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LETTER TO DIVISION MEMBERS

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Serving such a dynamic division has truly been an honor and a wonderful experience!

Kasey and I are gearing up for the 2020 Annual Meeting in San Francisco in August. We have organized an exciting lineup of sessions for the division! Our hope is that you all will submit your work and keep the energy of DREM going! We look forward to your presentations, fellowshiping, and improving our social world through the broad range of social justice work that everyone is doing to solve the pressing racial problems that haunt our society, locally, nationally and globally.

In a world that is sinking deeper into unnecessary wars, economic inequality, racial violence, gendered repression, and homo- and trans-phobia, your intellect and activism have the power to save us. As we enter into the spring term across college campuses, students, faculty, and administrators are demanding peace, reparations, and better futures. As scholar-activists, let us join them in the pursuit of a truer democracy. Our lives and that of generations to come depend on it. Election 2020 will decide the future of our society in profound ways. As sociologists, we are called to make our voices heard in the fight for freedom and liberation. In the words of the incomparable Mississippi-born Civil Rights Activist Fannie Lou Hamer, "Nobody's free until everybody's free."

Forward,

Orly Clerge.

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MISSION STATEMENT

DIVISION MISSION STATEMENT
REVIEWED IN NOVEMBER 2019 BY
ORLY CLERGE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS (RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES DIVISION CO-CHAIR, 2018-2020) AND **KASEY HENRICKS**, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE (RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES DIVISION CO-CHAIR, 2019-2021)

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division of SSSP is a collective of scholars, activists, and concerned individuals who recognize that we continue to live in a society in which racial inequality, segregation, discrimination, and systematic racism function both tacitly and overtly. In our current political climate, we are witnessing an increase in hate groups and violence against people of color. We are also seeing the rise of anti-racist and anti-zenophobic social movements at the local, national and international level. Therefore, we need to work to dismantle the structures that uphold white supremacy in the United States and support the political actors and organizations invested in creating equitable racial futures. Our Division's vision of our future society is one in which racial and ethnic (and all other types of) oppression and discrimination no longer exist. Accordingly, in a world in which the multifarious manifestations of racism are often minimized or ignored, we believe it is a moral and scholarly responsibility to remain vigilant in our quest to study, understand, and make visible the latent and hidden operations, mechanisms, and effects of racism and to speak out against it.

Our collective goals revolve around gaining higher levels of inter- and intra-racial understanding, substantive cooperation, and intimate camaraderie toward dismantling racial inequality and injustice. We utilize various sociological models to address racial and ethnic inequality and injustice at all levels, investigating governmental policies, practices of social institutions, representations through media and culture, and individual and group interactions. Our vision for the future is of a just society, in which racial and ethnic histories and cultures are not subjugated, but acknowledged and understood. Furthermore, we implore all members of this section to understand the struggle that people of color often endure, and to join in the fight for alleviating the causes of human suffering and through our scholarship, our teaching, and our service to the community and beyond.

We encourage members and allies to engage with books from the suggested (but by no means exhaustive) list of readings below as well as activists on the ground. Division members are also encouraged to join our Facebook community (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sssp.drem/>). There, we share information related to our larger interests and investment in the alleviation of racial and ethnic social problems.

Division mission statement last edited in 2015 by Michelle R. Jacobs, Wayne State University, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division Co-Chair, 2014-2016, and Matthew W. Hughey, University of Connecticut, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division Co-Chair, 2015-2017. No additional edits have been made.



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BUSINESS ITEMS

Request for Awards Committee Volunteers

DREM sponsors three awards that celebrate the incredible scholarship of our members. These include

