



Healthy Outlook

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

Summer 2011

Statement from the Co-Chair *Elizabeth Gage*

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Division:

With the summer upon us, we are looking forward to a great annual meeting this year in Las Vegas. I would like to highlight two events at this year's meeting that we hope you will all put on your calendar. First we would like to invite you to attend our **Division Business Meeting** on Friday August 19th from 4:30 to 6:00. This is where much of the planning for the Division's upcoming year happens, and we look forward to your input. This is also a great opportunity to become more involved in the Division, whether your interest is connecting with colleagues or taking on a leadership role in the Division. Immediately after the Business Meeting we will head over to our **Division Reception** (also on Friday August 19th) from 6:30-7:30. Last year we had a wonderful turn out, and we hope to see you all again this year. We are co-sponsoring the reception with several other divisions, and we will try to conspicuously position ourselves so you can easily spot our group.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Debi Street, our outgoing Co-Chair. She has been a dedicated leader for our Division over the past two years, and extremely generous in sharing her knowledge of SSSP throughout my first year as Co-Chair. Luckily we can all count on Debi to maintain an enthusiastic presence in the Division, even as she steps out of this official role. We are also very fortunate to have Shannon Monnat as our new Co-Chair; with Shannon at the helm this is sure to be a very productive year.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you and farewell to our outgoing Newsletter Editor, Miranda Waggoner. In many ways Miranda is our behind-the-scenes ringleader, and has the onerous task of keeping everyone on task to produce Division newsletters. Miranda is a delight to work with, and has been an enormous asset to our Division. We are so lucky to have Christina Barmon as our new Newsletter Editor, and Shannon I look forward to working with Christina in the coming year.

Thank you to all of the Division members and SSSP administrative and executive staff for ensuring this was such a successful year. We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas.

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GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARDS

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER WINNER – FIRST PLACE

Congratulations to **Christy Erving** (Indiana University, Bloomington), our first place winner for her paper entitled “Gender and Physical Health: A Study of African American and Caribbean Black Adults.”

Abstract

Although gender disparities in health in the U.S. remain a primary concern among health professionals, less is known about this phenomenon within the Black American population. Using the National Survey of American Life (NSAL), I examine gender differences in self-rated health, chronic illness, and functional limitations among African Americans (N=3,330) and Caribbean Blacks (N=1,562) and the extent to which the availability of resources explain these differences. The results reveal a consistent disadvantage among African American women across indicators of health. The gender-health relationship among Caribbean Blacks is somewhat weaker but there is a health disadvantage for immigrant women and U.S.-born Caribbean men when certain resources are taken into account. These findings illustrate the importance of the intersections of race, ethnicity, and nativity in our understanding of gender differences in health.

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER WINNER – SECOND PLACE

Congratulations also to **Brad Fulton** (Duke University), the Division competition’s second place awardee for his paper “Black Churches and HIV/AIDS: Factors Influencing Congregations’ Responsiveness to Social Issues”

Abstract

Historically, black churches have served as institutional hubs within their communities. However, the ambivalent response of many black churches to current social issues has caused some scholars to question their central position. Using a nationally representative sample of black congregations, this study engages the debate about the institutional centrality of black churches by focusing on their response to HIV/AIDS. While many congregational studies treat black churches as a monolithic whole, this analysis identifies heterogeneity among black churches that shapes their responsiveness to contemporary social problems. Contrary to prior claims, a congregation’s liberal-conservative ideological orientation does not significantly affect its likelihood of having an HIV/AIDS program. Beyond assessing churches’ internal characteristics, this study draws on institutional theory to analyze churches as open systems that can be influenced by their surrounding environment. In doing so, it demonstrates that externally engaged congregations are significantly more likely to have a program. These results indicate that some black churches are maintaining institutional centrality by engaging their external environment.

Join us in congratulating Christy and Brad in Las Vegas!

New Division Co-Chair

Debi Street ends her tenure as division co-chair at this summer’s meetings. Thank you, Debi!!

Congratulations to **Shannon M. Monnat**, our incoming co-chair! Shannon will serve alongside Elizabeth Gage as chairs of our division in the coming year.

Newsletter Editor Update

By Miranda Waggoner

My tenure as newsletter editor has come to a close, and I want to express what a pleasure it has been to serve the Division in this role for the past three years. My experience as editor has been uniquely rewarding, and I thank the Division for the enriching opportunity. As I've met many new and wonderful colleagues through this position, I especially want to thank Emily Ihara, Edna Viruell-Fuentes, Debi Street, and Elizabeth Gage, all of whom were lovely co-chairs to work with and all of whom taught me a great deal.

