

SSSP SOCIETY & MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION NEWS

A Note From the Chair



*Richard Carpiano,
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Greetings! I am excited to be writing you as the new Division Chair. It was great to see many of you at the annual meeting in August. Thanks to Steffi Hartwell and all organizers, presenters, and committee members for their efforts. And congratulations again to our award winners: Peggy Thoits and Christy L. Erving!

The Division remains a vibrant place for exchanging ideas and mentoring junior scholars. As Chair, my goal is to increase the inclusion of students, postdocs, and junior faculty. But I can't do this alone. Please encourage your students, postdocs, and colleagues to become members.

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Francisco! Based on great ideas raised at the Division meeting, we have an exciting 2014 program. In addition to seven regular sessions, plans are underway for an invited "critical dialogue" session on "What's next for the Sociology of Mental Health?" This session is certain to be thoughtful and engaging—and maybe even a bit provocative.

In closing, I thank our newsletter editor, UBC PhD student Andrea Polonijo, for her efforts in preparing this issue. And if you have ideas for improving the Division, let me know (richard.carpiano@ubc.ca).

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Reminder: Time to Renew Your Membership

Division membership has declined, so please remember to renew your SSSP membership for 2014—and encourage your colleagues and students to join/renew! Membership renewal is easy and secure online at www.sssp1.org. The benefits of membership include receiving *Social Problems* journal and division newsletters, updates about the annual meeting, opportunities for involvement in special problems divisions, and leadership within the organization.

Call for Nominations: Greenley Award for Lifetime Contributions Deadline: April 1, 2014

The Society and Mental Health Division invites nominations for the 2014 James R. Greenley Award for distinguished contributions to the sociology of mental health. With this award, the Division seeks to recognize individuals who have distinguished careers and made a significant impact on the field through their scholarship, teaching, and community involvement. Previous award winners include Bruce Link, Thomas Scheff, Walter Gove, R. Jay

Turner, Bruce Dohrenwend, Bill Avison, Virginia Hiday, Eric Wright, Jo Phelan, and Peggy Thoits. Nominations, including a letter of nomination and a copy of the nominee's CV, should be sent via email to Richard Carpiano at the University of British Columbia (richard.carpiano@ubc.ca) by April 1, 2014. The winner of the 2014 award will be notified in June and the award will be presented at the Society and Mental Health Division's

annual Business Meeting in San Francisco.



2013 Greenley Award Winner, Peggy Thoits

Call for Submissions: Graduate Student Paper Competition Deadline: January 31, 2014

The Society and Mental Health Division announces the 2014 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should involve an empirical analysis, either qualitative or quantitative, dealing with any aspect of the sociology of mental health. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2013 or 2014, and it may not be published or accepted for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting, submitted for presentation at a professional conference, or are under review for publication are

eligible. Papers must be student-authored. They may be single authored by the student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other nonstudent. Papers must not exceed 28 pages including all notes, references, and tables. To submit your paper for consideration, send two online copies to: Elbert Almazan at Central Michigan University (almaz1ep@cmich.edu). Please include (1) a cover letter indicating that you are submitting your paper for

the competition; and (2) a letter from your advisor that certifies your graduate-student status and offers some brief comments about your work. In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers online system. The winner will be announced at the 2014 Annual Meeting and will receive a \$100 cash award, plus a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet where the award will be presented, conference registration, and student membership.

San Francisco 2014: SSSP Society and Mental Health Division Sponsored Sessions

1. **What's Next for the Sociology of Mental Health?** (Invited Critical Dialogue Session). *Organizer:* Richard Carpiano, University of British Columbia (richard.carpiano@ubc.ca).
2. **Methodological Issues and Prospects in Advancing Mental Health Research** (Regular Session). *Organizer:* Krysia Mossakowski, University of Hawaii at Manoa (krysiam@hawaii.edu).
3. **Disadvantage and Mental Health: Selection and Causation Mechanisms** (Thematic, Regular Session). *Organizer:* Jason Houle, Dartmouth College (Jason.Houle@Dartmouth.edu).

Co-Sponsored Sessions:

1. **Poverty and Mental Health** (Regular Session). *Co-Sponsor:* Poverty, Class and Inequality. *Organizer:* Richard M. Carpiano, University of British Columbia (richard.carpiano@ubc.ca).
2. **When Mental Health Meets Physical Health** (Regular Session). *Co-Sponsor:* Health, Health Policy, and Health Services. *Organizer:* Matthew Gayman, Georgia State University (mgayman@gsu.edu).
3. **Linking Mental Health and Substance Abuse** (Regular Session). *Co-Sponsor:* Drinking and Drugs. *Organizer:* Brian C. Kelly, Purdue University (bckelly@purdue.edu)
4. **Medicalization of Adolescent Deviance and Juvenile Delinquency** (Regular Session). *Co-sponsors:* Crime and Juvenile Delinquency. *Organizer:* Kristine Artello, Virginia Commonwealth University (kartello@vcu.edu).



5. **The Body, Body Image, and Mental Health** (Regular Session). *Co-Sponsor:* Sport, Leisure, and the Body *Organizer:* Andrea Polonijo, University of British Columbia (polonijo@alumni.ubc.ca).

ASA Section on Mental Health Sponsored Sessions

1. **Law, Crime and Mental Illness.** *Organizer:* Brad Ray, Indiana University and Purdue University-Indianapolis.
2. **Coping, Recovery and Mental Health Services.** *Organizer:* Brea Perry, University of Kentucky.
3. **The Economy, Work, and Mental Health.** *Organizer:* Donald Lloyd, University of Southern California
4. **Section on Sociology of Mental Health Roundtables.** *Organizer:* Eric Wright, Indiana University and Purdue University-Indianapolis.

Co-Sponsored Sessions:

1. **Trauma, Victimization, and Health.** *Co-sponsor:* Medical Sociology. *Organizer:* Heather Turner, University of New Hampshire.

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Call For Papers

The 14th International Conference on Social Stress Research will be held June 7-9, 2014 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The International Conference on Social Stress has become an important conference for scholars working in the area of stress and health and a major forum for sharing new research that incorporates components of the stress process. You are invited to submit either a complete paper or an

extended abstract (with sufficient information for evaluation of the substance and scientific merit of the paper) to be considered for presentation. Please send submissions electronically to Catherine Moran at Catherine.Moran@unh.edu by **December 30, 2013**. Further information regarding the 2014 conference can be found at: <http://www.unh.edu/stress-conference>.

Publications

Rebecca K. Grady, Rachel La Touche, Jamie Oslawski-Lopez, Alyssa Powers, & Kristina Simacek recently published "Betwixt and Between: Social Position and Stress Experiences of Graduate Students" in *Teaching Sociology*. They presented their paper at the 2013 SSSP Annual Meeting and thank section presider Dr. Stephanie Hartwell for her thorough and thoughtful feedback.