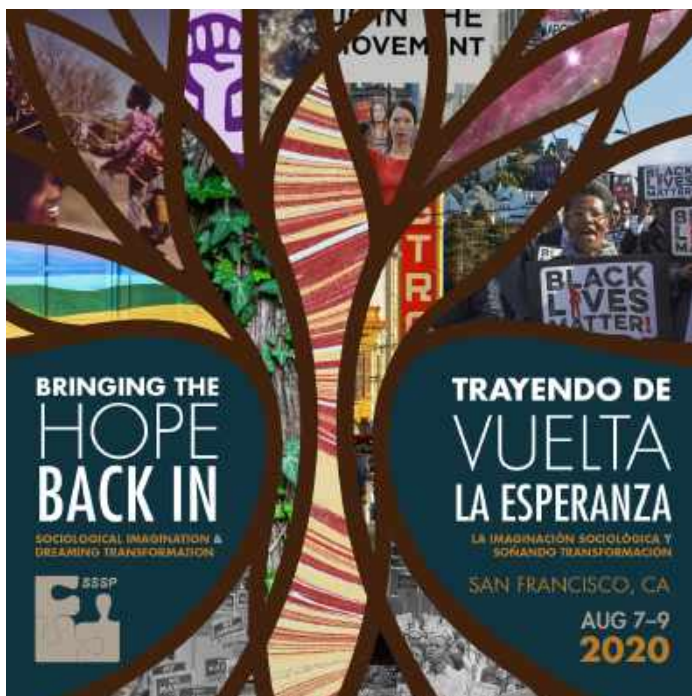
- 1) the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award (chaired this year by Watoii Rabii - wrabii@oakland.edu),
- 2) the Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award (chaired this year by Monica White - mmwhite3@wisc.edu), and
- 3) the Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award (chaired this year by Jennifer C. Mueller - jmueller@skidmore.edu).

We are writing to request for volunteers to sit on each of these. We cannot estimate the time commitment involved because there is considerable variation in submissions from year to year, but we can offer estimates for when your services will be needed based on the nominations deadlines for each award:

- Graduate Paper Award - nominations are due January 31, 2020
- EBS Book Award - nominations are due April 15, 2020
- Crenshaw Article Award - nominations are due April 15, 2020



If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact either Kasey Henricks (kasey.henricks@gmail.com), Orly Clerge (oclerge@ucdavis.edu), or the awards committee chair of interest.

Thanks in advance for this consideration.

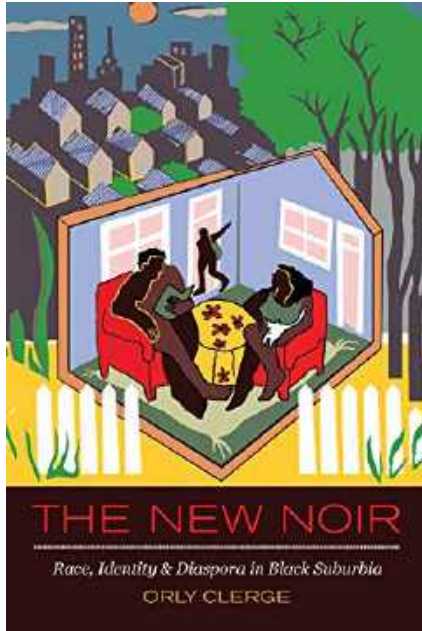


**Reminder:
Society for the Study
of Social Problems
Annual Meeting
August 7-9
San Francisco, CA.**

**Keep updated by following us
on social media:**

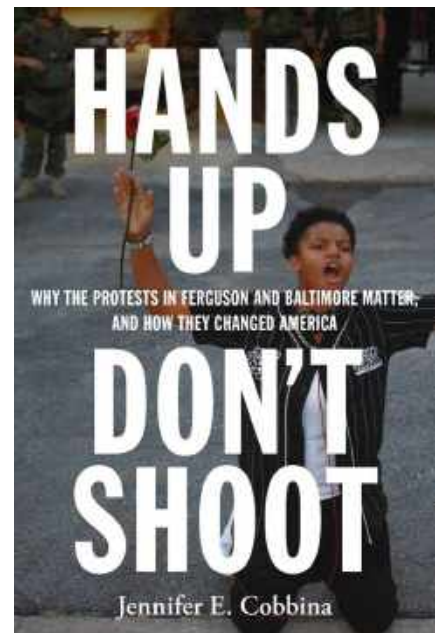
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS (BOOKS)

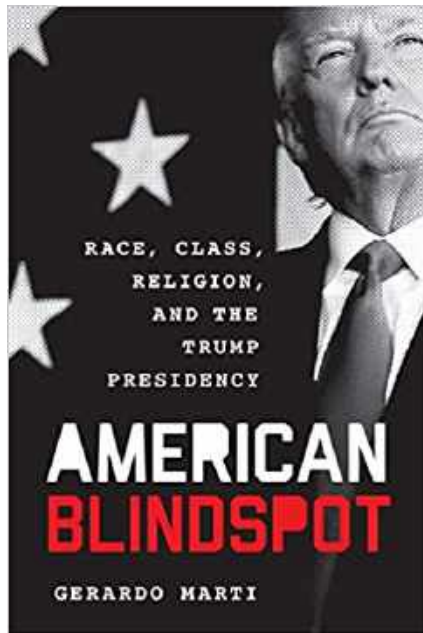


Clerge, Orly. *The New Noir: Race, Identity, and Diaspora in Black Suburbia*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Cobbina, Jennifer E. 2019. *Hands Up, Don't Shoot: Why the Protests in Ferguson and Baltimore Matter, and How They Changed America*. New York: New York University Press.

