

Poverty, Class, & Inequality

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Chair: Eric Swank

Chair's Message:

The recent SSSP conference in Philly seemed to go well. We had some great papers in our sessions and the event was well attended. During the section meeting, we decided to run several sessions at the next conference and have both a student faculty and research award (please see the appropriate section of this newsletter for further information)

My term as PCI chair will be ending after the upcoming conference in Montreal. Since this position will be soon vacant, I am searching for candidates to fill this slot. While the position does take some time when planning sessions, one gets to meet progressive scholars from other campuses and help keep SSSP running smoothly. For a description of chair responsibilities, you can contact me or look at the official description at < <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/21/m/181>>. If you wish to run for this position, or want to nominate a trustworthy colleague, please email ASAP

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:

Morehead State University invites applications for a tenure track position as Assistant Professor of Social Work beginning August 2006. We are a growing BSW program that emphasizes rural practice, social justice and academic rigor. Qualifications: MSW from an accredited program and at least two years of post MSW practice experience. Ph.D. in Social Work or related field preferred and is required for tenure. ABDs or currently enrolled Ph.D. students will be considered. Review of applications will begin on January 06, 2006 and will continue until position is filled. To ensure consideration, submit letter of application, curriculum vitae, official transcript, and the names of at least three references (addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers) to:

Office of Human Resources
Attn: Soc. Work #1235
Morehead State University
HM 101
Morehead, KY 40351

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PCI SECTION AWARDS:

The PCI section will be offering another round of awards for distinguished scholarship. This year we will be celebrating sound and provocative papers that have been written by faculty and students alike. For the faculty award, we seek journal articles that have been published between 2004-2005. The works may use qualitative or quantitative methods and should offer insights into how inequalities are created and challenged. Works that focus on these dynamics among understudied populations are especially encouraged. For the student award, we are seeking original empirical works that have been completed during their studies as either a graduate or undergraduate student (we prefer that these works are under 50 pages long rather than full-length dissertations). Section members and journal editors can nominate works for the prize and self-nominations are welcomed.

All nominations must be received no later than February 28, 2006.

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CALL FOR PAPERS:

The *Center for Study of Working Class Life* is pleased to announce the *How Class Works* Conference, to be held at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, June 8 - 10, 2006. Proposals for papers, presentations, and sessions are welcome until December 15, 2005 according to the guidelines below. For more information, visit our Web site at www.workingclass.sunysb.edu

The *Society for the Study of Labour History and Historical Studies in Industrial Relations* is organizing the "The History of Strikes, Lock-Outs and General Strikes." To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the British General Strike and miners lock-out, the Society for the Study of Labour History and Historical Studies in Industrial Relations are organizing a conference on the historical experience of strikes. Send abstracts of papers (up to 1,000 words) to Jon Murden, c/o School of History, 9 Abercromby Square, University of Liverpool L69 3BX or by email to: J.E.Murden@liverpool.ac.uk the deadline for submission is 15 January 2006 and the conference will be held on 6 May 2006 at Keele University.

Journal of Comparative Social Welfare invites original contributions. The journal seeks to explore strategic policy and research directions that help mitigate cross-cultural issues; strengthen international dialogue and disseminate information helpful to alleviate world social problems (AIDS, poverty, inequality, violence, oppression, disasters and other forms of dehumanization). Articles and papers should be addressed to: Brij Mohan
Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Comparative Social Welfare*, 325 School of Social Work
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Equity & Excellence in Education is currently soliciting manuscripts for a special issue on community colleges and social justice issues. Community colleges arguably serve a greater majority of marginalized populations and members of under-represented groups. Despite the intent of offering equal opportunities to all students, success rates may vary for different social identity groups. Issues of social inequity such as racism, sexism, ableism, and classism affect student retention, graduation, and transfer rates. Complete manuscripts are due **March 1st, 2006**. Submit three "masked" paper copies to: *Equity & Excellence in Education*, Hills South 370, School of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. For more information, please visit the journal website <http://www.eee-journal.com>.

