

# RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES DIVISION NEWS

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## HOTEL AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Hotel registration deadline  
July 15

To be entered in a room  
upgrade drawing

Call 1-800-267-2575 to make  
your reservation

Hilton Montreal Bonaventure

Conference pre-registration  
ends July 15th

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Once again we have come to the time of year that we begin thinking about the annual conference. This year the conference will be held in a beautiful location. (Check out the Montreal websites, there are some great things to do while there!) The program promises to be very interesting again this year. The Race and Ethnic Minorities Division has two excellent sessions as well as two equally intriguing co-sponsored sessions planned. It will be well worth the time to attend each of these. I would also like to encourage you to attend the Thematic session offered by the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee on Saturday, August 12 from 10:30 am -12:10 pm. Debra Emmelman has worked very hard to bring together a number of knowledgeable people to discuss the recent challenges to academic freedom, something that

affects us all. The panel she has brought together is fantastic and the discussion promises to be excellent.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as the chair of this division for the last two years. It has been at times challenging, but at all times enjoyable. I have had the chance to work with a number of dedicated individuals. The members of this division are a great group of people who are involved in timely, exciting research. As I leave the office at the end of the annual conference, I want to wish you all well in the future. Your division will be handed over to the very capable hands of Melinda Messineo. The name should sound familiar because Melinda has been the newsletter editor for the last two years. She is extremely com-



petent and resourceful. She will serve the membership well. My congratulations to Melinda for her election as chair and my heartfelt thanks for serving as the newsletter editor.

Division Chair Ione DeOllos, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE—TIPS ON TRAVELING TO CANADA

As you plan your trip to Canada for the meetings, please pay special attention to the requirements concerning travel documents.

"The easiest way to avoid delays in immigration and customs when crossing national borders is to carry an official passport from your country of origin. However, U.S. citizens are **not yet** required to carry a passport for travel between the U.S. and Canada. For U.S. citizens, a birth certificate with a

raised seal and a state-issued driver's license should be sufficient. Nonetheless, ASA does recommend that meeting attendees seriously consider getting passports to ensure their swift transit between countries for the 2006 Annual Meeting." The U.S. Department of State can provide up-to-date information regarding U.S. citizens trav-

eling to Canada and can be accessed on-line at <http://travel.state.gov>.

### More about Montreal:

There are several good websites for information about Montreal.

We suggest the following:  
<http://www.montrealcitytourist.com>.

## BUILDING JUST, DIVERSE AND DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITIES: The Case of Academic Freedom— Conference Panel

By Debby Emmelman

Academics in general and sociologists in particular have long been advocates of those excluded in U.S. society, including the poor, the non-White, the non-Christian, the disabled, women, gay men, lesbians, bi and transsexuals. Recently, the radical Right has been actively seeking not only to dismantle social programs, abandon civil rights, and increase economic inequality but also to undermine the very freedoms that academics have shared to speak out against such injustices.

This panel explores how academic freedom, as the right to speak out against injustice and inhumanity in its various forms, might be ensured in today's political climate. Melanie Bush from Adelphi University begins by providing an overview of where

we stand today. Bart W. Miles and Stephen J. Sills from Wayne State University describe three strategies that faculty researchers have used to challenge the oppressive structures of Institutional Review Boards. G. Anthony Rosso, Academic Freedom Officer for the Southern Connecticut State University chapter of the AAUP, will discuss Association principles of academic freedom and collective bargaining strategies. Gerald Turkel, Chair of AAUP's Committee on Government Relations, will discuss AAUP noncollective bargaining approaches to resisting political attacks on academic freedom. And last but certainly not least, Jameel Jaffer, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union who is currently litigating a case filed on behalf of the American Academy of Religion, the American Association of University Pro-

fessors and PEN American Center, and that names as a plaintiff in the lawsuit Professor Tariq Ramadan, a Swiss intellectual who is widely regarded as a leading scholar of the Muslim world, will discuss the methods of the ACLU.

Consistent with SSSP President Claire M. Renzetti's vision for the 2006 meeting, it is hoped that this panel, sponsored by the *Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication and Teaching Committee*, will encourage scholars devoted to the eradication of social injustice to energize, mobilize and strategize in an effort to thwart current threats to our academic freedom.

