



Healthy Outlook

Division of Health, Health Policy and Health Services
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Statement from the Co-Chair *Debora A. Paterniti*

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division,

Over the past dozen years or so, the SSSP meetings and my interactions with old and new friends have allowed me to revisit and reformulate my passion for a field and topic area I chose over a quarter century ago. I appreciate the opportunity to hear about your work and to examine my own through different eyes. Let us celebrate the opportunity to see old friends, make some new ones, and revisit the collective discussions that shape our intellectual home.

This year's conference theme, *Blowback: The Unintended Consequences of Social Problems Solutions*, provides the opportunity to (re)consider possibilities for our perceptions of health and healthcare, including its organization, access, and delivery. We will be able to consider the fates of those impacted by these aspects of social life. Our meeting offers a time to celebrate our multiple visions and methods for understanding, and gives us a few days to consider the promise of future agendas. We have many sessions that are co-sponsored with other divisions, making our template variegated and rich. Along with these sessions, we will host several roundtables and our thematic session, focusing on "Unintended Consequences of Health Care and Service Interventions."

At this time, I would like to convey my gratitude to Betsy Ettore, the out-going Co-Chair, for her dedicated service to our division and for her support. I enthusiastically welcome Valerie Leiter, the in-coming Co-chair, and I look forward to working with her. I would like to invite the involvement of you, the members of the Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division, in our division's business meeting (Friday, August 12th from 12:30pm-2:10pm), and would enjoy meeting you at our co-sponsored division reception.

I will look forward to a thought-provoking meeting and to seeing you all at our annual meetings in Philadelphia!

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~ SSSP 55th Annual Meeting ~

August 12-14, 2005

Health, Health Policy and Health Services

Date: Friday, August 12
Time: 8:30 a.m.-10:10 a.m.

Thematic Session: The Unintended Consequences of Health Policy and Health Care Interventions

Sponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Organizer & Presider: Debora A. Paterniti, University of California, Davis

Papers:

"Back to Sleep Backlash: The Unintended Consequences of a Public Health Campaign," Martine C. Hackett, CUNY Graduate Center

"Parental Resistance to and Refusal of Pediatric Immunization," Catherine L. Moran, University of New Hampshire

"The Context, Conditions, and Consequences of Telepsychiatry in Two U.S. States: Who Needs and Who Benefits?" Karen Albright, University of California, Berkeley

"Content Analysis of Legislators' Dialogue on Immigrant Health Care," Jin Young Choi, University of Hawai'i Manoa

"Constructing Public Health Transnationalism on the US-Mexico Border: Border Health, 1942-2002," Julie Collins, University of California, Davis

Date: Friday, August 12
Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

Session: Roundtables in Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
Sponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Organizer & Presider: Elizabeth Ettorre, University of Plymouth

Roundtable 1: Health Disparities in the Inner Cities

This is a table organized by Cheyney University of Pennsylvania students and faculty in collaboration with University of Pennsylvania and Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The participants at this table will present preliminary findings from a study on how to reduce the high rates of hypertension, diabetes and obesity among ethnic minorities in America. Part of the collaboration involves training undergraduate students to do their own fieldwork, survey patients, code the responses and write papers with faculty supervisors as a way of inspiring them to take up research-related careers.

Author: Biko Agozino, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

Roundtable 2: Health and Endurance in Local Communities

Papers:

"Thyself as Thy Neighbor: The Atlanta Neighborhood Union, Political Opportunity, and Community Health Organizing in the Nineteenth Century," Andy Lowry, Emory University

"Media Representation and the Case of Tracy Latimer," Patrick Burke, Carleton University

"The Interaction Between Community Context, Gender and Physical Health in Northeast Ohio," Jessica Lynn Burke, Kent State University

Roundtable 3: Patients and Physicians: The Unintended Consequences of Health Problems Solutions

Papers:

"An Unexpected Choice: The Consequences of Prenatal Testing," Jennifer L. Chandler and Alexis Anne Bender, Georgia State University

"Coping with Physical Disfigurement and Loss: the Case of Breast Cancer

Support Group Participants," Jackie Clark, North Carolina State University

"Hospital Physicians' Performance and Self-evaluation in Sleep Deprived Situations," Kariv Dafna, The College of Management, Israel, Itamar Offer, Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel, Netta Notzer, Tel Aviv University and Eran Dolev, Tel Aviv University