I am excited to welcome Christina Barmon as our new newsletter editor. Christina is a doctoral student in sociology at Georgia State University. She has a master's degree in public health from Emory University in behavioral sciences. Her primary research interests focus on how we define health in an era of increased chronic disease and medicalization. More specifically, she is interested in the social constructions of health and illness and how these constructions are increasingly racialized, aged, classed, and gendered, and thus used to discriminate or constrain individual behavior. Additionally, she has been working with Dr. Elisabeth Burgess on her study about negotiating sexuality and intimacy in assisted living facilities. During the course of this project she has focused on how constructions of health and frailty impact sexual freedoms in these institutions.

Please join me in welcoming Christina, and please send her your future news of note!!

Please Send News!

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News of Note!

- ✓ **Curtis D. Hosier** completed all requirements and graduated this June from Western Michigan University Department of Sociology. Curtis's dissertation was entitled "A Society in Crisis: A Critical Perspective of Health Care and Distribution of Health Status in the United States."
- ✓ **Edna A. Viruell-Fuentes** has a couple of new publications:
 - Viruell-Fuentes, E.A. (2011). "It's a lot of work": Racialization processes, ethnic identity formations, and their health implications. *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*. Special issue on Racial Inequality and Health, 8(1): 37-52.
 - Viruell-Fuentes, E.A., Morenoff, J., Williams, D.R., & House, J. (2011). Self-rated health, language of interview, and the other Latino health puzzle. *American Journal of Public Health*, 101(7): 1306-1313.
- ✓ **Miranda Waggoner** has an article in the recent *International Journal of Sociology of the Family's* special issue on "Policing Motherhood" edited by Anita Iltta Garey and Margaret K. Nelson (2011, vol 37, no 1). The paper is entitled "Monitoring Milk and Motherhood: Lactation Consultants and the Dilemmas of Breastfeeding Advocacy" (pp. 153-171).

The SSSP Conference Hotel
Harrah's Las Vegas

***We have exceeded our room block at Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel. Additional rooms have been added to our room inventory at our special rate: \$65 Weekdays (Sunday - Thursday); \$110 Weekends (Friday and Saturday).**

GROUP: THE SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIAL STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

GROUP CODE: SHSSP1A

DATE: AUGUST 16-23, 2011

DELUXE ROOM RATE:

\$65 Weekday (Sunday – Thursday); \$110 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.**

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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=SHSSP1A>. You can call the Central Reservations department at 888-458-8471 (24hrs). When you call to make your reservation please give the group code **SHSSP1A** 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 26th or after the room block is filled are subject to non-availability and rate increase.

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Summer 2011

THE ANNUAL MEETING

August 19-21, 2011

Las Vegas

EVENTS!

SSSP Welcoming Reception:

Thursday, August 18, 6:00-7:00pm
Room: Cooper

Division-Sponsored Reception:

Friday, August 19, 6:30-7:30pm
Room: Reno

Division Business Meeting:

Friday, August 19, 4:30-6:10pm
Room: Lake Tahoe

SSSP Awards Banquet:

Saturday, August 20, 8:00-10:00pm
Room: Reno

Graduate Student Happy Hour:

Friday, August 19, 10:00-11:00pm at Toby
Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill

Presidential Address by A. Javier Treviño:

Saturday, August 20, 11:10am-12:20pm

DIVISION SESSIONS

For the full preliminary program, see the SSSP page:

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/424>

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 10:30-12:10pm

Session 14: Culture and Health

Room: Cooper

Sponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizer & Presider: Mary A. Matteliano, University at Buffalo

Papers:

“Cultural Resources and Health: An Investigation of the Role of Interpretive Frameworks in Post-partum Well-being,” Sarah Bracey Garrett, UC Berkeley

“Family Structure and Alcohol Abuse: Extending Popular Explanations to American Indian and Alaskan Native Youth,” Michelle Johnson-Jennings, Tamela Eitle and David Eitle, Montana State University

“Psychological Well-Being, Perceived Discrimination, and Acculturation: Evidence from the Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Study,” Christy L. Erving and Shawna Rohrman, Indiana University-Bloomington

“Stigma and Concealed Sexual Behavior among NGI Black MSMW,” Ellen Benoit, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

“The Relationship of Culture and Health Behaviors among Montagnard-Dega People,” Stephen J. Sills, Sharon Morrison and Juan Miranda, University of North Carolina Greensboro

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2:30-4:10pm

Session 25: Reproductive Health: Current Issues and Prospects for Change

Room: Parlor E

Sponsors: Family
Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizers: Miranda R. Waggoner, Brandeis University
Arthur L. Greil, Alfred University

Presider: Arthur L. Greil, Alfred University

Papers:
“Childbirth Without Fear?: The Effect of Childbirth Education on Maternal Fear During Labor,” Miriam R. Sessions, Florida State University

