

SSSP SOCIETY & MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION NEWS



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A Note from the Chair

Dear Division Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you in the midst of an enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you all in Chicago in just a few weeks for the annual meeting. We have a great set of sessions scheduled. Please be sure to also attend the Division meeting (we always need member input) and reception (where we will toast our graduate student paper award winner).

In advance of the meeting, I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to many

people for their efforts. The session organizers (Kristine Artello, Jay Borchert, Jason Houle, Kristy Irving, and John Taylor) did a great job selecting this year's papers. The Graduate Student Paper Award Committee of Elbert Almazan (Chair), Chien-Juh Gu, and Lijun Song did an excellent job picking this year's winner. And, as always, I'm incredibly appreciative of Andrea Polonijo's (UBC) efforts as our (now outgoing) newsletter editor.

This is my final newsletter as Division Chair. The Chairship has been a fun experience over the past two years. Congratulations to the newly elected incoming Chair (details below), who I know will do a super job!

See you in Chicago!

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Recruit Your Colleagues and Students to 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.

Graduate Student Paper Award Winner: Michael Halpin

Congratulations to University of Wisconsin-Madison Ph.D. Candidate Michael Halpin who has won the graduate student student paper award. Michael's paper, "Constructing and Defining Mental Illness: The DSM and Professional Practices," analyzes how the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM) is used in research, clinical and institutional practices. He argues that these three uses of the DSM correspond to the construction of three distinct categories (i.e., the subject, the patient and the customer). He concludes that the DSM has a pervasive impact on professional activity and, despite professional agency, links practices to the commodification and medicalization of mental illness.

Michael's research interests are in medical sociology, the sociology of mental health, science studies and organizational sociology. Michael's dissertation project investigates how neuroscience impacts both the lived-experience of illness and the delivery of mental healthcare, with a specific focus on schizophrenia/psychosis and Huntington Disease.



*Michael Halpin,
University of Wisconsin-
Madison*

Chicago 2015

SSSP Society & Mental Health Division Meeting

Friday, August 21st, 12:30 PM - 12:10 PM
Atlantic C, Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel

SSSP Society & Mental Health Division Reception

Friday, August 21st, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Filini Bar, Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel



SSSP Society & Mental Health Division Sponsored Sessions

Session 18: Race, Class, Gender, and Mental Health

Friday, August 21, 10:30am-12:10pm, Baltic
Organizer & Presider: Jason Houle, Dartmouth College

"Combatting Minority Stress among Black College Students from an African-centered Psychological Perspective," Ebony N. Russ, Donnesha Gibson, Charnel Hollier and Kamilah Woodson, Howard University

"Dealing with the Ambiguity: The Significance of Ambiguous Discrimination Stress for the Mental Health of Black Americans," Courtney S. Thomas, University of Kentucky

"Harmful Uses of Racial and Gender Frames and the Cognitive Consequences among Employed Men and Women in Detroit," Douglas A. Parker, California State University, Long Beach, Autumn McClellan, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Rodney D. Coates, Miami University of Ohio

"Physical-Psychiatric Comorbidity: Patterns and Explanations for Racial and Ethnic Group Differences," Christy L. Erving, University of Wisconsin, Madison

*Division Sponsored Sessions Continued...***Session 67: Mental Health, Law, and Institutions**
*(co-sponsor: Law and Society)***Saturday, August 22, 8:30am-10:10am, Black Sea***Organizer:* Jay Borchert, University of Michigan*Discussant:* Cheyney Cooper Dobson, University of Michigan

"Children and Psychotropic Medication

Treatment: Arguing Competence and the Right to Choice," Andrea Larson, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Lessons from the Italian Democratic Psychiatry Movement (1961-1980) for the Redefinition of Community in American Deinstitutionalization," Kimberly P. Barton, Westfield State University

"Medical Decision Making for Youth in the Child Welfare System," Zachary Strassburger, Winona State University