"Female Physicians - A New Force in US Medicine or a Surplus Labor Force?" Ann Boulis and Jerry Jacobs, University of Pennsylvania

Roundtable 4: Health Policy Formation and Health Bureaucracies

Papers:

"New Federal Guidelines for Physician-industry Relations: The Politics of Policy Formation," Susan Chimonas and David Rothman, Columbia University

"'They Need Help and I Empathize with That': The Care Work of a Bureaucrat," Christopher Giangreco, Loyola University Chicago

"An Assessment of the Bush Administration's Waiver Policy as a Tool to Reform Medicaid," Mukaria J. Itang'ata and Syprose A. Owiti, Western Michigan University

"Health Disparities and Sustainable Development: Emerging Trends and Strategies for Using Global Health Education as a Vehicle for Change," Alex Otieno, Arcadia University

Roundtable 5: Gender and Health

Papers:

"Blocked Paths to Motherhood: Understanding the Social-psychological Needs of HIV Positive Women Who Experience Involuntary Childlessness," Carrie E. Foote-Ardah, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

"The Complainer's List: Girls' Healthcare in Juvenile Detention," Laurie Schaffner, University of Illinois at Chicago

"Gender Differences in Gamete Donation," Evelina W. Sterling, Georgia State University

"'Food for Life': Eating and 'Not Eating' as a Part of Female Identity," Irmeli Laitinen, Cornwall Partnership NHS Trust and University of Helsinki

Roundtable 6: Explaining Health Inequities

Papers:

"Strength and Vulnerability: Toward an Understanding of Black Women's Employment and Well-being," Lauren Rauscher, Emory University

"Weight, Anxiety and Sexual Abuse in Relation to Gender, Ethnicity and Class," Lacey Sischo and Patricia Yancey Martin, Florida State University

"Stress Exposure and Racial Stratification: Accounting for Differences in Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms," Gniesha Y. Dinwiddie, University of Pennsylvania

"Getting By: The Real Costs of Medical Care for Seniors in the United States," Shela Van Ness, Charlene Jameson, Ryan Schmidt, Beverly Hudson and Maurice Gregory, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Date: Friday, August 12

Time: 12:30pm - 2:10pm

Division Business Meeting, Liberty A

Date: Friday, August 12

Time: 2:30pm - 4:10pm

Session: Transgender and Sexual Minority Health

**Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division;
Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division**

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Elroi Waszkiewicz, Georgia State University

Papers:

"Perceptions of Violence and Substance Use Among Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Heterosexuals," Amy Hequembourg, University at Buffalo, Research Institute on Addictions and Sara A. Brallier, Coastal Carolina University

"Outreach to Prevent HIV Transmission Among Gay and Bisexual Men: Sexual Liberation/Social Regulation," Aimee Van Wagenen, Boston College

"From the Personal Social Network to the Movement: The Influence of Size and Composition of LGB's Social Networks on LGB-Identity Constructs and Movement Participation," Alexis Dewaele, Policy Research Center on Equal Opportunities-LGB Research Unit, Nele Cox, University of Ghent, Wim Van den Berghe, University of Ghent and John Vincke, University of Ghent

"The Influence of General and Minority Stress on Mental Health in a Flemish LGB Population," Nele Cox, University of Ghent, Wim Van den Berghe, University of Ghent, Alexis Dewaele, Policy Research Center on Equal Opportunities-LGB Research Unit and John Vincke, University of Ghent

"Gay Specific Determinants of Mental Well-Being Among GLB Youth," Wim Van den Berghe, University of Ghent, Alexis Dewaele, Policy Research Center on Equal Opportunities-LGB Research Unit, Nele Cox, University of Ghent and John Vincke, University of Ghent

Date: Friday, August 12

Time: 4:30pm - 6:10pm

Session: Chronic Illness and Disability

Sponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Organizer &

President: Stephen J. Morewitz, Stephen J. Morewitz, Ph.D., & Assocs.,
IL & CA, Cal State University, East Bay

Papers:

"Religious Involvement and the Onset of Physically Disabling Conditions,"
A. Henry Eliassen, Florida State University

