

Mental Health Division/ SSSP Newsletter Summer 2009

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Summer greetings from the Chair. We will assemble shortly in San Francisco for the SSSP annual meeting (Friday, Aug. 7th – Sunday, Aug. 9th) at the Stanford Court Hotel. It is close to the ASA hotels and meeting sites so it will not be too difficult to catch sessions at both meetings. To the Hilton, walk out the Stanford Court and downhill on Powell St. for six blocks (past Union Square) to O'Farrell St. Turn right for one block on O'Farrell and there is the Hilton.

We have a great line-up of five sessions.

Friday, Aug. 7th, 10:30 in Fomou's Oven (not a typo) Room, Donald Lloyd has organized *Social Embeddedness and Mental Health* – Session #16

Extra curricular activity involvement and adolescent self-esteem trajectories by Kellie Hagereven & Lisa Kort-Butler;

Disability's link with depression through pathways of social relationship by Donald Lloyd;

Family, friends, and mental health: An examination of some unexpected consequences by Michael Hughes, Jill Kieco and Walter Gove;

Effects of perceived gender-race ethnicity- and welfare-related discrimination in hiring and firing on depression among low income women by Tre Wentling & Andrew London;

The effects of neighborhood activism on depression: Mastery as empowerment by Megan Gelster.

Friday, Aug. 7th, 2:30 in Room # 855, Michael Hughes has organized *Mass Killings at Universities and Schools* – Session #38—Sarah Goodrum, Discussant

School shootings in contemporary America: Is there a link between normal gun use and mass killings? By Kirk Miller;

The impact of the exposure to the Virginia Tech shootings on students' mental health by Michael Hughes;

Mental health awareness on campus by Natalie Bonfine, Christian Ritter, & Mark Munetz;

The social construction of grief after a campus mass murder by Laura Agnich, James Hawdon and John Ryan.

Saturday, Aug. 8th, 8am in California Gold Room, Elizabeth Ettorre and Linda Morrison have organized *Is Mental Illness a Disability?* – Session #49

The relative influence of negative life events and daily hassles on objective and subjective quality of life among those with a severe mental illness by Kelly Mac Arthur, Richard Adams & Evelyn Bromet;

Is paranoia a disability? Well, that depends... by Bill Gronfein;
Disability and stress-associated health conditions of female veterans by Sarah Aktepy & Erin Krebs;

On loss and losing: A critical nexus by Melvyn Fein.

Sunday, Aug. 9th, 10:30am in 6th Floor Club Lounge, Teresa Scheid has organized *The Synergy of Physical and Mental Health* – Session #104

Depressive symptoms and bodily pain: Reciprocity and the role of physical disability and social stress by Mathew Gayman, Robyn Lewis & Ming Cui;

Determinants of the relationship between visual impairment and psychological distress among older adults by Robyn Lewis & Anne Barrett;

Unborn again: The outcomes of adolescents who recant Born Again Christian identity by Janet Rosenbaum.

Sunday, Aug. 9th, 2:30pm in California Gold Room, Mark Peyrot has organized *Criminal Justice and Mental Health Treatment* – Session #117

Forgotten victims, unforgiven perpetrators: Social Problems work with adult male sexual offenders who were sexually victimized as children by Michael Petrunik & Adina Ilea;

Offenders with psychiatric disabilities returning to the community from correctional custody: The Forensic Transition Team Approach after a decade by Stephanie Hartwell;

Police officers as street corner psychiatrists: Assessments and transport to treatment by Christian Ritter & Kristen Marcussen;

Rationalizing addiction: Drug courts and the creation of NORPs (Normal Ordinary Responsible Persons) by Kerwin Kaye.

Friday, Aug. 7th, 6:30-7:30pm in the Aureau Sofa Area (a separate section of the hotel bar) of the Stanford Court Hotel. At these San Francisco meetings we are continuing the renewed (as of last year) SSSP Mental Health Division tradition (started by Jay) of having a reception separate from the larger organization's reception where our small group can more easily visit with one another. Last year when we returned to this arrangement, we had lively conversations among established members, young faculty and graduate students. We will announce the winners of the Graduate Student Paper award and the James Greenley Award for distinguished lifetime contributions to the sociology of mental health at the reception. This is the first evening (Aug. 7th) of the conference, right after our business meeting. Wine and light snacks will be provided.

The Mental Health Division's business meeting will be Friday at 4:30 in the Stanford West Room. This meeting is important in making plans for next year's program, appointing committees, discussing possible changes to the way we've organized our division. Please come and give us your ideas. If you cannot make the meeting but wish to suggest sessions, volunteer for committees, or discuss organizational changes, contact Teresa Scheid, our incoming Mental Health Division Chair.