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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 *Amy J. Schulz*

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Division.

I am happy to report that the Health, Health Policy and Health Services division remains vibrant and energetic this year, with a full slate of exciting sessions planned for the 2007 summer meetings in New York City. The intellectual breadth of our membership, with over 300 members spanning a range of institutional homes and research interests, contributes to a depth of discussion and interaction that enrich our collective work and our potential to contribute to addressing critical contemporary challenges in health and society.

This summer's SSSP meeting, organized around the theme "Research Matters: Creating Knowledge, Policy and Justice," offers exciting opportunities for continued dialogue and exchange both within our Division, and across multiple SSSP Divisions. In addition to the three regular sessions planned by our Division for this summer's meetings, we are pleased and excited to have planned eight co-sponsored sessions. The breadth and connectedness of the work of the membership of the Health Division is clearly represented in these linkages with multiple Divisions within SSSP.

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for SSSP will be held August 10-12, 2007, at the Roosevelt Hotel, Madison Avenue at 45<sup>th</sup> in New York City. Valerie Jenness, SSSP President, describes her selection of this theme to direct attention to the many questions that arise as scholars and activists seek to contribute to addressing pressing social problems. Questions such as "Does research matter? Under what conditions does the knowledge produced by research get utilized in the development and implementation of public policy and the pursuit of social, economic, and political justice? By whom and for whom is research conducted and deployed? How is research used by those seeking to address social problems?" are critical to our profession and this is an important opportunity to encourage public debate about these and other issues related to the relationship between scholarship and social change.

Please take advantage of the time between now and the end of January to submit a paper proposal to one of the 11 panels that our Division is sponsoring or co-sponsoring. All papers are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> by electronic submission to the session organizer(s). Details regarding these panels are included in the remainder of this newsletter. Please also encourage your students to submit their work for the graduate student paper prize, also described in the following pages. My fellow organizers and I look forward to your submissions over the following weeks. We encourage you to join us in New York to participate in the 57<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the SSSP, and to engage in critical dialogue about scholarship and social change.

Best wishes for the new year,

Amy

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## Instructions for Submission

Papers or extended abstracts (2-3 page summary of your intended presentation) for presentations at division sponsored sessions MUST be made via our online submission cover sheet, <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/268> to session organizers no later than midnight (EST) on January 31, 2007.

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 to JoAnn L. Miller, Program Committee Chair (W: 765-494-4699; [jlmiller@purdue.edu](mailto:jlmiller@purdue.edu)). If you would like to submit a complete session (of five papers and no fewer than five papers) for consideration, please complete our online individually-proposed session information

form, <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/269> no later than midnight (EST) on January 31, 2007. The Program Committee may be able to find a place for your presentation/session in the annual program. The Program Committee reserves the right to add papers/participants to sessions with less than five presentations. Sessions will be assigned to a day of the conference that works best for the Program Committee, which is charged with ensuring the overall coherence of the program and maximizing the number of sessions and papers included in the program. Individual preferences for dates for presentations cannot be accommodated. All questions relating to the program should be sent to JoAnn L. Miller. 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 co-authored 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.



**The Roosevelt Hotel**

## Co-Sponsored Sessions

**Session 12:** "Scientists have Discovered...": Disseminating Research through Media (with Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Social Problems Theory; and Teaching Social Problems)

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**Session 23:** Drugs Research/Research with Drugs (with Drinking and Drugs)

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**Session 30:** Built Environment and Health (with Environment and Technology)

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**Session 31:** Production and Consumption: Food, Health and the Environment (with Environment and Technology)

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**Session 44:** The Social Organization of Disability - **THEMATIC** (with Institutional Ethnography)

Organizer: Jean Louis Deveau; [jlpdev@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:jlpdev@nbnet.nb.ca)

**Session 45:** Creating Knowledge for Racial Justice in Health (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)

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**Session 46:** HIV and AIDS Research: Policy and Politics (with Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities)

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**Session 47:** Transgender Embodiment and Identity (with Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities)

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## Division Sessions

### Session 1: Health Research Matters - THEMATIC

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## Call for Papers

The **Journal of Long Term Home Health Care** is interested in articles of about 20 pages that are focused on any aspect of health care and social issues as they pertain to the elderly. Manuscripts may include position papers, reports of research studies, case reports, analyses of government policy, descriptions and/or evaluations of agencies, programs, and not-for-profit organizations serving any component of the aged population. Papers that offer detailed discussions of a topic, forecast developments, or provide readers with enhanced perspective are particularly welcome. The Journal also considers for publication commentaries on previously published articles, book and media reviews, etc.

