



# Healthy Outlook

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

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## Statement from the Co-Chair *Elizabeth Gage*

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Division:

Debi Street (Division Co-Chair) and I look forward to seeing you at the 61<sup>st</sup> SSSP Annual Meeting in Las Vegas from August 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>. The Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division members have been busy getting ready for the Annual Meeting, and we have a wonderful set of Division activities planned. We are joining with several other divisions for a co-sponsored reception in Las Vegas, and we hope to see you there. The reception is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and make new connections with scholars interested in health-related issues. We will also hold the annual business meeting, which we invite all Division members to attend. If you are interested in organizing a session for an upcoming meeting, have ideas for the Division, or would like to become more involved, please come and share your ideas.

Our Division members have also organized an exciting and diverse series of sessions that will all engage this year's theme: Service Sociology. Mary Matteliano has organized a session on Culture and Health, and I will moderate our thematic session focusing on Health Services and Health Disparities. Debi Street has coordinated a vibrant series of Tables in the Round. We have also joined with several other divisions to co-sponsor a number of sessions. Laurie Clune has partnered with the Institutional Ethnography Division for a session on Institutional Ethnography and the Social Organization of Health Care, and Christina Barmon will moderate a session exploring the Meanings of Health that is co-sponsored with the Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division. Miranda Waggoner and Larry Greil have organized a session, co-sponsored with the Family Division, on Reproductive Health: Current Issues and Prospects for Change. Finally, we have partnered with the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division for two sessions. Tamara Leech has organized a co-sponsored a session on Youth, Health, and the Social Construction of Risk, and Chris Wellin has organized a session on Strategies and Constraints: Living with Chronic Illness in Diverse Settings and Communities.

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas; it should be an exciting meeting.

Elizabeth

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## News of Note!

- ✓ **Laura S. Lorenz** has a new publication: Lorenz, Laura S. (2011 May). A way into empathy: A 'case' of photo-elicitation research. *health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*, 15(2), Special Number on 'Another way of knowing: art, disease, and illness experience.' Guest Editors, Alan Radley and Susan Bell. Available on Online First: February. **Laura S. Lorenz** is also now senior research associate and lecturer in the Institute for Behavioral Health, Schneider Institutes for Health Policy, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. She is a member of the Brandeis team evaluating the Open Society Foundations' project "Closing the Addiction Treatment Gap," working with coalitions in nine states to improve policies (increase funding, efficiency, access) related to addiction treatment. Last, Laura is teaching a new undergraduate course this semester in the Brandeis' Social Justice/Social Policy minor.
- ✓ **Shannon M. Monnat**, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas coauthored an article with UNLV PhD Student, Camille Beeler Pickett, that was recently published in *Health & Place*. The research explored the roles of nonmetropolitan county size and adjacency to metropolitan areas on self-rated health among a nationally representative sample of U.S. adults. Here is the reference: **Monnat, Shannon M.** and Camille Beeler Pickett. 2011. "Rural/urban differences in self-rated health: Examining the roles of county size and metropolitan adjacency." *Health & Place* 17:311-319.
- ✓ **Stephen J. Morewitz**, California State University, East Bay, is the co-author of a new book, *Chronic Disorders in Children and Adolescents* (New York: Springer, 2011).
- ✓ **Miranda R. Waggoner**, Brandeis University, was awarded the 2011 Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Proposal Award from the Eastern Sociological Society.
- ✓ **Frank W. Young**, Cornell University, has a new article, "Community Types and Mortality in Georgia Counties," which is a pivotal example of his research program aimed at formulating and testing a "social problems public health" (in contrast to the conventional pathogen-based public health). This may be accessed in Social Indicators Research, 2011, through your library's contract with Springer (free, but delayed) or via Google: Social Indicators Research, Springer link (a \$34 charge for the 8 page PDF) or email at [Fwy1@cornell.edu](mailto:Fwy1@cornell.edu) (free). Here is the abstract:

Using an "ecological regional analysis" methodology for defining types of communities and their associated mortality rates, this study of Georgia's 159 counties finds that the suburban and town centered counties have low mortality while the urban type predicts low mortality for the whites. The military-centered counties predict high mortality for the blacks. The rates for circulatory disease deaths show the same pattern. These findings are interpreted with the help of a new version of social ecology grounded in the ratio of the county's problem-solving capacity to the threats it faces. Working with these findings and the results from other similar studies, the problem of deriving practical applications is adumbrated.

## Congratulations!

Please let us know about new positions, books, successful dissertation defenses, or anything else you would like to share with division members!

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## Division Election

We will be electing a new co-chair soon for the 2011-2013 term. The elected candidate will take the place of our outgoing division co-chair Debra Street (thanks, Debi!).

\*The candidate bios and statements appear below. Our candidates are **Mary A. Matteliano** and **Shannon Monnat**.

\*Please watch your email for the call to vote in our division election!

