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Notes from the Chair

Greetings from New York City where the news resonates with such events as the Nathan's famed annual Hot Dog Eating Contest resulting with Joey Chestnut enjoying the dubious new record of "66 dogs in 12 minutes" while an exploding steam pipe not far from the Roosevelt Hotel recently disrupted midtown traffic and pedestrian movement. The annual SSSP meeting is fast approaching. This newsletter provides information on Law and Society Division organized and co-sponsored sessions along with related sessions scheduled by the ASA Sociology of Law Section. In addition, there are other matters that warrant your attention.

Please join us in NYC for the annual SSSP meeting. The NYC locale, along with the excellent sessions assembled by the various divisions and the program committee should provide an interesting and stimulating experience. There is much local culture to enjoy along with the ambiance of the city. Be sure to pick up a free copy of the Village Voice for the ongoing events while in the city.

Remember to attend the joint division sponsored reception scheduled for 6:45pm on Friday, August 10. The reception affords everyone the opportunity to network with established acquaintances and meet new people. You are urged to attend this noteworthy event.

Once again, our annual budget contains some limited funds earmarked for SSSP student membership scholarships. Please contact me if you want to designate students for one of these memberships. I will help you process the application or place students on a waiting list should we run out of funds from the 2007 budget line. There will be additional funding for student memberships effective January 1, 2008.

As noted in the Spring 2007 newsletter, I would like to work with Ken Kyle in compiling a symposium of essays relevant to the scholarly work of Law and Society Division members. The symposium would be published in the general SSSP newsletter. Please contact me with proposals for potential contributions toward this professional symposium. We will discuss this issue in further detail during the Law and Society Division business meeting held on Friday morning during the upcoming SSSP conference.

Once again, Tom Hood and Michelle Koontz have sent notification that I have been elected to serve on the SSSP Committee on Committees for a three year term from 2007-2010. According to the SSSP bylaws, we have a number of

appointed positions to fill. These positions include mandated terms on the following committees: Committee on Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication and Teaching, Membership Committee, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, C. Wright Mills Award Committee, Lee Founders Award Committee, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee, Social Action Award Committee, Accessibility Committee, Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee, Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee, and the Lee Student Support Fund Committee. Contact me should you wish to be considered for nomination to any of these committee assignments.

I also want to reiterate that the terms of the current chair and vice-chair of this division will expire during the 2008 SSSP meeting. We need to hold an election by Spring 2008 for both positions. Please consider nominating individuals for these positions or perhaps nominating yourself. Contact me with any questions or nominations.

Once again, Keith Kilty is asking the division to prepare resolutions that will be discussed in a meeting with division chairs and eventually presented at the annual SSSP general business meeting. Please consult the SSSP webpage for more information and send me either any draft resolutions or suggestions for possible resolutions. I will need these resolutions ASAP.

In addition, please attend the division business meeting on Friday, August 10. We will discuss many of the above issues and begin the formulation of sessions for the 2008 SSSP meeting in Boston. This is your chance to either organize or co-organize one of the Law and Society Division sessions.

Finally, we need your announcements, contributed essays and other materials relevant to the interests of Law and Society Division members. You can send contributions to Jen Girgen or directly to me via e-mail. Deadline for submissions to the Fall 2007 newsletter is October 15. Best wishes for an uneventful start of the 2007-08 academic year. Best wishes for a safe trip to those of you attending the upcoming meeting. Hope to see many of you in New York City.

Lloyd Klein Division Chair

Annual Meeting Program Information

2007 SSSP Annual Meeting

Date: Friday, August 10 **Time:** 8:30a – 10:10a

THEMATIC

Session: Race, Police, and the Law

Room: Lexington Suite

Sponsor: Law and Society Division

Organizer & Presider:

Suzanne Goodney Lea, Gallaudet University

Discussant: Emily Horowitz, St. Francis College

Papers:

"Race and Place: Lessons from a Decade of Racial Profiling Research," Nancy A. Wonders, Frederic I. Solop and Meghan McDowell, Northern Arizona University

"But is it Racial Profiling?: Identifying Evidence of Pretext Stops in Vehicle Stop Data," Vikas Gumbhir, Gonzaga University

"Race, Power, and the Social Construction of Justice in Police Use of Deadly Force," Suzanne Goodney Lea, Gallaudet University

"Rappin' on the Corner: The Social Organization of Street 'Disorder,'" Jooyoung Lee, University of California, Los Angeles

"Compelling Interest: Identities at Work," Trish Oberweis and Matt Petrocelli, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

AN LCD PROJECTOR WILL BE AVAILABLE

Date: Friday, August 10 **Time:** 12:30p – 2:10p

Session: Terrorism and Public Policy:

