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Message from the Chair: We had a fine set of mental health sessions with good attendance and discussion following presentations at the 2008 SSSP meeting in Boston. Our reinstated mental health division reception at which we presented the Graduate Student Paper Award to the winner, Jason Houle of Pennsylvania State University, was full of camaraderie, good cheer, networking and even stimulating conversation. We will have our own Mental Health Division reception again this year during the meeting in San Francisco.

The SSSP Call for Papers has been up on SSSP Web Site. Many of you have probably already submitted your papers but let me remind you that papers or extended abstracts (2-3 page summary of your intended presentation) MUST be submitted via the online submission cover sheet, <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/349/fuseaction/ssspsession.publicView>, to session organizers no later than midnight (EST) on January 31, 2009

The mental health sessions and those co-sponsored with other divisions are listed below.

Session #	Session Title	Sponsor(s)	Organizer(s)
22	Criminal Justice and Mental Health Treatment	Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Mental Health	Peyrot, Mark F.
31	Is Mental Illness a Disability? Issues and Concerns	Disabilities Health, Health Policy, and J. Health Services Mental Health	Morrison, Linda Ettorre, Elizabeth (co-organizers)
77	The Synergy of Physical and Mental Health	Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Mental Health	Scheid, Teresa Linnea
93	Social Embeddedness and Mental Health	Mental Health	Lloyd, Donald A.
94	Mass Killings at Universities and Schools	Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Mental Health	Hughes, Michael
95	Mental Health and Natural Disasters	Environment and Technology Mental Health	Picou, J. Steven
96	Mental Health Stigma, Labeling, and Access to Care: What's Race Got To Do With It? - THEMATIC	Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Mental Health	Martin, Jack

A paper or an extended abstract cannot be submitted more than once. If your submission is **NOT** accepted, you will receive an automated email and your information will be forwarded to the 2nd choice organizer that you selected on the submission cover sheet. Only one sole-authored paper is permitted per participant; but additional co-authored papers may be submitted.

Please consider recommending one of our members for the Greenley Award for Distinguished Lifetime Contributions in the sociology of mental health. Nominations should go to Eric Wright (ewright@iupui.edu), Indiana University and Purdue University at Indianapolis by May 1, 2009.

Rich Carpiano has agreed to chair the review committee for the Mental Health Division 2009 Graduate Student Paper Competition which was announced in the fall SSSP Newsletter as follows: 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 2008 or 2009, 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 non-student. Paper must not exceed 28 pages including all notes, references and tables. To submit your paper for consideration, send two paper copies OR an electronic copy to: Dr. Richard Carpiano, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia, 6303 NW Marine Drive, Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1Z1 (Carpiano@interchange.ubc.ca). 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. The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting in August 2009 and will receive a \$150 cash award, plus a ticket to the SSSP Banquet where the award will be presented, conference registration and student membership. The submission deadline is May 15, 2009.

It will be time to elect a new chair of our division who will begin chairing at the business meeting of our division at the 2009 meeting in San Francisco. We have two outstanding sociologists who have been active members of our division for years: Donald Lloyd of Florida State University and Teresa Scheid of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Ballots will be distributed electronically by SSSP later this year.

Happy New Year.