



# Healthy Outlook

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the Society for the Study of Social Problems

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## Statement from the Co-Chair

*Edna A. Viruell-Fuentes*

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Division:

I am looking forward to the 59th SSSP Annual Meeting which will be held in San Francisco, CA, from August 7 to 9, 2009. The Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division members have been very active in organizing exciting sessions that cover a broad range of themes. I hope that you will join us at the meeting and engage in this year's theme: "Race, Ethnicity, and the Continuing Problem of the Color Line."

We are living in interesting and challenging times. We work, live, and play in social, physical, and institutional spaces that have and continue to be affected by the contradictions and pressures of 21st century capitalism. Our Division and our annual meeting provide a safe, collegial, and exciting venue for us to grapple with these contradictions as they affect our professional lives and are reflected in the content of our work as it relates to health and wellbeing. I personally invite you to join us at the annual meeting, to reconnect with colleagues and friends, to inspire each other, and to join our minds as we continue to challenge the color line.

All the best,  
Edna

## Graduate Student Paper Competition

**Deadline: May 1, 2009**

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 2008) 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 2009 SSSP Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. 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 Elizabeth Ettore, [e.ettore@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:e.ettore@liverpool.ac.uk).

## News of Note!

- ✓ Lori Baralt will be starting a feminist health studies tenure-track position in Women's Studies at California State University-Long Beach in the Fall 2009.
- ✓ Stephen J. Morewitz, Ph.D., Stephen J. Morewitz, Ph.D., & Associates, IL & CA/San Jose State University, has joined the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences at California State University, East Bay.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

*Please let us know about new positions, books, successful dissertation defenses, or anything else you would like to share with division members!*  
Please send News to:  
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## Member Publications

- ✓ Frank W. Young, Cornell, has published his ebook *The Structural Ecology of Health and Community* in the Internet-First University Press. It can be accessed via Google and downloaded free (154 pages).
- ✓ Sam Friedman just had his first full-length book of poetry published: *Seeking to make the world anew: Poems of the Living Dialectic*. Lanham, Maryland: Hamilton Books. 2008. It includes a number of pieces in the health area and has as appendices a book review he wrote for Contemporary Sociology.
- ✓ Paul Almeida has brought to our attention the new volume (Dec. 2008) of *Advances in Medical Sociology*. It focuses on health care activism around the world, and here is the link: [http://books.emeraldinsight.com/display.asp?K=9781848552142&cur=GBP&sf1=series&sort=sort\\_date/d&st1=Advances%20in%20Medical%20Sociology&m=1&dc=11](http://books.emeraldinsight.com/display.asp?K=9781848552142&cur=GBP&sf1=series&sort=sort_date/d&st1=Advances%20in%20Medical%20Sociology&m=1&dc=11)
- ✓ Stephen J. Morewitz's book, DEATH THREATS AND VIOLENCE: NEW RESEARCH AND CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES (New York: Springer, 2008) is on the Amazon.co.uk Books Bestsellers List: The Most Popular Items in Hate Crimes.

# ELECTIONS

## Division Nominations

Current Co-Chairs:

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We are still soliciting nominations for the position of Co-Chair for the Health, Health Services and Health Policy Division.

Co-Chairs serve overlapping two year terms, and are jointly responsible for: developing the Division program (identifying sessions and organizers) for the annual meeting; running the Division business meeting at the annual meeting; working with the newsletter editor to assure publication of the annual newsletter; and other Division business.

Self nominations are acceptable! Names of nominees must be submitted to the Executive Office no later than June 1, so please contact us soon if you wish to nominate someone, or to nominate yourself.

If you are interested in learning more or in nominating yourself or another individual for this rewarding position, please contact Emily Ihara at [eihara@gmu.edu](mailto:eihara@gmu.edu) for further information.

## SSSP General Elections

You may vote in the 2009 General Election through Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at midnight (EST) by going to the SSSP website at <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/196>  
Biographical data for each candidate is provided to acquaint you with their backgrounds.

The Call for Nominations is also now open for candidates running in the 2010 General Election.

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## 2009 Conference, San Francisco, August 7-9, 2009

### 59th Annual Meeting Registration

The Stanford Court Hotel, 905 California Street, San Francisco, CA

**(Program Participant Deadline: Program participants must preregister by May 31, 2009.)**

- See the SSSP site at <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/354/fuseaction/ssspconf.portal> to find out more detailed information about registering for the Annual Meeting.
- SSSP registrants will have the opportunity to register for the *Critical Sociology* Conference at no additional cost.
- If you are responsible for registering multiple individuals, you must complete this registration process for each individual.
- If you experience any problems while registering, please contact [sssp@utk.edu](mailto:sssp@utk.edu).

**The SSSP Conference Hotel**  
**The Stanford Court Hotel, San Francisco**



**For Reservations, CALL TOLL-FREE: 1.888.236.2427**

**GROUP:** THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

**DATE:** August 4 – August 12, 2009

**RATES:** \$189 per night, Superior one bedded room  
\$199 per night, two bedded room

(Rates are exclusive of tax, which is presently 14% and subject to change without notice).

**Hotel:**

In November 2008, the hotel emerged from a \$35 million transformation melding its rich history with the modern conveniences and contemporary touches of today. Perched atop Knob Hill, the hotel has breathtaking views of the City and the Bay and luxurious surroundings are a few of the many highlights of the contemporary guest rooms. Hop on one of the three cable car lines that run along the hotel and be whisked away to see San Francisco's many attractions. Discover the best of San Francisco's charm and character, while enjoying the luxurious offerings of The Stanford Court, A Renaissance Hotel.

**Guestrooms:**

The Stanford Court, A Renaissance Hotel provides 393 guestrooms and 12,000 square feet of flexible function space. Services available in all guestrooms include cable channels, access to high speed Internet service for a set daily rate of \$9.95, in-room movies, climate control, black out curtains, in-room hairdryers, coffee/tea, irons and ironing boards and more.

**Reservations:**

To learn more about the event and book, modify, or cancel a reservation, go to <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/SFOOSC?groupCode=SSPSSPA&app=resvlink&fromDate=8/4/09&toDate=8/12/09>. You can also call 1.888.227.4736 to make your reservation; be sure to provide our group code: **SSPSSPA** to get the SSSP room rate. Kindly note, guestrooms reservation must be guaranteed with a credit card. Check-in is 4:00pm and check-out is noon. Any reservation cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival, or no shows will forfeit one night's room revenue.

**Cut-off Date:**

Reservations must be confirmed by Tuesday, July 14, 2009 to guarantee our negotiated group rate. Reservations received after July 14 or after the room block is filled, whichever comes first, are subject to availability and rate increase.

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