

SSSP SOCIETY & MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION NEWS



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A Note from the Chair

Dear Division Members,

I hope this newsletter arrives in your inbox to find you well and prosperous amidst the Holiday season (and, for many of you, post-grading). There are several important items and requests that I need to bring to your attention.

First, be sure to renew your membership – and encourage your colleagues and trainees to join SSSP and the Society and Mental Health Division. The end of the year is upon us and we want to ensure we keep our numbers up.

Second, do submit your extended abstracts and/or papers to the annual meeting! And be sure to encourage your students to submit their work too! We have a great set of sessions planned for Chicago 2015 (see below).

Third, please encourage your graduate students to submit their papers to the Society and Mental Health student paper competition (also detailed below).

Fourth, we need to elect a new Division Chair in 2015. Do you know someone whom you think would be great for this gig? If so, please send me the names of any potential nominees so that I can review submissions and finalize names to submit to the SSSP home office.

Fifth, thanks to the keen input provided by the attendees of the Society and Mental Health Division meeting last August in San Fran,

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Reminder: Time to Renew Your Membership

Please remember to renew your SSSP membership for 2015 – 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, 2015

The Society and Mental Health Division invites nominations for the 2015 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, Peggy Thoits, and Jane McLeod. 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, 2015. The winner of the 2015 award will be notified

in June and the award will be presented at the Society and Mental Health Division's annual Business Meeting in Chicago.



*2014 Greenley Award
Winner Jane McLeod*

Call for Submissions: Graduate Student Paper Competition Deadline: January 31, 2015

The Society and Mental Health Division announces the 2015 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 2014 or 2015, 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, please send the following three materials via email to Elbert Almazan at Central Michigan University (almaz1ep@cmich.edu):

(1) your paper, (2) a cover letter indicating that you are submitting your paper for the competition; and (3) 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 2015 Annual Meeting and will receive a \$100 cash award, a plaque of recognition, student membership, and conference registration.

Do you know a graduate student who is working on topics related to mental health? Please encourage them to submit a paper to the Society and Mental Health Division Graduate Student Paper Competition!

Chicago 2015: SSSP Society and Mental Health Division Sponsored Sessions

The Stress Process and Mental Health

Organizer: Christy Erving, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Race, Class Gender and Mental Health

Organizer: Jason Houle, Dartmouth College

Open Topics in Mental Health

Organizer: Richard M. Carpiano, University of British Columbia

Co-Sponsored Sessions

Mental Health, Aging, and the Life Course

Co-Sponsor: Youth, Aging, and the Life Course; *Organizer:* John R. Taylor, Florida State University

Mental Health, Law, and Institutions

Co-sponsor: Law & Society; *Organizer:* Jay W. Borchert, University of Michigan

Mental Health and Youth in Criminogenic Neighborhoods

Co-sponsor: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; *Organizer:* Kristine Artello (Virginia Commonwealth University)

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the division will be instituting a new officer position: Vice Chair. This two-year position will ideally be held by an early career scholar (advanced graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, or assistant professor). In order to facilitate transitions of officers and ensure continuity in various Division administrative tasks, the Vice Chair and Chair elections will be held on rotating years. As we will be holding an election for the Chair in 2015, the election for Vice Chair will occur in 2016.

Many thanks to all of you who agreed to organize sessions and serve on our awards committees. A special thanks is owed to Andrea Polonijo here at UBC for her attentive work on our Division newsletters.

As always, let me know if you have any suggestions for Division activities (richard.carpiano@ubc.ca).

Wishing you a wonderful holiday and a healthy and prosperous 2015!

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Do you know someone who would make a great Society and Mental Health Division Chair? Please send the names of potential nominees to Richard Carpiano (richard.carpiano@ubc.ca) by March 1, 2015.