### **CANDIDATE: Mary A. Matteliano**

#### **Current Position**

Clinical Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo (1999-present)

#### **Former Positions Held**

Co-Director Health in Brazil, Study Abroad Program, University at Buffalo, 2004-current

Panel Member: Obesity research project on prevalence, guidelines, and knowledge translation in youth and young adults with physical and cognitive disabilities from diverse race/ethnic backgrounds, University of Illinois at Chicago (NIDRR), 2011-2013

Project Director for Culture in the Curriculum, Center for International Rehabilitation Research and Exchange (NIDRR), 2006-2010

#### **Educational Degrees**

PhD in Sociology, University at Buffalo, 2010

MS in Occupational Therapy, University at Buffalo, 1999

BS in Occupational Therapy, University at Buffalo, 1991

#### **Major Publications**

Cultural Competence Education in Rehabilitation Race, culture and disability: Rehabilitation science and practice Jones and Bartlett: Boston, MA. 2009 207-228

How Professional Socialization and Practice Characteristics affect Culturally Competent Health Care Conference Abstract, SSSP 2010

How Professional Socialization and Organizational Characteristics Shape Culturally Competent Care conference abstract for ESA 2010

A guide to cultural competence in the curriculum for Speech Language, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Language Pathology four monograph guides (co-authors, Lee, Lubinski, Noschajski, Panzarella), CIRRIE 2010

A retrospective study of home based occupational therapy on functional gains among older persons. Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics 2003 21-33

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Chancellors Award for Internationalization from the SUNY Office of International Programs, University at Buffalo, - 2003

Wyoming County Hospital Foundation Scholarship, Wyoming County Community Hospital, 1994-1998

United University Professions Continuing Education Grant, University at Buffalo (2000, 2002, 2004)

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

World Federation of Occupational Therapy, member, 1999-current

American Occupational Therapy Association, member, 1990-current

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**Candidate Statement: Mary A. Matteliano**

My background in rehabilitation and my sociological interest in health disparities, professional socialization, and organizations complement each other and provide me with a unique viewpoint on health professions and service provision. Additionally, I have worked on numerous interdisciplinary projects and that experience has enhanced my ability to collaborate with diverse teams. I look forward to becoming more involved in SSSP in the future and contributing to the profession through research and scholarship.

**CANDIDATE: Shannon Monnat****Current Position**

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Nevada Las Vegas

**Former Positions Held**

Research Scientist II, New York State Office of Mental Health, 2006-2008

Instructor, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY, 2004-2006

Domestic Violence Program Manager, The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County, Inc., 2002-2006

**Educational Degrees**

PhD, University at Albany, SUNY, 2008

MA, University at Albany, SUNY, 2004

BA, State University of New York at Oswego, 2000

**Major Publications**

Do Perceptions of Social Cohesion, Social Support, and Social Control Mediate the Effects of Local Community Participation on Neighborhood Satisfaction? (with Andrea Dassopoulos) *Environment and Behavior* 2011 online, DOI: 10.1177/0013916510366821

Rural/Urban Differences in Self-Rated Health: Examining the Roles of County Size and Metropolitan Adjacency (with Camille Beeler Pickett) *Health & Place* 2011 311-319

The Color of Welfare Sanctioning: Exploring the Individual and Contextual Roles of Race on TANF Case Closures and Benefit Reductions *The Sociological Quarterly* 2010 678-707

Toward a Critical Understanding of Gendered 'Color-Blind' Racism within the U.S. Welfare Institution *Journal of Black Studies* 2010 637-652

Educational Attainment and Mortality Differentials (with Hayward Derrick Horton and Lindsay Hixson)

*International Encyclopedia of Education*, Elsevier 2010

Family Income at the Bottom and Top: Income Sources and Family Characteristics (with Lawrence Raffalovich and Huishien Tsao) *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 2009 301-309

Enterprising Women: A Comparison of Women's and Men's Small Business Networks (with Karyn Loscocco, Gwen Moore, and Kirsten Lauber) *Gender & Society* 2009 388-413

Race, Capitalism, and Welfare Reform: Who Really Benefits from Welfare-to-Work Policies (with Laura Bunyan) *Race, Gender, and Class* 2008 115-133

**Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Graduate Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, 2008-2009

Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award, University at Albany, 2008

New York State Sociological Association Best Graduate Student Paper, New York State Sociological Association, 2007

**SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Local Arrangements Committee Chair, 2011-current

Member of Racial/Ethnic Minorities, Poverty, Class, & Inequality, Sociology and Social Welfare, and Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Divisions, 2008-current

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### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Population Association of America, Member, 2011-current

American Sociological Association (sections Medical Sociology, Sociology of Populations, Racial and Ethnic Minorities), Member, 2006-current

Rural Sociological Society, Member/Awards Committee, 2006-2010

### **Candidate Statement: Shannon Monnat**

Inequalities structured by race, social class, gender and geographic context are at the foundation of my interest in health and well-being. I have not always considered myself a medical sociologist. In fact, my very early research focused on racism within the social welfare institution. However, while I was completing my PhD, I also worked as a Domestic Violence Program Manager at a non-profit organization and a Research Scientist for the New York State Office of Mental Health. In these capacities I saw first-hand that neither social services nor the health care system operated equitably across all groups. Upon obtaining my tenure-track academic position, I quickly began focusing my research on the relationships between race, geographic context, and health care access and outcomes.