"The Role of Illness Discourse in the Development of a Contested Illness
Classification System: Analysis of Rhetorical Constructs," Debra A.
Swoboda, York College, City University of New York

"The Meanings of Having Children with Intellectual Disabilities: the Life
Experiences of Mothers for Disability Rights in Taiwan," Heng-Hao Chang,
University of Hawaii, Manoa

Date: Friday, August 12
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Joint Reception

The Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Educational Problems; Environment and Technology; Family; Global; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Institutional Ethnography; Labor Studies; Law and Society; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Social Problems Theory; Sociology and Social Welfare; Teaching Social Problems and the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course - Joint Reception

Date: Saturday, August 13
Time: 2:30pm - 4:10pm

Session: Body Aesthetics and Health
Sponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Organizer: Carrie Yang Costello, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Presider & Discussant: Leslie Mason, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Papers:

"Growing Older in a Surgical Age: An Analysis of Women's Experiences and Interpretations of Aging in an Era of Cosmetic Surgery," Abigail Brooks, Boston College

"Sitting Pretty: Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery and Controlling the Narration of Women's Sexuality," Ann Marie Hickey, University of Kansas

"The Biological and Transgendered Politics of Reconstructive Surgery," Tre Wentling, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

"Exclusionary Sexuality: Fat Women and Post-Modernism," Dina L. Giovanelli

"Social Aesthetics: Definitions and Reconstructions of Size," Bonnie Berry, Social Problems Research Group

Date: Sunday, August 14
Time: 8:30am - 10:10am

Session: Explicating Ruling Relations in Health Care: Session One

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division
Institutional Ethnography Division

Organizer, Presider
& Discussant: Marie L. Campbell, University of Victoria

Papers:

"The Evolving 'Health as a Human Right' Discourse: An Institutional Ethnography," Sonya Jakubec, University of Calgary and Faculty, Mount Royal College

"Texts, Critique, and Global Public Health," Eric Mykhalovskiy and Lorna Weir, York University

"How Nurses Practise Health Care Reform: Nursing Restructured," Janet Rankin, Malaspina University-College

Date: Sunday, August 14
Time: 10:30-12:10 pm

Session: Explicating Ruling Relations in Health Care: Session Two

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division
Institutional Ethnography Division

Organizer, Presider
& Discussant: Marie L. Campbell, University of Victoria

Papers:

"Physician Use of Evidence in Decision-making Related to Acute Stroke Therapies," Fiona Webster, The University of Toronto and London Health Sciences Centre

"Duty to Accommodate: Using Institutional Ethnography to Check it Out," Jean Louis Deveau, University of New Brunswick

"Reading 'Quality' Reports in Health Care: Who Knows How?" Carolyn Green and Marie L. Campbell, University of Victoria

Date: Sunday, August 14
Time: 12:30-2:10 pm

Session: Health Disparities

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division
Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division

Organizer, Presider
& Discussant: Jean Elson, University of New Hampshire

Papers:

"Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Use of High-Volume Hospitals in New York," Emily Horowitz, St. Francis College, Bradford H. Gray, The Urban Institute, Shannon Mitchell, Yale University School of Medicine and Mark Schlesinger, Yale University School of Medicine

"Ethnicity Matters: Understanding Socioeconomic Disparities in Health Among Asian Americans," Emily S. Ihara, Brandeis University

"Racism and Favoritism: Disparities in Maternity Care Work in a Community Clinic," Natalia Deeb-Sossa, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"The Urban Cancer Project: A Culturally-Specific Solution to Cancer Disparities," Wornie Reed, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Date: Sunday, August 14
Time: 4:30pm - 6:10pm

Session: The Body Normalized and (De)Medicalized

Sponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Organizer: Carrie Yang Costello, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Presider &
Discussant: Molly Simmerman, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Papers:

"Disgust and 'Normal' Corporeality: Cultural Discourses of Body Normality, Propriety and Hygiene," Laura B. Citrin, Western Michigan University

"Teratology: Monstrous Bodies and the Professionalization of Obstetrics," Carrie Yang Costello, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

"Demedicalization and Risk Scare on the Utilization of Hormone Replacement Therapy," Cheryl Diana Stults, Brandeis University

"Orbs of Power: The Medicalization of Women's Breasts," Jacquelyn Arsenuk

“What They’re Reading Now”

From Debora Paterniti, Co-Chair of the Division:

Weinberg, Dana Beth. 2003. *Code Green: Money-Driven Hospitals and the Dismantling of Nursing*. Ithica: Cornell University Press.