Saturday, August 12, 10:30-12:10

Fontaine A

### SESSIONS

**Session 37:** The Creation and Formation of Racial Identities (Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division and the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division)  
Thursday, August 10,  
Room: Pointe-aux Tremble

Organizer: Eric Swank  
W: 606-783-2190;  
[e.swank@morehead-st.edu](mailto:e.swank@morehead-st.edu)

### SESSIONS CONT.

**Session 71:**  
Grassroots Organizing for Social Change -

**THEMATIC** (Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division and the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division)  
Friday, August 11, 2:30-4:10  
Room: LePortage  
Organizer: Kathleen Ferraro  
W: 928-523-9412;  
[kathleen.ferraro@nau.edu](mailto:kathleen.ferraro@nau.edu)

**Session 74:**  
How Race and Crime Became Synonymous? The Role of Political Discourse and the Media  
Friday, August 11, 2:30-4:10  
Room: Fontaine B  
Organizer: Melinda Messineo  
W: 765-285-5530  
[mmessine@bsu.edu](mailto:mmessine@bsu.edu)

**Session 97:**  
Framing the Other: Race and Ethnic Portrayals and the War on Terrorism Saturday, August 12, 10:30-12:00  
Room: St. Laurent  
Organizer: Stephani Williams  
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The Importance of  
Academic Freedom  
to our Communities

## STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION WINNER ANNOUNCED!

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division invited students to submit their work for consideration for the 2006 paper competition. The committee received a number of fine examples of student research and are pleased to announce that the work by **Antwan Jones** from Bowling Green

State University titled:

**“The Effects of Wealth on Homeownership Propensity and Ethnic Spatial Distribution for Latinos in the United States”** was selected as this year’s winning entry.

The winner will receive a \$150 stipend and a ticket to

the awards banquet.

Congratulations to all of the participants on their fine work. We wish each of you success in your future pursuits



## EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

### SOCIAL FUNCTION

This year, all of the special problems divisions have agreed to join forces and hold one large reception. The joint reception is scheduled on Thursday, August 10 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. The location will be listed in the program. We hope to see you all there. This will be an excellent opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones. Don't miss out!

### SPEED MENTORING SESSION

Steve Barkan—U. of Maine  
This year's SSSP annual meeting in Montreal will feature a "speed mentoring" session that will offer graduate students, untenured faculty, and applied sociologists ("mentees") the opportunity to sit one-on-one with

a stellar group of senior faculty ("mentors") to get feedback on dissertations and/or research projects that are underway or still in the planning stages. These meetings will each last 20 minutes, and there will be time for four such meetings within the speed mentoring session time block of 100 minutes. Senior faculty mentors include Joel Best, Richard Caputo, Kimberly Cook, Elizabeth Ettorre, Kathleen Ferraro, Gregory Hooks, Valerie Jenness, Nancy Jurik, Barbara Katz Rothman, Kathleen Lowney, Nancy Naples, Mary Romero, and Richard Wilsnack.

Complete details about the speed mentoring session and how to participate as a mentee will be included in the SSSP preliminary program and will also be posted in May on the SSSP web site. Although this session is primarily intended for graduate students, untenured faculty, and applied sociologists, tenured faculty

are also welcome to indicate mentor preferences and will be accommodated as space permits.

For further information, please contact the speed mentoring session organizer, Steve Barkan ([barkan@maine.edu](mailto:barkan@maine.edu)).

### SPECIAL THANKS TO IONE DEOLLOS

The Division would like to offer our sincerest thanks to our outgoing Chair, Ione DeOllos, for her service and commitment to the mission of this organization. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

See you in  
Montreal!

## SSSP Website

<http://www.sssp1.org/>

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## Purpose Statement of SSSP

This Society shall be a non-profit corporation to promote and protect sociological research and teaching on significant problems of social life and, particularly, to encourage the work of young sociologists; to stimulate the application of scientific method and theory to the study of vital social problems; to encourage problem-centered social research; to foster cooperative relations among persons and organizations engaged in the application of scientific sociological findings to the formulation of social policies; to foster higher quality of life, social welfare, and positive social relations in society and the global community and to undertake any activity related thereto or necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes.



## CONSIDER SENDING YOUR CONFERENCE PAPER TO SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Manuscripts for *Social Problems* should be prepared according to the style guide on the inside back cover of *Social Problems*. Authors should submit five copies of their manuscript plus a PC-compatible electronic file. These copies will not be returned. *Social Problems* requires no submission fee.

However all papers accepted for publication pay a \$50.00 fee to help pay for copy editing and other editorial expenses. Papers written by graduate students or the unemployed are exempt from this fee. Submissions should be sent to:

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