"Mental Health Court Study Paper," Cheyney Cooper Dobson, University of Michigan

Session 79: The Stress Process and Mental Health**Saturday, August 22, 10:30am-12:10am, Black Sea***Presider:* Christy L. Erving, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"A Stress Process Approach to Examining Interracial and Intra-racial Relationships," Jessica L. Burke, Francis Marion University

"Faculty Support and Graduate Student Mental Health," Rachel La Touche, Indiana University

"Religion and Depression: Examining the Nature of the Relationship," Stephanie M. Hansard and Mathew D. Gayman, Georgia State University

Session 118: Open Topics in Mental Health**Sunday, August 23, 8:30am-10:10pm, Adriatic***Organizer & Presider:* Richard M. Carpiano, University of British Columbia

"The Schools Didn't Want Me: Educational Experiences of People with Serious Mental Illness," Tammi Arford, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Alisa K. Lincoln and Grace K. Morris, Northeastern University

"Constructing and defining mental illness: the DSM and professional practices," Michael Halpin, University of Wisconsin, Madison, *Winner of the Society and Mental Health Division's Student Paper Competition*

"The Development of Inequality in Optimism: A Case Study of Japanese Life Trajectories 2007-2010," Rieko Arashi, University of Chicago

"The effect of mental health on employment hope and economic self-sufficiency," Philip Young P. Hong and Whitney Key, Loyola University, Chicago, Sangmi Choi, Soongsil University and Vanessa V. Klodnick, University of Chicago

"It's [The Care Received Here] Almost a Form of Mental Abuse': Injured Veterans Experiences Receiving Care in the NAVY MEDHOLD Program," Carrie Foote, Andrew Drea, Brianna McCaslin and Sandra Shea Davis, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Session 136: Mental Health, Aging, and the Life Course
*(co-sponsor: Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)***Sunday, August 23, 10:30am-12:10pm, Bering***Organizer & Presider:* John Taylor, Florida State University

"Health Care Workers Need to Address the Sexual Health of the Ageing Population Demographic," Amy M. Romanus, Texas Woman's University

"The EmBODYment of Women at War: Conceptualizing the Relationship between Military Sexual Trauma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Maladaptive Eating Among Female Soldiers," Danielle Bernat-Sabo, Case Western Reserve University

"The Emergence of ADHD Coaching: Adjunct or Alternative to Medicine?" Meredith R. Bergey, Brandeis University

"What About the Parents?: Investigating the Effects of Parental Status on the Relationship Between Marital Status and Mental Health," Stephanie M. Hansard and Ben Lennox Kail, Georgia State University

*Division Sponsored Sessions Continued...***Session 175: Mental Health, Crime, and Deviance (co-sponsor: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency)****Sunday, August 23, 4:30pm-6:10pm, Pacific 3***Organizer:* Kristine Artello, Virginia Commonwealth University*Presider:* Matthew M. Le Claire, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

"The three traditions of suicidal research: An empirical test and some steps towards a sociological integration,"

Thorolfur Thorlindsson and

Jon Gunnar Bernburg, University of Iceland

"A Qualitative Content Analysis of Aging-Out of Foster Care: What Problems and Solutions Exist?" Matthew M. Le Claire, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Jennifer Lanterman, University of Nevada, Reno

"Addressing the Needs of At-Risk Youth from Within the Mentoring Relationship: Mentors' Perceptions of Strain and Response Strategies," Nicholas P. Dzoba, Jennifer K. Wesely and Christine E. Rasche, University of North Florida

"Nothing Out There: Emergence and Delinquency among LGBT Youth," Jeffery P. Dennis, Minnesota State University, Mankato

"'Jailing' as a Set of Coping Mechanisms," Michael Lawrence Walker, University of Nebraska, Omaha

New Division Chair: John Taylor

Congratulations to John Taylor, Associate Professor of Sociology at Florida State University, who has been elected our Division Chair for 2016-2017. Thank you to all of the members who voted in the election!

**Thanks to Our Newsletter Editor!**

Thanks to Andrea Polonijo, Ph.D. Candidate in the University of British Columbia Sociology Department, for her time and efforts serving as the Society and Mental Health Division Newsletter Editor for 2013-2015. Thanks Andrea!