The Journal of Poverty: Innovations on Social, Political & Economic Inequalities is the first refereed journal designed to provide a focused outlet for discourse on poverty and inequality. The Journal welcomes article manuscripts, which sensitize social scientists and practitioners to the varied forms and patterns of inequalities, new developments in cultural diversity, and interventions promoting equality and social justice. Article manuscripts should increase knowledge of oppressive forces such as racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia, which contribute to the maintenance of poverty and inequality, and suggest methods of change leading toward the eradication of such oppressive forces. Submissions may be theoretical, analytical, or empirical (quantitative Manuscripts should be submitted in quadruplicate to the Editors, [Keith M. Kilty, PhD](#), and Elizabeth A. Segal, Ph.D., P. O. Box 3613, Columbus, OH 43210-3613 US. www.journalofpoverty.org

Research in Social Stratification and Mobility is dedicated to publishing the highest quality, most innovative research on issues of social inequality from a broad diversity of theoretical and methodological perspectives. The journal is also dedicated to cutting edge summaries of prior research and fruitful exchanges that will stimulate future research on issues of social inequality. Authors should submit their paper electronically in WORD, WORDPERFECT, or PDF to kevin-leicht@uiowa.edu. Kevin T. Leicht, editor RESEARCH IN SOCIAL STRATIFICATION AND MOBILITY, Department of Sociology, W140 Seashore Hall, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1401 <http://www.uiowa.edu/~strat/>

QUALITATIVE SOCIOLOGY: "Constructing Workers": A special issue focused on efforts to organize workers in contingent labor contracts who are often not considered employees. Increasing numbers of workers fit this description, and both unions and community organizations have sought, in various efforts, to help them organize for rights and benefits due workers with employee status. How do these groups organize? With what models? With what resources? How do they construct "workers" in such a way as to make contingent workers and contingent work less contingent? How do workers see themselves and their work? **DEADLINE: JANUARY 10, 2006, SEND PAPERS TO:** John Krinsky, GUEST EDITOR, Department of Political Science, NAC 4/126, City College, City University of New York, Convent Avenue at 138th Street New York, NY 10031, jkrinsky@ccny.cuny.edu, (212) 650-5236.

American Behavioral Scientist (ABS) invites submissions for a special issue on homelessness among children and youth to be published in the summer or fall of 2006. Appropriate papers will contribute a social or behavioral science perspective, may be from any country, and should have implications for policies or actions that address problems of homelessness among young people. ABS has provided interdisciplinary, in-depth coverage of critical issues for more than 45 years. Submission deadline: January 15, 2006. Send queries, abstracts and papers to the special issue editors: Darcy.Varney@colorado.edu and Willem.vanVliet@colorado.edu.

Research in Race and Ethnic Relations. Elsevier invites papers for a volume on "Biculturalism," edited by Rutledge M. Dennis and Dan S. Green. Papers should be between 25-30 doubled-spaced, numbered pages. Papers may focus on theoretical issues, historical issues, empirical research, or on personal narratives; the research setting may be local, regional, national, or international. Deadline for submission is March 15, 2006. Send four hard copies and one disk copy to Rutledge M. Dennis, Department of Sociology, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030; (703) 993-1431; email rdenni1@gmu.edu.

New Approaches in Sociology: Studies in Social Inequality, Social Change, and Social Justice. Routledge is currently seeking manuscripts for inclusion in its BRAND NEW dissertation series, "New Approaches in Sociology," a series that provides a forum for the publication of rich, in-depth case studies and qualitative analyses, with particular focus on gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, class, disability, and the ways these themes intersect to highlight and analyze the social. We invite you to submit a copy of your manuscript to the Routledge address below or to the series editor, along with a CV and an abstract of the dissertation: Series Editor: Nancy Naples, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, 344 Mansfield Road, Unit 206829, Storrs, CT 06269-2068. OR Routledge Editor: Kimberly Guinta Routledge W. 35th Street, New York, NY 10001-2299.

PCI sessions at the Upcoming Conference in Montreal (August 10-12, 2006):

Our section is sponsoring or cosponsoring seven sessions at the upcoming conference in Montreal. We have tried to assemble an array of topics and hope you can find a theme that fits some of your original research.

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