a tenure-track assistant professor position to join our faculty beginning September 1, 2022. Please find the job description here: <https://employmentopportunities.umb.edu/boston/en-us/job/510124/assistant-professor-gerontology> Review of applications begins November 22, 2021 and continues until the position is filled. Inquiries may be directed to the search committee Co-Chairs, Professor Edward Miller (edward.miller@umb.edu) and Professor Jan Mutchler (jan.mutchler@umb.edu).

Academic Unit Head for the Department of Social Work at James Madison University

We invite your applications for the James Madison University Social Work Department. Located in the heart of Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah Valley in the US, James Madison University is seeking an Academic Unit Head for our BSW program. The Department of Social Work is a thriving academic unit that offers the BSW degree, interdisciplinary minors (family studies and nonprofit studies), interdisciplinary community outreach programs, and inter-professional educational (IPE) opportunities. The Department is currently proposing an MSW program and is partnering with the Department of Justice Studies on innovations in the youth justice system. Our program has a long history of program excellence, leadership in social work education, and continuous national accreditation. We are a student-centered department that values open interactions between students and faculty. We are leaders on campus regarding student outcome assessment and diversity efforts. We are a diverse, eight-faculty member department with a strong commitment to respectful and supportive collegiality. Please explore our website: <http://jmu.edu/socwork> and the job posting: <https://joblink.jmu.edu/postings/10449>.

Colorado Mesa University, Social Work

We are conducting a search for two tenure track faculty positions with primary assignment to the MSW Program in Grand Junction, Colorado. This will be a face to face position. This is a new program with lots of upcoming opportunities! Please share with any/all colleagues.

Assistant Professor of Social Work / MSW Director Field Education

<https://coloradomesa.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/2/home/requisition/569?c=coloradomesa>

Assistant Professor of Social Work / Master of Social Work

<https://coloradomesa.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/2/home/requisition/570?c=coloradomesa>

Assistant Professor at the University of Arkansas

The Department of Sociology and Criminology in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor with a research focus in the sociology of Health, broadly defined. Salary is very competitive, with a typical teaching load of two courses per semester. This is a standard nine-month faculty appointment beginning in August 2022. : A Ph.D. in sociology or related social science discipline conferred by the start of employment is required. We are seeking candidates with an active research agenda, evidence of scholarly productivity, and a commitment to exceptional teaching. Successful applicants' scholarship will be in the area of health. Applicants should contribute to departmental strengths in the areas of community, criminology, and inequality/stratification. Strong preference will also be given to candidates who can contribute to the department's mission of diversity and inclusion. Completed applications received by November 18, 2021 (Minimum 30 days), will be assured full consideration. Late applications will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position.

University of Kentucky, College of Social Work

Due to unprecedented growth, the College of Social Work (CoSW) at the University of Kentucky (UK) is seeking applicants for tenure-eligible positions at the Assistant Professor, Associate, or Full Professor ranks, beginning August 2022. Please find the job description here: <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/360530> You can also learn more about UK here: https://issuu.com/ukcosw/docs/asstassocorfullprof_positionpost_nov21_v3



What's Happening with You?

Please let us know of significant events in your career so we can include them in our next newsletter. Have you taken a new job? Received a promotion? Published an article? Presented a paper? Received a grant?

Let us know by email: wcabin@umich.edu or bulandjr@miamioh.edu