A Note from the Chair

Dear division members.

Warm greetings from Orlando, Florida! I want to start by saying thanks for electing me to serve as your division chair. I am excited about the great slate of sessions we are sponsoring for the 2018 annual meeting in Philadelphia and look forward to the submissions for the graduate student paper competition. I also want to thank our past-chair, John Taylor at Florida State University, for his work in leading the division for the past two years.

This volume of the newsletter is fill with important information regarding the 2018 annual meeting and other division member’s accomplishments and announcements. Make sure to follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/SMHSSSP and participate in posting relevant information related to the division.

Please join me in giving our new newsletter editor, Angela Vergara-PhD student at the University of Central Florida Sociology department, a warm welcome. Thank you as well to our previous newsletter editor, Catherine D. Tan, for a job well done.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Fernando I. Rivera, 2017-2019 Society and Mental Health Division Chair, University of Central Florida
2018 Society and Mental Health Division Student Paper Award

**Deadline: January 31st, 2018**

The Society and Mental Health Division announces the 2018 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 To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2017 or 2018, and it may not be published or accepted for publication.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 copies to: Fernando I. Rivera (Fernando.Rivera@ucf.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 2018 Annual Meeting and will receive a $150 cash award, a plaque of recognition, conference registration, and student membership.

James R. Greenley Award

**Deadline: April 1st, 2018**

The Society and Mental Health Division invites nominations for the 2018 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, Jane McLeod, and Allan V. Horowitz. Nominations, including a letter of nomination and a copy of the nominee’s CV, should be sent via email to Fernando I. Rivera (Fernando.Rivera@ucf.edu) by April 1, 2018. The winner of the 2018 award will be notified in May and the award will be presented at the Society and Mental Health Division’s annual Business Meeting in Philadelphia.

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.
News & Announcements

2018 Annual Meeting
Abolitionist Approaches to Social Problems
August 10–12, 2018
Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel
Philadelphia, PA

For more information, visit us at:
https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/717/

Publication announcement:
New book:
Meredith Bergey, Angela Filepe, Peter Conrad, Ilina Singh (eds.)
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON ADHD: SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT IN 16 COUNTRIES (Johns Hopkins University Press, January 2018)

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