The readership of the Journal consists of physicians, nurses, social workers, social scientists, and others who work directly with older persons, as well as managers and staff of not-for-profit and government agencies serving the elderly.

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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.

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### NEXT ISSUE

**Publication Date: July 2**  
**Submissions Due: June 15**

## *Call for Papers: Agenda for Social Justice 2008*

In 2004, the SSSP and the Justice 21 Committee published the first **Agenda for Social Justice—2004**. That report contained chapters on poverty, education, unemployment, environmental health risks, global economic change, capital punishment, surveillance technologies, civil unions, domestic violence, cosmetic genital surgery, and domestic security and the Patriot Act.

We are now beginning our work on the second publication--**Agenda for Social Justice—2008**. This publication is designed to inform the public-at-large about the nation's most pressing social problems and to propose a public policy response to those problems. This project affirms the commitment of SSSP to social justice, and enables the members of the association to speak on public issues with the sponsorship of the corporate body. Every four years, coinciding with the national presidential elections, SSSP will issue a report on the nation's social ills. This report will be an "agenda for social justice," in that it will contain recommendations for action by elected officials, policy makers, and the public. The report will be distributed to national progressive organizations, policy centers, national labor organizations, members of Congress, state governors, mayors of large cities, national newspapers, and political journals.

The quadrennial report will be a product of the most valid and reliable knowledge we have about social problems and it will be a joint effort of the members and Divisions of SSSP. We invite you to consider preparing a "chapter" for the 2008 publication. We ask you, individually or with colleagues, to consider submitting a brief proposal (1-2 pp) identifying a problem of concern to members of SSSP, and respond to the questions: *What do we know? How do we know it? What is to be done?* As the coordinating committee for **Justice 21**, we will consider all the proposals and invite members to prepare a draft statement, following specific guidelines, for inclusion in the 2008 publication.

Please submit a copy of your 1-2 page proposals to each of the members of the committee by May 30, 2007, and contact us if you have questions or would like additional information.

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For an expanded discussion of **Justice 21** see the May 2001 issue of *Social Problems* ("Inventing Social Justice"). To see the 2004 publication, check the SSSP website (<http://www.ssp1.org>).

### CALL FOR MATERIALS

Walter F. Carroll (Bridgewater State College) and Lutz Kaelber (University of Vermont) are compiling the fourth edition of the *ASA Instructor's Resource Guide on Social Problems*. They welcome course syllabi, class exercises and assignments, online resources, examinations and evaluation instruments, computer software and film reviews, and essays on pedagogical challenges and opportunities involved in teaching Social Problems courses. Please send pertinent materials, as attachments in MS Word format, to Walter Carroll at [wcarroll@bridgew.edu](mailto:wcarroll@bridgew.edu).

# Graduate Student Paper Competition

Deadline: 5/1/07

All graduate students are encouraged 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 2006) 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 are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2007 SSSP annual meeting in New York City. 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: Professor Heather Dillaway at [ao1701@wayne.edu](mailto:ao1701@wayne.edu).

Last year's recipient was Kristen Springer, Ph.D. with the following paper:

His and Her Marriage Today: Gendered Models of How Wives' Income Impacts Husband's Later Mid-Life Health

This study presents the theoretical development and empirical assessment of three models that describe how ideological norms about male breadwinning shape the effect of wives' income on husbands' health. Drawing from research on spousal health effects and on the gendered division of household labor, this study uses husbands' health as a key measure of well-being and as a heuristic to understand the persistence of gendered marital inequality. Analysis of parallel spousal data from the Health and Retirement Study shows that a husband's health is adversely impacted when he earns less than his wife, pointing to gendered expectations of primary breadwinning as a cause of poor health. This effect is pronounced among highest-earning men, for whom the cultural ideal of male breadwinning is strongest. These findings contradict earlier research that identifies wives' work itself as contributing to husbands' ill health. The results suggest that a focus on structure and culture together can provide new theoretical and empirical insights into marital gender inequality, health disparities, and the intersection of gender and class.

## Congratulations to our new Co-Chair!!!!

**Emily S. Ihara** is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Emily's work focuses on the social and economic determinants of health, health and mental health inequities, immigration and health, and access to care.

Emily's recent research activities include work on racial and ethnic minorities and mental health, Medicaid and Medicare savings programs for the elderly and people with disabilities, cultural competence, workers and chronic conditions, and child and adolescent mental health services.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Japanese American Citizens' League, the nation's oldest Asian American civil and human rights organization (2002-present).

Congratulations!!