The Aftermath of 9/11 *Room:* Lexington Suite

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division

Law and Society Division

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Charles Trent, Yeshiva University

Papers:

"Post-9/11 Agents of Social Control and Popular Novel Depictions," Bryan Pabin, University of Illinois, Chicago

"Constructing 'Human Rights' Before and After 9/11: Examining US State Department Annual Country Reports and Media Coverage," Nancy A. Matthews, Northeastern Illinois University

"One Nation, Under Surveillance: Examining the Diffusion of Surveillance Technology among Local Law Enforcement Agencies," Kirk Miller, Northern Illinois University

"Peacemaking Criminology: An Ethnographic Study of Muslim Americans, The PATRIOT Act, and the War on Terror," Tony Gaskew, University of Pittsburgh

"Citizenship and the Promise of Justice in Arizona Schools," Belinda A. Herrera, Joao Saim and Anne Schneider, Arizona State University

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Date: Friday, August 10 **Time:** 2:30p – 4:10p

Session: Crime, Justice and Incarceration

Room: Lexington Suite

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

Division

Law and Society Division

Organizer & Presider:

Jodie Lawston, California State University, San Marcos

Papers:

"The Legal Politics of Risk: Risk and Need Assessments in Pre-sentencing Investigation Reports," Paula Maurutto and Kelly Hannah-Moffat, University of Toronto

"Incarceration: Who Pays the Price?" Mary Candice Johnson, Appalachian State University

"Resistance? Doing Motherhood in Jail," Brittnie Aiello, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

"Eyes on Justice: A Shifting Target," Sharon Elise, California State University, San Marcos

"Going Against the Grain: Establishing Credibility with the Public in the Radical Women's Prison Movement," Jodie Lawston, California State University, San Marcos

AN LCD PROJECTOR WILL BE AVAILABLE

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 8:00a – 9:40a

Session: Violent Offenders, Victims, and

Community/Organizational

Responses

Room: Fashion Suite

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

Division

Law and Society Division

Organizer, *Presider & Discussant:*

Stephen J. Morewitz, Stephen J. Morewitz, Ph.D., & Associates, IL & CA, and California State University, East Bay

Papers:

"Empowering Advocates: Emotion Management Strategies of Staff in a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agency," **Kenneth H. Kolb, University of North Carolina,** Chapel Hill

"From Victims to Patients: Organizational Framing in Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Programs," **Lara Foley**, University of Tulsa

"Pilot Evaluation of an In-Prison Restorative Justice Intervention," **Liliane Cambraia Windsor,** National Development & Research Institutes, Inc. and Marilyn Armour, University of Texas at Austin

"Modern-Day Medea: The Social Identity of Women Who Kill Their Children," **Julie B. Wiest,** University of Tennessee

"Complicating the Cycle of Violence: Efforts to Disrupt Patterns by Homeless Women," Jennifer K. Wesely, University of North Florida and James D. Wright, University of Central Florida

"An Ecological Model of the Challenges to Effective Rural Victim Advocacy," Michelle Hughes Miller, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Date: Saturday, August 11 **Time:** 12:30p – 2:10p

Session: Prisoner Reentry

Room: Fashion Suite

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

Division

Law and Society Division

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Kris Paap, SUNY Institute of Technology

Papers:

"'Just Shut Up and Do Your Work:' Young Adults' Employment Experiences During Reentry," Emily A. NaPier and Elaine M. Wolf, Center for Community Alternatives

"Public Attitudes towards Crime and Reentry in Neighborhood Context: Does Salience Impact Perception?" Andrea Leverentz, University of Massachusetts, Boston

"The Road to Reentry," Kathryn J. Fox, University of Vermont

"Reentry Rights: Negotiating Correctional Reform in 'The Terminator's' Californiam" Danielle S. Rudes, University of California, Irvine

"Problem Solving Reentry Courts: Judge Work to Transform Master Status," JoAnn L. Miller, Purdue University

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 2:30p - 4:10p

Session: Law and Sexuality

Room: Fashion Suite

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

Division

Law and Society Division Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

Organizer: Lloyd Klein, Grambling State

University

Presider: Cary Federman, Montclair State

University

Papers:

"An Iraqi Judicial Experiment: Toward a Theory of Gender Control Theory," Gabrielle Ferrales, Northwestern University, John Hagan, Northwestern University and Guillermina Jasso, New York University

"Same-Sex Unions and Legislation in the European Union," Marietta Riska, Abo Akademi University