“Race, Sexuality and Reproductive Surgeries,” Elizabeth B. Erbaugh, Butler University and Dionne Benson-Smith, Scripps College

“Representations of Reproductive Health in the Preconception Care Initiative,” Miranda R. Waggoner, Brandeis University

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 8:00-9:40am

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Session 46: Health Services and Health Disparities

Room: Elko

Sponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizer & Presider: Elizabeth Ann Gage, The University at Buffalo

Papers:
“Cultural Health Capital: A Pilot Test of a New Approach to Understanding Patient-Provider Interactions,” Janet K. Shim, Leslie A. Dubbin and Jamie Suki Chang, University of California, San Francisco

“Falling Through the Cracks: Examining the Lack of Health Insurance Among African Americans and Black Immigrants in the United States,” Karyn A. Stewart and Andrew S. London, Syracuse University

“How to Spell Racial Health Disparities: An Evaluation of the Racism-Race Reification Process Using Multilevel Longitudinal Data from the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods,” Abigail A. Sewell, Indiana University

“Is there a Health Disadvantage for Latinos in New Gateways? Examining Health Care Access and Outcomes in Established, High Growth, and Emerging Destinations,” Shannon M. Monnat, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

“Using Planning Tools in Support of Community Health: An Exploration of Healthy Living Districts,” Deborah Puntenney, Northwestern University, Miguel Melendez, HOPE Project; Ibero-American Development Corporation, Stephen Ferranti, SRF Associates and Minerva Padilla, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 12:30-2:10pm

Session 61: Institutional Ethnography and the Social Organization of Health Care

Room: Goldfield

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

Organizer, Presider &

Discussant: Laurie A. Clune, Ryerson University

Papers:

“Producing Disappearance: Native American Women, Reproductive Healthcare, and the Indian Health Service,”
Barbara Gurr, University of Connecticut

“The Life-world and Institutional Career of People with Schizophrenia -An Ethnographic Contribution to
Humanistic Psychiatry,” Kjeld Hogsbro, Aalborg University

“The business of doctoring: Immigrants, HIV and medical inadmissibility,” Laura Bisailon, University of
Ottawa

“You Took the Words Right Out of My Mouth: An Intertextual Conversation about Mouth Care and Critical
Care Nursing,” Craig Dale and Jan Angus, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 8:30-10:10am

Session 95: Strategies and Constraints: Living with Chronic Illness in Diverse Settings and Communities

Room: Ely

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
Youth, Aging, and the Life Course

Organizer & Presider: Chris Wellin, Illinois State University

Papers:

“Elder Caregiving in Private Homes,” Ellen Griggs Whiteman, North Carolina State University

“Indirect Strategies: HIV/AIDS Prevention and the Marginalization of Women,” Marisol Mastrangelo,
Northwestern University

“Living with Brain Cancer: How Social Networks Matter,” Jennifer L. Christian, San Diego State University

“The Real Risks of Fishing: Mobility, Occupational Demands and HIV among Fishermen in Malaysia,” Brooke
S. West, Columbia University, Martin Choo, University of Malaya, Nabila El-Bassel, Columbia University,
Adeeba Kamarulzaman, University of Malaya, Louisa Gilbert and Elwin Wu, Columbia University

“What It Really Costs: HIV and STI Risks of Financially Dependent Inner-city Women,” Christina J. Sun,
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Janet Rosenbaum, Stony Brook University and Carl Latkin,
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 12:30-2:10pm

Session 121: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Tables in the Round

Room: Lake Tahoe

Sponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
Organizer: Debra Street, University at Buffalo, SUNY

Roundtable Title: Food, Nutrition and Health*Papers:*

“Food Insufficiency and Mental Health: A Case for Cumulative Trauma,” Emily Adlin Bosk and Kristine Siefert, University of Michigan

“Food Security and Program Usage: Differences Between Rural and Urban Residents,” Julia Ferrara Waity, Indiana University Bloomington

“Obesity Disparity among New Immigrants in the United States: Place of Origin and Region,” Jin Young Choi, Sam Houston State University

“Understanding the Food Safety Movement,” Andrew Vaserfirer, Texas A&M University

“War, Disease, Hunger, and Deprivation: A Cross-National Investigation of the Determinants of Life Expectancy in the World-System,” Kelly F. Austin and Laura A. McKinney, North Carolina State University

Roundtable Title: Health Care Providers*Papers:*

“Appropriate Use of Emergency Medical Services: Shared Understandings of EMS Providers,” Alisa K. Lincoln and Christopher Prener, Northeastern University

“How Professional Socialization and Organizational Characteristics Shape Culturally Competent Care,” Mary A. Matteliano, University at Buffalo

