

SSSP SOCIETY & MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION NEWS

A Note From the Chair



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I hope that you are enjoying your semester as much as I am. This is one of my favorite times of the year. The semester is winding down and the holidays are approaching. I am looking forward to having more time to spend with friends and family. This also a good time to renew your membership in SSSP.

Please encourage your colleagues and students to join or renew their membership to the Society & Mental Health Division! 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.

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James R. Greenley Award (Deadline: April 1, 2016)

The Society and Mental Health Division invites nominations for the 2016 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, William Avison, Virginia Hiday, Eric Wright, Jo Phelan, Peggy Thoits, and Jane McLeod. Nominations, including a letter of nomination and a copy of the nominees CV, should be sent via email to John Taylor (jrtaylor@fsu.edu) by April 1, 2016. The winner of the 2016 award will be notified in June and the award will be presented at the Society and Mental Health Division's annual Business Meeting in Seattle.

Society and Mental Health Division Graduate Student Paper Competition (Deadline: January 30, 2016)

[The Society and Mental Health Division](#) announces the 2016 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 To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2015 or 2016, and it may not be published or accepted for publication.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. **Please note that your paper may only be submitted to one division competition.** To submit your paper for consideration, send two online copies to: John Taylor (jrtaylor@fsu.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 2016 Annual Meeting and will receive a \$100 cash award, conference registration and student membership.

News & Announcements

Call for Papers: The Fifteenth International Conference on Social Stress Research (Deadline: January 8, 2016)

The 15th International Conference on Social Stress Research will be held June 4-6, 2016 in San Diego, CA at the W Hotel. 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. The stress conferences, sponsored by the University of New Hampshire, are held approximately every two years and attract the leading scholars in the field.

The 2016 conference will feature two distinguished keynote speakers: William Vega (University of Southern California) and Debra Umberson (University of Texas at Austin). The conference is organized and directed by Professors Heather Turner, Karen Van Gundy, and Catherine Moran in the Department of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire. (Continue Page 3)

(Cont.) The final program will be based on the content of the submissions. Typically, the conference includes sessions on themes such as: stress across the life course; work-related stress; stress in family contexts; gender and stress; race, ethnicity, and culture in the stress process; stress in adolescence; intersections of physical and mental health; catastrophic and traumatic stress; and neighborhood context of stress.

We invite you to submit either a complete paper or an extended abstract. In the case of abstracts, you must provide sufficient information for evaluation of the substance and scientific merit of the paper.

To be considered for presentation, please submit papers or extended abstracts by January 8, 2016. Further information regarding the 2016 conference will be available on our website:

<http://www.unh.edu/stressconference>.

Please share this announcement with other stress researchers and graduate students who may not be on our mailing list.

Send all papers/abstracts or requests for information to Catherine Moran at Catherine.Moran@unh.edu

Call for Papers: ASA Society and Mental Health

The ASA journal *Society and Mental Health* is currently soliciting manuscripts that seek scholarship on public sector mental health, with focus on the role of structural and behavioral correlates of mental health disparities and the consequences of social inequality for those systems, which meet the needs of individuals with severe mental disorders. Of particular interest is scholarship that explores the role of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion. Manuscripts that elucidate the unique contributions sociologists can make to mental health services research are also welcome. Articles will be peer reviewed and 4 to 6 papers selected for inclusion in this special issue. The guest editor will provide a brief historic overview of developments in public mental health care. Manuscripts due March 15, 2016; please submit papers using the journal's on-line submission system.

Call for Papers: Humanity & Society

Recognizing the multiple modalities of communication and how presentations enhance our sociological understanding of the complex realities of the 21st century, the journal *Humanity & Society* (<http://has.sagepub.com/>) seeks authors for Media Reviews. We invite reviewers of critical messages in popular films, television shows, documentaries, multimedia presentations, video games, and other forms of media. Written submissions should be approximately 1,000 words. The journal welcomes reviewers from diverse backgrounds and with diverse perspectives, including activists, graduate students, and practitioners in fields other than sociology. To review for *Humanity & Society*, please contact the Media Review Editor, Bhoomi K. Thakore, at bhoomi.thakore@northwestern.edu with your background information and suggested review topic.

Announcements

Oren Gur would like to announce the recent publication of "Characterizing social environment's association with neurocognition using census and crime data linked to the Philadelphia Neurodevelopmental Cohort" in *Psychological Medicine*.



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