"Passage of the Prison Rape Elimination Act: Discursive Politics and the Reconstitution of Prisoner Rape in a Culture of Control," Valerie Jenness and Michael A. Smyth, University of California, Irvine "The Role of HIV Transmission/Exposure Laws in HIV Prevention Efforts," Joan Luxenburg, University of Central Oklahoma and Thomas E. Guild, Meinders, Oklahoma City University

"The War on Sexual Predators: Legislative Efforts and the Enforcement of Sex Offender Laws," Lloyd Klein, Grambling State University

"The Changing Facets of Marriage and the Family: A Comparative Analysis within the United States," Kristen M. Budd, Purdue University

Date: Sunday, August 12 **Time:** 10:30a – 12:10p

Session: History, Sociology and the Law

Room: Columbus Suite

Sponsor: Law and Society Division

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Adam Jacobs, University of Wisconsin

Papers:

"The History and Theory of Youth, Justice, and Liberalism in Canada, 1950-1982," Val Johnson, St Mary's University

"Evolution of Age of Consent Laws: the Legal and Social Constructions of Sexual Consent during the Progressive Era," Sarah Lynn Babb, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

"Re-Examining Race and Politics in Felon Re-Enfranchisement, 1966-1989," Brett C. Burkhardt, University of Wisconsin

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Date: Sunday, August 12 **Time:** 12:30p – 2:10p

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Session: Drugs, Crime, and Punishment

Room: Promenade Suite

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

Division

Drinking and Drugs Division Law and Society Division

Organizer, Presider & Discussant:

Paul D. Steele, Morehead State University

Papers:

"Losing Hope: The Production of Failure in Drug Court," Mitchell Mackinem, Claflin University and Paul Higgins, University of South Carolina

"Gender and Asian Pacific Islander Youth: Understanding Pathways to Delinquency," Lisa Pasko, University of Denver

"Fettered Discretion: Legal and Interactional Constraints on Judicial Sanctioning in California's Proposition 36," Stacy Lee Burns, Loyola Marymount University and Mark Peyrot, Loyola College in Maryland

"Poverty and the Role of the Criminal Justice System in Eliminating Violence Against Women and Children: The Case of Ghana's Police Service," C. Nana Derby, Virginia State University

"Envisioning the Legal Drug Economy: Markets, Consumption, and Regulation," Adam D. Jacobs, University of Wisconsin

"Distinguishing Youths who Develop Drug Dependence from Those who Become Alcohol Dependent: A Multinomial Event History Approach," **Donald A. Lloyd,** Florida State University **Date:** Sunday, August 12 **Time:** 4:30p – 6:10p

Session: Sex Offenders and the Legal

System

Room: Lexington Suite

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

Division

Law and Society Division Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

Organizer: Lloyd Klein, Grambling State

University

Presider: Emily Horowitz, St. Francis College

Discussant: Lloyd Klein, Grambling State

University

Papers:

"Creating Perverts and Predators: Sexual Offender Laws," Lisa Anne Zilney, Montclair State University and Laura Joan Zilney, Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality

"Increasing Media and Legislative Attention to Sex Offenders: Evidence and Implications," Emily Horowitz, St. Francis College

"Pedophiles, Pedophilia, and Social Control," Mark C. Stafford, University of Texas at Austin

"From the Inside: An Offender's Perception Regarding Sexual Offender Registration Laws," Bethannie Jo Jackson, Oklahoma State University

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2007 ASA Annual Meeting: Sociology of Law Section Sessions

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 8:30a - 10:10a

Session: Section on Sociology of Law Paper

Session. Sociology of Law Place: Hilton New York

Session type: Paper Session Topic: Law and Society

Date: Saturday, August 11 Time: 10:30a - 12:10p

Session: Section on Sociology of Law Invited

Session. The Social Construction

of Human Rights

Place: Hilton New York

Session type: Invited Session Topic: Law and Society

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 2:30p - 3:30p

Session: Section on Sociology of Law

Roundtable Session (one-hour). Table 01. How Successful are Attempts at Inclusion and Exclusion in Legal Institutions?

Place: Hilton New York

Session type: Refereed Roundtable Topic: Law and Society

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 3:30p - 4:10p

Session: Section on Sociology of Law

Business Meeting Place: Hilton New York

Session type: Meeting

Topic: Law and Society

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 4:30p - 6:10p

Session: Section on Sociology of Law Paper

Session. Law and Institutions

Place: Hilton New York Session type: Paper Session

Topic: Law and Society

Date: Sunday, August 12

Time: 2:30p - 4:10p

Session: Regular Session. Sociology of Law

Place: Sheraton New York

Session type: Paper Session Topic: Law and Society

Date: Tuesday, August 14

Time: 2:30p - 4:10p

Session: Section on Economic Sociology

Paper Session. Law and the Economy (co-sponsored with the Section on Sociology of

Law)

Place: Hilton New York

Session type: Paper Session

Topics: Comparative Sociology, Economic

Sociology, Law and Society

For more information about these sessions, please visit the American Sociological Association's website: http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftn av/meetings/2007

Reflections on NYC (Part II) Lloyd Klein

The Spring Law and Society Division newsletter summarized some of the many attractions available to sociologists attending the upcoming SSSP meeting. A myriad number of other guides will provide information on tours, museums, and restaurants. But there are other dimensions aside from the wonderful food, sights, and world famous shopping.