“Midwives as Artisanal Workers - and a Sociologist as a Marketing Consultant: working in the service of midwifery care,” Barbara Katz Rothman, City University of New York

“What Influences the Use of Research Evidence in Practice among Nurses?” Kathleen Abrahamson, Western Kentucky University and Rebekah Fox, Texas State University

Roundtable Title: Health Policy Issues*Papers:*

“Bridging Health Gaps in Africa: The Case of Social Health Insurance Scheme in Nigeria,” Ali Arazeem Abdullahi, Cecilia Van Zyl-Schalekamp and Anton Senekal, Department of Sociology, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

“Social Selection in Race/Ethnic Variation in Access to Health Services: Examining a State Expedited Medicaid Restoration Policy for Prisoners with Severe Mental Illness,” Andrew M. Cislo, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Sheps Center, Joseph P. Morrissey and Gary S. Cuddeback, Sheps Center for Health Services Research, UNC-CH

“The Impact of Health Service Availability and Accessibility on Health Outcomes in Kentucky,” Timothy Hare, Morehead State University

Roundtable Title: Identities, Diagnoses, and Health*Papers:*

“Beliefs and Correlates of Knowledge of Cancer Risk Factors among People in Lomé, Togo (West Africa),” Ami R. Moore, University of North Texas

“Contrasting Perspectives on Suicide in Illness Communities: The Case of Huntington Disease,” Michael A. Halpin, University of Wisconsin – Madison

“Online discussions of care and treatment: A look at a breast cancer discussion group,” Debora Paterniti, University of California, Davis and Ethel Nicdao, University of the Pacific

Roundtable Title: Social Stratification and Health

Papers:

“Community Partnership thru a Bakers Dozen of Years: The Continued Assessment of the Magnolia Project on Reducing Racial Disparities in Birth Outcomes,” Jeffrey A. Will and Irma Hall, Northeast Florida Center For Community Initiatives

“Does intergenerational socioeconomic mobility affect self-rated health and functional limitations in old age?” Rong Fu, Purdue University

“Jail Mental Health: A Conceptual and Empirical Study of Social Determinants,” Ronald Helms, Western Washington University and Ricky S. Gutierrez, California State University, Sacramento

Roundtable Title: The Self and Health

Papers:

“Dangerous Knowledge vs. Dangerous Ignorance: Risk Narratives on Sex Education in the Russian Press,” Peter Meylakhs, Yale University

“Literature Review Examining the Association between Self-Directed Violence and Connectedness,” Julie Mikles-Schluterman, Arkansas Tech University

“Peers Relieving Pressure? A Social Network Analysis of Academic Stress and Social Support among University Students in Canada,” Lisa M. Fitterer, University of British Columbia

“Social Etiology of Obesity among US Immigrants: A Theoretical Framework,” Jin Young Choi and Cheryl L. Hudec, Sam Houston State University

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2:30-4:10pm

Session 126: Youth, Health, and the Social Construction of Risk

Room: Ely

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
Youth, and the Life Course

Organizer & Presider: Tamara GJ Leech, IUPUI

Papers:

“Constructions of Risk and Responsibility in HPV Prevention and Vaccination Campaigns in Canada,” Andrea N. Polonijo and Darryn A. DiFrancesco, University of British Columbia, Department of Sociology

“Intergenerational Transmission of Fear: Low-income black mothers’ history of violent experiences and their messages to preadolescent daughters,” Janice Johnson Dias, CUNY/John Jay College

“Sexual (Mis)Education: Glee and the adolescent sexual experience,” Sarah Flett Prior, Arizona State University

“The Cascading Effects of Social Capital: from Parenting to Mediating Sexual Risk Behavior,” Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein, Velma M. Murry and Sonya S. Meyers, Vanderbilt University and Yifu Chen, University of Georgia

“Youth Constructions of Sexual Consent: Violence and Agency,” Heather R. Hlavka, Marquette University

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 4:30-6:10pm

Session 136: Meanings of Health

Room: Ely

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer & Discussant: Christina E. Barmon, Georgia State University

Presider: Alexis A. Bender, Georgia State University

Papers:

“‘Mega Skinny,’ ‘Pretty,’ with ‘Six Pack Muscles:’ Meanings of Health and the Body among Preteen Girls in Los Angeles,” Lauren Rauscher, California State University Long Beach

“Experiences of Wellness in Laughter Clubs: Health, Spirituality, and External Connectedness,” Deborah A. Potter, University of Louisville

“Overlooked and Underserved: Fat Women’s Experiences with Disordered Eating for Weight Loss,” Jeannine A. Gailey, Texas Christian University

“Hybrid Healing Ideologies: Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use among People Taking Antiretroviral Treatment in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,” Yordanos M. Tiruneh, Northwestern University

SEE YOU IN LAS VEGAS!!