

# Poverty, Class, & Inequality Division Newsletter

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division Members,

I hope you are having a relaxing and productive summer. As the summer meetings are quickly approaching, I would like to bring to your attention some wonderful Poverty, Class, and Inequality sessions, some of our division members' recent accomplishments, and several opportunities to get more involved in the PCI division.

This year, SSSP will be meeting in New York City at the Roosevelt Hotel, August 10-12<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you have registered for the meeting and made reservations at the conference hotel. For a preliminary program and registration information visit the SSSP website, <http://www.sssp1.org/>. If you are unable to attend this year's meeting, but you have ideas about resolutions, sessions for next year, or other feedback, please send them to me ([brooke.kelly@uncp.edu](mailto:brooke.kelly@uncp.edu)) before the meeting so that your ideas can be considered.

One of my initiatives as chair is to find ways for our scholarship to get outside of academic circles. Toward this end, I have organized an invited panel session on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm, "Making Research Matter: Disseminating Knowledge Outside the Academy." Whether you are an expert at bridging academia and "the real world" or you are looking for ways to get started, please come and join the discussion. I would also like to bring your attention to the call for resolutions below. This is another way to make our research matter (see section of newsletter below).

We have been fortunate to have David Purcell as our newsletter editor. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the soon to be Dr. Purcell on his upcoming dissertation defense and his new position at Kent State University. Congrats!

Please enjoy the rest of this newsletter, and do not forget to attend some of the great PCI sessions. Look forward to seeing you in New York.

Sincerely,  
E. Brooke Kelly  
Division Chair

## CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions are the Society for the Study of Social Problem's (SSSP) way to make political and social statements to the wider public. There are many salient issues that can be informed by our scholarship on inequalities. Does your research lend itself to a timely policy initiative? Is there a current event about which you believe SSSP should make an informed public statement?

SSSP would like for each Special Problems Division to present resolutions for consideration at the 2007 meeting in preparation for a media strategy to make them available to the press in an expedient manner. Therefore, **your ideas for resolutions are needed before the meeting in New York.**

On the SSSP website, you can find examples of past resolutions to help get your started: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/189>.

When you write a resolution, please be sure to suggest who should receive the resolution (e.g., members of congress; specific corporations, etc.); send complete resolutions and/or ideas for resolutions to [brooke.kelly@uncp.edu](mailto:brooke.kelly@uncp.edu).

## OPPORTUNITY TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH POVERTY, CLASS & INEQUALITY DIVISION

Whether you are a seasoned member, new member, or just curious, please consider attending the division gathering for Poverty, Class, and Inequality.

**Join us on Saturday, August 11,  
at 12:30p.m. in the  
Sutton Suite.**

Getting involved with a division is a great way to become more involved with SSSP. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to discuss and propose sessions for next year's meeting (which you can organize and chair, if interested), discuss resolutions, become a reviewer for and/or organize the division's paper competition, or just meet other members and get acquainted.

## CO-SPONSORED DIVISION RECEPTION & AIDS FUNDRAISER/RECEPTION

Please consider attending the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division Reception, co-sponsored with many other divisions, at 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10 in the Vanderbilt Suite.

The AIDS Fundraiser will take place in the same suite from 9-11pm on Friday, August 10.

\$15...new members and students receive a complimentary ticket with meeting registration.

**Poverty, Class, and Inequality (PCI) Division Sessions  
of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)  
2007 Meeting, Roosevelt Hotel, New York, NY**

**Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-12:10pm**

**Poverty and Social Networks**

**Room: Fifth Avenue Suite**

**Sponsor: Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division  
Organizer, Presider, & Discussant: Jennifer A.  
Johnson, Virginia Commonwealth University**

“Poverty, Employment, and Social Networks: A Comparative Analysis of Whites, Blacks, and Latinos,” Robert Aponte, Carrie E. Foote, and Chris Conner, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

“Boys to Men: Pathways of Puerto Rican Street Youth,” Timothy Black, University of Hartford

“Motherhood and Social Support: Poverty Stricken Working Mothers Negotiating Support,” Orly Benjamin, Bar-Ilan University

“Social Capital and Welfare Dependency: An Empirical Analysis,” Jennifer A. Johnson and Perry Threlfall-Goheen, Virginia Commonwealth University

“Poor Households and the Use of Social Networks as Coping Resources with Poverty: Eskisehir Case/Turkey,” Fatime Gunes, Anadolu University Eskisehir/Turkey

“The Felt Experiences of Very Low Income Fathers,” Joyce Bialik, Yeshiva University

**Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm-2:10pm**

**Inter-sexions: Race, Class and Sexuality**

**Room: Park Suite**

**Sponsors: Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division, and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division**

