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Healthy Outlook

Division of Health, Health Policy and Health Services of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

Statement from the Co-Chair *Valerie Leiter*

Important Dates:

- January 31—Deadline for submissions of papers/abstracts to session organizers or the program committee co-chairs.
- February 20—Participants must be notified by the session organizer of acceptance or referral of paper.
- May 1—Deadline for Student Paper Competition
- August 10–12—Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec

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Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Division,

I am happy to report on the good health of our division. We constitute a vibrant community of approximately 300 scholars and activists within SSSP. The size and intellectual breadth of our division is can be measured quantitatively in terms of the number of regular sessions we are allotted by SSSP (3), combined with the number of co-sponsored sessions we have planned (7), and the impressive (and increased) number of quality student papers that we received last year for the graduate student paper prize (20). It can be measured qualitatively by the diversity and quality of the ideas on this year's call for papers, and the creativity that gave rise to the high number of co-sponsored sessions.

This of course brings us to our plans for August, when we will meet in Montreal between the 10th and the 12th, at the Hilton Montréal Bonaventure. We hope that you will take advantage of the time left before the end of this month to submit a paper proposal to one of the 10 panels that our division is sponsoring or co-sponsoring. All papers and abstracts are due by January 31st, via electronic submission to the session organizer(s). The details regarding these panels are contained in the remainder of this newsletter. Also, please encourage your students to submit their work for the graduate student paper prize, which is also described in the pages that follow. My fellow organizers and I look forward to seeing an avalanche of papers and abstracts over the next few weeks!

From the depths of winter, here is to planning for midsummer nights.

Best wishes for the New Year,
Valerie



Instructions for Submission

Papers or extended abstracts (2-3 page summary of your intended presentation) for presentations at division sponsored sessions **MUST** be sent electronically via our online submission cover sheet, <http://www.sssp1.org> to session organizers no later than January 31, 2006.

If your paper *does not* fit into one of the sessions listed in the Call for Papers, send your submission electronically via our online submission cover sheet no later than January 31 to Program Committee Co-Chairs: Phoebe Morgan and

James Gruber. They may be able to find a place for your presentation in the annual program. Questions relating to the program should be directed to them as well (Phoebe Morgan, W: 520-523-8245, phoebe.morgan@nau.edu and James Gruber, W: 313-593-5611, jegruber@umich.edu). When sending an e-mail, please place SSSP in the subject line.

An online submission cover sheet **MUST** accompany all papers and extended abstracts. Do not submit the same paper or extended abstract to more than ONE session organizer at

the same time. If your submission is **NOT** accepted, the session organizer will inform you and forward your information to the 2nd choice organizer listed on the submission cover sheet. Only ONE sole-authorship paper is permitted per participant (without an accompanying coauthored paper). Authors may submit more than ONE paper or extended abstract; however, each submission must be submitted to no more than ONE session organizer at a time.



A view of downtown Montreal

Co-Sponsored Sessions

Session 12: Consumption of Pharmaceutical Drugs (with the Drinking and Drugs Division)

Organizer: Valerie Leiter;
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Session 19: Creating Accessible Environments - **THEMATIC** (with the Environment and Technology Division)

Organizer: Alexis Bender;
abender1@gsu.edu

Session 30: Global Crises in Health Care (with the Global Division)

Organizer: Javier Pereira
jpereira@mail.utexas.edu

Session 33: The Social Organization of Health and Health Work (with the Institutional Ethnography Division)

Organizer: Janet Rankin;
rankin@mala.bc.ca

Session 34: Health and Mental Health Dimensions of Disasters (with the Mental Health Division)

Organizer: Eric Wright;
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Session 35: Negotiating and Regulating Pregnancy and Birth (with the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)

Organizer: Carrie Yang Costello;
costello@uwm.edu

Session 36: Perspectives on AIDS/HIV (with the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)

Organizer: Lloyd Klein;
klein@mail.maconstate.edu

Division Sessions

Session 1: Revisioning Healthy Communities: Justice, Diversity, and Democracy - **THEMATIC**

Organizer: Elizabeth Ettorre

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Session 2: Women and Their Physicians: Optimizing the Medical Encounter

Co-organizer: Jackie Clark

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Co-organizer: Linda Stelljes

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Session 3: Health Roundtables

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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.

Send your good news to:

Alexis Bender, Newsletter Editor

Via postal mail at Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, P.O. Box 5020, Atlanta, GA 30303 or via email at abender1@gsu.edu

Student Paper Competition

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for the annual Student Paper Award competition. The award recipient will present the winning paper at the 2006 annual meeting. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, as well as membership to 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: Heather Dillaway at aol1701@wayne.edu by **May 1, 2006**.

Congratulations to our new co-chair!

Amy J. Schulz is currently employed as Research Associate Professor at the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health & the Institute for Research on Women, Gender and Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Amy's recent research activities include: Social and Physical Environments and Health Disparities: A Multi-method and multidisciplinary study designed to examine independent and cumulative effects of aspects of the social and physical environment for dispari-

ties in cardiovascular disease. (NIEHS).

Lean & Green in Motown: Intervention study designed to examine implications of changes in the built environment for food access and physical activity among urban residents. (NIEHS).

Constructing Whiteness in Health Disparities Research (with J. Daniels): Analysis of the social production of frameworks of whiteness and, more broadly, race in the context of writings about racial disparities in health. (UM OVPR).

Her areas of interest include Social inequalities and health; urban policy, residential segregation and health; environmental health; and the social production of knowledge about health.

She was a member of the Nominations Committee, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association from 2003-2004 and a member of the publications Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society from 2001-2003.

Congratulations!!