From Valerie Leiter, Incoming Co-Chair of the Division:

Young, James Harvey. 1961. *The Toadstool Millionaires: A Social History of Patent Medicines in America Before Federal Regulation*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

From Emily Kolker, Division Newsletter Editor:

Mechanic, David, Lynn B. Rogut, David C. Cobly, and James R. Knickman, eds. 2005. *Policy Challenges in Modern Health Care*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Employment Opportunities

Brandeis University:

The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure track position in sociology of health and illness at the rank of assistant or associate professor to begin Fall 2006. Experience with qualitative and ethnographic methods is highly desirable; secondary areas of interest could include sociology of sexuality, aging and other related areas. We are seeking scholars who have demonstrated exceptional promise in research and teaching. We have a small but excellent Ph.D. program with Medical Sociology as one of the three substantive departmental specialties.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to a vibrant interdisciplinary undergraduate program "Health: Science, Society and Policy." Salary and benefits are competitive. Please send a letter of interest, Curriculum Vitae, three letters of recommendation, evidence of teaching ability and experience, and two or three samples of written work to: Peter Conrad, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, M.S. 071, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 USA. As an EEO/AA employer, Brandeis University is an equal opportunity employer, committed to building a culturally diverse community, and welcomes applications from women and minorities. Review of applications will begin on September 15, 2005 and continue until the position is filled.

University of Miami:

The Department of Sociology is seeking applications for two tenure-track positions at the rank of Assistant Professor to begin August 15, 2006. The department searches for candidates to satisfy programmatic needs in two of our graduate specialty areas. We have one position in Criminology and one in Medical Sociology. The ideal candidates will also be able to make contributions to our third programmatic area, Race/Ethnic Relations. The successful candidates will be expected to sustain an active research and publication agenda, teach in our undergraduate and graduate programs, and show promise for obtaining external funding for their research. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Sociology or a closely related field at the time of appointment. Applicants should submit a letter of application, a curriculum vita, and the names and addresses of three references who can evaluate scholarly achievement and potential. These materials should be sent to: Amie L. Nielsen, Chair of the Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248162, Coral Gables, FL 33124-2208. Review of applications will begin October 1, 2005 and continue until the positions are filled. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. The University of Miami is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Call for Papers

Ethnicity, health and health care: understanding diversity, tackling disadvantage

Proposals are invited for contributions to the thirteenth monograph in the series to be published by Sociology of Health and Illness in conjunction with Blackwell Publishers. The monograph will explore the sociology of ethnicity, race and religion in relation to health, health care and illness.

Contributions could address the following themes:

- * Continuity and change in debates on ethnicity, health and health care
- * The implications of national and international political and economic realities for health and health care provision to minority ethnic groups
- * The relevance of demographic changes, social mobility, cultural change and regional and international migratory flows for health and health care
- * Quantitative and qualitative explorations of health and health care beyond simple inter-ethnic comparisons and including the experiences of settled and new minority ethnic groups, refugees, asylum seekers and trafficked people

The monograph will appear both as a regular issue of the journal and in book form. We anticipate that most papers will report original empirical research, although we also welcome innovative theoretical and conceptual work. We are keen to receive contributions from an international range of researchers.

Potential contributors should send an outline proposal of up to 800 words by November 30th 2005 to Waqar Ahmad, Middlesex University, Trent Park, Bramley Rd, London, N14 4YZ, United Kingdom, e-mail: w.ahmad@mdx.ac.uk fax (+44 (0)20 8449 0798. The outline should provide a realistic indication of the content of the proposed article in a structured form and, if reporting an

empirical study, include (1) major hypothesis or research question (2) methods (3) data source (4) findings and (5) conclusions.

Proposals will be reviewed and the outcome will be notified by January 14th 2006. Authors whose outlines are shortlisted will be invited to submit an article of 6000 to 7000 words by July 1st 2006. All such submissions will be refereed in the usual way and should follow the journal's style guidelines (<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/submit.asp?ref=0141-9889>). The planned publication date is September 2007.