**Organizer, Presider, & Discussant: Juanita Diaz-Cotto, SUNY, Binghamton University**

“What do African-American Grandparents tell their Grandchildren about Sex? A Survey of Sexual

Messages,” Elisabeth O. Burgess and Sharon V. King, Georgia State University

“Sexual and Romantic Strategies of Black and White High-Status Fraternity Men,” Rashawn Ray, Indiana University

“Exploring the Income Gap between Lesbian and Heterosexual Women in the United States,” Annie Tuttle, John Reynolds and Karin L. Brewster, Florida State University

**Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:10pm**

**Making Research Matter: Disseminating Knowledge Outside the Academy**

**Room: East End Suite**

**Sponsor: Program Committee**

**Organizer and Presider: E. Brooke Kelly, University of North Carolina at Pembroke**

“Taking Sociology to the Public: Why Research Matters,” Leslie Hossfeld University of North Carolina, Wilmington

“Incorporating Community-Based Research in an Undergraduate Sociology Curriculum: Building Community—University Partnerships,” John K. Schorr, Stetson University

“Building Communications Capacity for Women’s Studies: Translating Academic Research for the Mainstream Media,” Allison Kimmich, National Women’s Studies Association

“Making Research on Welfare Policy Relevant for Policy-Makers,” Anne Statham, University of Wisconsin, Parkside

“Improving HIV Prevention and Care for Ventura County Latinos: A Case Study of Community-Based Action Research,” Adina Nack and José Marichal, California Lutheran University

Alcohol Abuse,” Megan L. Dueterhaus, University of Central Florida

“Shelter Life for Homeless Men: Risk or Respite?” Amy M. Donley, University of Central Florida

“The Police Response to Homeless Victims of Assault: Findings from the Florida Four City Survey of Violence in the Lives of Homeless Women,” Rebecca Weichsel, University of Central Florida

“Not All of them are Homeless: Assessing the Diversity of Peer Involvement among Homeless Youth and Young Adults,” Timothy Patrick Stablein, University of Connecticut

### Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-10:10am

**Making Privilege Visible: Employment, Families, and Poverty**

**Room: Promenade Suite**

**Sponsors: Family Division and Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division**

**Organizer & Presider: Orly Benjamin, Bar Ilan University**

**Discussant: Michal Kromer-Nevo, Ben-Gurion University**

“Choosing Work and Family: Poverty and Work-Family Commitments,” Judith Hennessy, Central Washington University

“Degendering and Regendering: The Uncertainties Dilemmas, and Contradictions of Attempting to Remake Masculinity through Anti-sexist Masculinity Projects,” Bradley W. Wing, University of Missouri, Columbia

“Family Structure, Neighborhoods and High School Graduation,” Kia Noel Sorensen, University of Wisconsin, Madison

“Children’s Economic Well-Being in Grandfamilies,” Jennifer R. Keene and Anastasia Prokos, University of Nevada Las Vegas

“Monetary Aspirations and Adolescent Well-being and Deviance in Iceland,” Jon Gunnar Bernburg, University of Iceland, Inga Dora Sigfusdottir, Reykjavik University and Thorolfur Thorlindsson, University of Iceland

### Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-9:40am

**Gender, Poverty, and Development**

**Room: Riverside Suite**

**Organizer & Presider: Fatime Gunes, Anadolu University**

**Sponsors: Global Division and Poverty, Class, and Inequality**

“A New Age for Rosie the Riveter: Filipina Factory Workers in Taiwan,” Stephen J. Sills, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

“Promoting Gender Equality Through Development: Land Ownership and Domestic Violence in Nicaragua,” Shelly Grabe, University of Wisconsin, Madison

“Integrating Economic Interventions and HIV/AIDS Prevention: Global Debates, Needs, and Evidence,” Shari L. Dworking, Columbia University and HIV Center

“Gender Mainstreaming’ and Policy Implications in Taiwan,” Jolan Hsieh, National Dong Hwa University

“Mamphela Ramphela: From Anti-Apartheid to the World Bank and Back,” Barbara Ryan, Widener University

“Affecting Gender Equity Around the World: Is political Democracy the Answer?” Robert A. Hollenbaugh, University of Southern California

### Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm-4:10pm

**Homelessness**

**Room: Beekman Suite**

**Sponsor: Poverty, Class, and Inequality**

**Organizer: Bart W. Miles, Wayne State University**

“The Changing Face of Homelessness: Federal Policy, Gender, and the Emergence of an Invisible Population in Congressional Hearings,” Tauna S. Sisco, Purdue University