The health of a society's members, disparities both within the health care system itself and within the social structure and individuals' access to health care all have multiple implications for social, economic, and environmental sustainability. As a Co-Chair of the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division, I am interested in helping to illuminate health as an issue of sustainability and health disparities as threats to sustainability. I believe that this can be facilitated through interdisciplinary and academic/applied coalitions. Health research that reflects the knowledge, skills, and experiences of sociologists, epidemiologists, economists, urban planners, educators, physicians, psychologists and psychiatrists, anthropologists, geographers, political scientists, environmental studies, public health, policy makers, and workers on the front lines is most certainly relevant to our communities and our sustainability. Accordingly, one of the objectives I would have as Co-Chair would be to increase division membership across different academic and applied disciplines and outside of the university. I would also seek to increase membership among graduate students whose research and applied work will help guide the future of these disciplines.

My experience as this year's Local Arrangements Committee Chair for the SSSP Annual Meeting in Las Vegas has made me even more enthusiastic about taking an active role in SSSP as a whole, and this division in particular. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to meeting several of you this year in Las Vegas!

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## **Graduate Student Paper Competition**

**Deadline: May 1, 2011**

**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. 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 2010) 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 2011 SSSP Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. 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 Gage, [eagage@buffalo.edu](mailto:eagage@buffalo.edu).

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# 2011 SSSP Conference, Las Vegas, August 19-21

The preliminary program will be released on May 16 and will be detailed in the summer edition of *Healthy Outlook!*

## 61st Annual Meeting Registration

Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel  
3475 Las Vegas Blvd, South  
Las Vegas, NV

**\*\*Program Participant Deadline: Program participants must preregister by May 31, 2011**

- See the SSSP site at <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/354/fuseaction/ssspconf.portal> to find the registration form and for more information about registering for the Annual Meeting.
- If you are responsible for registering multiple individuals, you must complete the registration process for each individual.
- If you experience any problems while registering, please contact [sssp@utk.edu](mailto:sssp@utk.edu)

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**Also see the SSSP website for great information about the conference city and for more meeting announcements:**

- ✓ **“Welcome to the City”** by Shannon M. Monnat, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2011 Local Arrangements Committee Chair
- ✓ **“Welcome to the City: The Graduate Student Version”** by Allyson Hallam, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Local Arrangements Committee
- ✓ **2011 Call for Resolutions from the Membership**
- ✓ **2011 Annual Meeting Guidelines for Program Participants**
- ✓ **Institutional Ethnography Workshop** (in conjunction with the SSSP meeting)

**The SSSP Conference Hotel**  
Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel  
3475 Las Vegas Boulevard, South  
Las Vegas, NV 89109  
800-427-7247  
[www.harrahslasvegas.com](http://www.harrahslasvegas.com)

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

**GROUP CODE: SHSSP1**

**DATE: AUGUST 16-23, 2011**

**DELUXE ROOM RATE:**

**\$65 Weekday (Sunday – Thursday); \$89 Weekend (Friday & Saturday)**

**\*Additional persons will be charged at a rate of \$30 per person, per night for third and fourth persons, with a maximum of four persons per guestroom.**

**Rate is exclusive of 12% tax and subject to change without notice**

**HOTEL:**

**Harrah's offers 2,500 beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites with all of the amenities that conference attendees need. All rooms feature an iron/ironing board, hair dryer, mini-bar, work area, Internet access, and movies and video games. You also will have access to high speed internet for only \$7.50 per 24 hours. The cost of the spa and fitness center is \$10 per day.**

**RESERVATIONS:**

**To book, modify or cancel a reservation go to:**

**<http://www.harrahs.com/CheckGroupAvailability.do?propCode=LAS&groupCode=SHSSP1> .**

**You can call the Central Reservations department at 888-458-8471 (24hrs). When you call to make your reservation please give the group code SHSSP1 to ensure you are given the correct room rate.**

**Each reservation must be guaranteed with a credit card and will be charged one night room and tax when you book your reservation. Check in is at 4:00pm and check-out is at 11:00am. There must be a 72 hour notice for cancellation prior to arrival. Any cancellation made after this will forfeit one night room and tax.**

**CUT-OFF DATE:**

**Reservation must be confirmed by Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 12:00am (PST) to guarantee a room rate of \$65 weekday and \$89 weekend. Reservations made after July 26<sup>th</sup> or after the room block is filled are subject to non-availability and rate increase.**