One can start with the history that visitors can find around the NYC area. The first police precinct building in NYC is located in lower Manhattan. Criminal Justice educators can find information on the formation of the second oldest police department in America (following the initiative in Boston).

Short transit rides will take you to some of the most acclaimed universities in the United States. A subway ride uptown to 116th Street will take you to Columbia University. The renowned campus features the famous library along with esoteric bookstores and interesting international restaurants. Another subway ride downtown to W. 4th Street will take visitors to New York University and the famous Greenwich Village. The ambiance of the area (particularly on Friday and Saturday evening) is quite fascinating. You will find the Strand Bookstore on the periphery of the Village. This is one of the most eclectic book stores in the city. The helpful staff will help you find sought after volumes.

Finally, visitors can take the subway to W. 59th Street which includes the location of John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the midtown campus of Fordham University. John Jay College is housed in an old public school building on 59th Street and 10th Avenue. The relatively modern Fordham University campus near Lincoln Center is just a few blocks away. Lincoln Center is a must see for visitors in the midtown area. There are facility tours and an excellent library for the performing arts. This library contains classic recordings and invaluable Broadway archival materials. Filmed and video copies of famed Broadway productions are readily available here.

Fans of classic radio and television programs should investigate the Paley Center on Fifth Avenue and 52nd Street. The Center contains rare radio broadcasts and noted historical television programs. These materials are generally restricted to similar Centers in Chicago and Los Angeles.

Aside from the Today Show, Conan O'Brien, GMA, and a few other regular programs, there will be some taping dates for Judge Hatchett starting August 15. You should go to the program's website and inquire whether a taping date will coincide with your time in NYC.

The area surrounding NYC comprises a unique experience. A walk down Fifth Avenue, Park Avenue, or Madison Avenue will tell you much about the pace of the city and the personality of the residents and workers. New Yorkers are personable and show compassion for tourists and each other. The oft-stated phrases "you got a problem with that" and "fuggedaboutit" are largely inventions of David Letterman and a legion of

many other comedians. Individuals in this city do come together around emergencies such as the World Trade Center attack and serious steam pipe explosions. NYC residents are conscious that the eyes of the world are on them and react accordingly.

The city is also about residents and visitors co-existing in public park areas. Bryant Park on 42nd Street is a tranquil setting comprising an escape from the "hustle and bustle" of midtown Manhattan business workers. There is an upscale restaurant with smaller kiosks offering Starbucks coffee and Ben and Jerry's ice cream. Further uptown on 59th Street, you should visit Central Park. Designed by Fredrich Olmstead, the park offers a zoo, lake, and open spaces which include the Sheep Meadow and the Great Lawn. There is also a summer Shakespeare in the Park festival originated by the late Joseph Papp and occasional free or inexpensive concerts.

New York City offers everything that a person can want to see or do. Your questions on what to see or where to go will be answered at the Times Square Visitors Center on 46th Street and Seventh Avenue, the Concierge at the Roosevelt Hotel, and any of the locals attending the SSSP conference. We look forward to seeing you in NYC for an abundance of intellectual and entertainment stimulation. Bring imagination and energy for a unique experience.

Announcements

Please attend the Business Meeting for the Law and Society Division. It will be held on Friday, August 10, from 10:30a-12:30p. We will decide on sessions for next year and other important matters.

The General SSSP Reception will be held on Saturday, August 11, from 6:45p-7:45p. Please attend this function. This is a great place to meet old friends and generate new contacts.

Emily Horowitz, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, St. Francis College, published an opinion piece in the June 24, 2007 edition of the New York Times. The opinion, entitled "Watching the Detectives" was co-authored with Debbie Nathan and published in the New York City Section. The authors comment on the issue of wrongful convictions in a case involving a woman accused of raping and sexually abusing a 4-year old boy she had been babysitting.

Please send submissions for future newsletters to Lloyd Klein or Jen Girgen. Contact information is provided at the top of page 1. The deadline for submissions for the upcoming newsletter is October 15.