“Comfortably Numb? The Relationship between Violence in the Lives of Homeless Women and

Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-12:10pm

**Social and Health Consequences of Katrina**

**Room: Fashion Suite**

**Sponsors: Community Research and Development Division, Drinking and Drugs Division, and Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division**

**Organizer & Presider: Bruce D. Johnson, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.**

“Comparing Drug Use Patterns among Young Injection Drug Users in Pre- and Post-Katrina New Orleans,” Stephen E. Lankenau, University of Southern California, Erica Alarcon, Tulane University, Jennifer Jackson Bloom, Children’s Hospital Lost Angeles, Bill Sanders, University of Southern California, and Stephanie Tortu, Louisiana State University

“Substance Use and Other Health Consequences among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Houston,” Avelardo Valdez and Alice Cepeda, University of Houston

“Illicit Drug Markets in New Orleans Before and During Katrina,” Eloise Dunlap and Bruce D. Johnson, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

“The Subculture of Violence among New Orleans Evacuees before and after Hurricane Katrina,” Bruce D. Johnson and Eloise Dunlap, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

“Katrina and the Failure of the American Welfare State: Socially Constructing the Consequences of a Natural Disaster in the U.S., France, Germany, and Iceland,” Nikole Hotchkiss and Sigrun Olafsdottir, Indiana University

Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:10pm

**Networks, Neighborhoods, and Poverty**

**Room: Fashion Suite**

**Sponsors: Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division**

**Organizer, Presider, & Discussant: Jennifer A. Johnson, Virginia Commonwealth University**

“Recreating Home: How Low-Income Hurricane Katrina Victims Rebuild their Lives and Sense of Security,” Robert Leibson Hawkins, New York University

“Getting to Know Your Neighborhood: Collective Efficacy in a Mixed-Income Neighborhood,” Wendy Sedlak, Temple University

“Shifting Identities: Homelessness Individuals and the Transition to Housing,” Jennifer Nargang Chernega, Sarah Stawiski, Christine George and Anne Figert, Loyola University Chicago

“Can the State Seed Economic Democracy?” Joyce Rothschild, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

## ***RECENT MEMBER PUBLICATIONS***

### ***The Wages of Empire: Neoliberal Policies, Repression, and Women's Poverty***

Edited by Amalia L. Cabezas, Ellen Reese, and Marguerite Waller

Paradigm Publishers, 256 pp.

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Corporate globalization has intensified in recent years, taking a terrible toll on the lives of ordinary women in the global North and South. *The Wages of Empire: Neoliberal Policies, Repression, and Women's Poverty* investigates the related processes of neoliberal economic restructuring and increased militarization, tracking policy and its enforcement to its impact on low-income women. This interdisciplinary volume provides rich analyses of the oppressive working and living conditions of urban and rural women, rightward shifts in public policies, and women's resistance to these developments. Much of the recent scholarship on the contemporary empire analyzes it in gender-neutral terms. Instead, this volume contributes to a growing body of feminist literature on globalization, providing haunting and inspiring accounts from across the globe of women's daily struggles with multinational corporations, structural adjustment programs, armed police, and invading armies.

Contributors include Caitilyn Allen, Carolina Bank Muñoz, Piya Chatterjee, Jill Esbenshade, Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, Tracy Fisher, Marina Karides, Sonali Kolhatkar, Cynthia Mellon, Sabine N. Merz, Joya Misra, Jennifer Olmsted, Ananya Roy, Jennifer Lynn Stoeber, Bernardo Useche.

Amalia L. Cabezas is Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, Ellen Reese is Associate Professor of Sociology, and Marguerite Waller is Professor of Women's Studies and Comparative Literature at the University of California, Riverside.

***Mothers in Poverty: A Study of Fatherless Families*** (originally published by Aldine in 1970, was reissued in 2006, in paperback, by Aldine Transaction). Louis Kriesberg, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Maxwell Professor Emeritus of Social Conflict Studies at Syracuse University.

Also, the 3rd edition of his book, *Constructive Conflicts: From Escalation to Resolution*, was published by Rowman and Littlefield, in 2006.

### ***Differences That Matter: Social Policy and the Working Poor in the United States and Canada***

(Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2006). Dan Zuberi, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of British Columbia

Additional info about the book can be found at:

[http://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/cup\\_detail.ta?ti\\_id=4483](http://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/cup_detail.ta?ti_id=4483)

***African American Families*** (Sage 2007) Angela Hattery, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University & Earl Smith.

"Social Stratification in the New/Old South: The Influences of Racial Segregation on Social Class in the Deep South". *Journal of Poverty Research*. 11(1): 55-81. Hattery, Angela J. and Earl Smith. 2007.