



Healthy Outlook

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Statement from the Co-Chair Teresa L. Scheid

Dear Members of the Division:

I do hope you all survived one our worst Februaries, both in terms of snow and cold, and hopefully are getting some down time over spring break since you had all those snow days to get caught up on work! We are all watching the Supreme Court and the decision over the working of the Affordable Care Act. I am hopeful that even in conservative, Republican North Carolina, the Governor is asking the legislature to draft language to help protect people's health benefits (and state budgets!). Maybe the silver lining is that we may have a real conversation about the "real" costs of the underinsured.

Curious to see your thoughts on this matter,

Teresa L. Scheid

DIVISION ELECTIONS

It is time for our division elections. Please vote for our incoming Division Co-Chair. Elections are open until midnight (EST) April 4, 2015. Go to this link to cast your vote. <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageId/1017>.

Co-Chairs serve overlapping two year terms. They 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. Tenure begins at the annual meeting in summer 2015.

News of Note

Division Members **Linda Treiber** (Kennesaw State University, Sociology) and **Jackie Jones** (Kennesaw State University, Nursing) were invited plenary speakers at the Systems Thinking Education Program (STEP) sponsored by Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center in Topeka, Kansas. Their presentation on February 17, 2015 entitled, “*Nurse as Second Victim*” was funded by a grant from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as part of a yearlong program to enhance patient safety.

Member Publications

Cabin, William. 2015. “Medicare Constrains Social Workers’ and Nurses’ Home Care for Clients with Alzheimer’s Disease.” *Social Work* 60(1):75-83.

65th Annual Meeting

Removing the Mask, Lifting the Veil: Race, Class, and Gender in the 21st Century
August 21-23, 2015
Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel
Chicago, IL.

- **All program participants (member and non-member) must register by June 1, 2015!**
- See the SSSP site at: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/614/m/605> to find the registration form and for more information about registering for the annual meeting.

Division Sessions

THEMATIC

16: PAPERS IN THE ROUND: Gambling and Society

Sponsors: Conflict, Social Action and Change; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizers: Sarah St. John

20: Health, Disability, and Incarceration

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Disabilities; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizers: Art Jipson

31: Social and Contextual Determinants of Health Care Access, Utilization, and Outcomes

Sponsors: Disabilities; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Poverty, Class and Inequality; Sociology and Social Welfare

Organizers: Shannon Monnat

38: Current Research on Opioid Use, Misuse and Overdose: Populations, Contexts and Public Health Implications

Sponsors: Drinking and Drugs; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizers: Alex Staub Bennett

58: Reproductive and Family Health

Sponsors: Family; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizers: Jenny Lendrum

65: Globalization and Health

Sponsors: Global; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizers: Erin Ruel

70: PAPERS IN THE ROUND: Social Issues in Health and Health Care

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizers: Deborah Potter

71: Intersectionality and Health

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizers: Teresa Scheid

72: Community and Participatory Research in Health

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Organizers: Heather Champeau

Student Paper Contest

Congratulations to the winner of the student paper contest, **Trenton D. Mize**, of Indiana University, for his paper entitled "Profiles in Health: Multiple Roles and Health Lifestyles in Young Adulthood."

Abstract

Social roles have long been theorized to be associated with health, with most of the research on multiple roles focusing on health outcomes. Health behaviors have also been shown to have strong influences on health outcomes, but little research has examined the influence of holding multiple roles on health behavior. Using the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (N=13,964) I analyze the effects of holding multiple roles on health behaviors. Drawing on recent theoretical and empirical

research, I model health lifestyles as the overall combination of multiple health behaviors. Results indicate that holding more social roles is associated with lifestyles of less health-risky behaviors. However, the type of social role matters, with intensive obligatory roles associated with less substance use while voluntary roles are associated with more active lifestyles. The results illustrate the importance of modeling overall health lifestyles and advance our understanding of holding multiple roles by examining health behavior.

Other Announcements

2014 Members: [Renew your membership and Recruit a New Member!](#)

There are several benefits to joining the SSSP or continuing as a member. View the [membership benefits of the Society](#), and especially [membership benefits for graduate students](#). Renewing online is easy!

Join the SSSP Listserv

We also want to remind current SSSP members to join the SSSP listserv. The listserv is an optional benefit for members. To join the listserv, visit <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1625>.

Connect with the SSSP on social media

Have you liked the SSSP on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) yet? Our social media accounts feature information from the Society as well as relevant news and articles of interest to our members. Connect with us today!