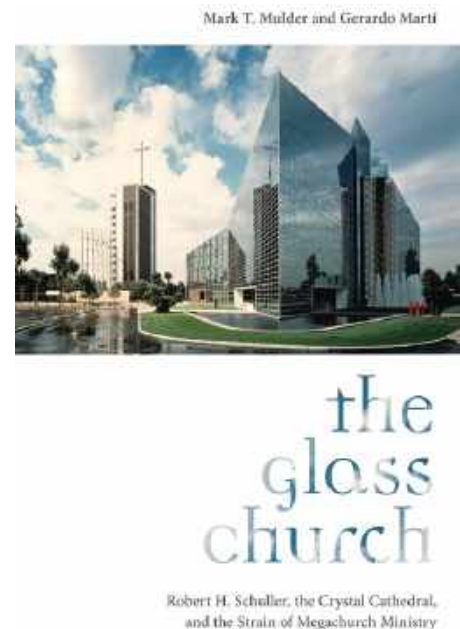


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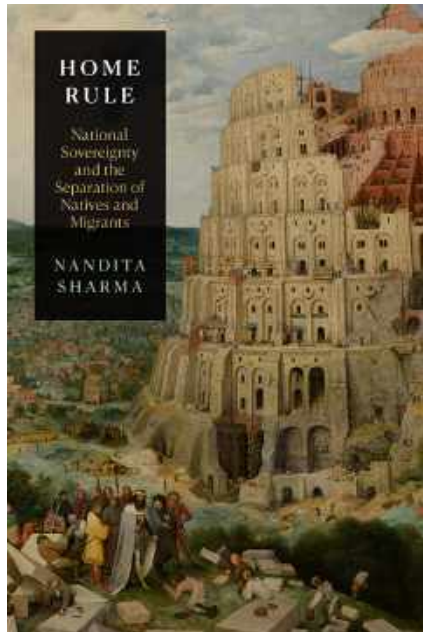


Martí, Gerardo. 2020. American Blindspot: Race, Class, Religion, and the Trump Presidency. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers Inc.

Mulder, Mark T. and Gerardo Martí. 2020. The Glass Church: Robert H. Schuller, The Crystal Cathedral, and the Strain of Megachurch Ministry. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

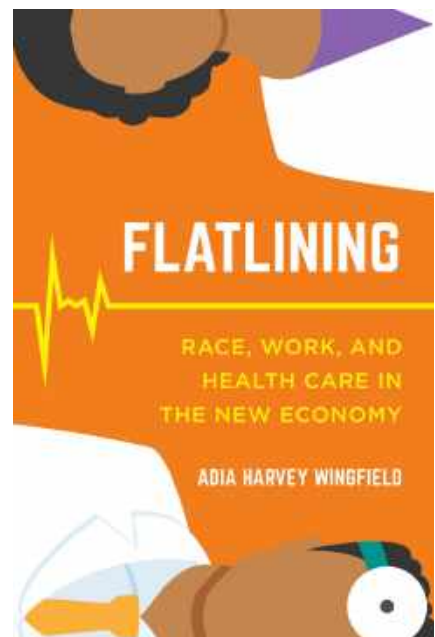


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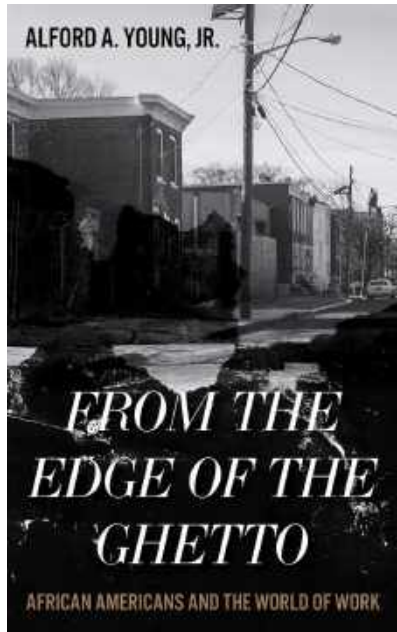


Sharma, Nandita. 2020. Home Rule: National Sovereignty and the Separation of Natives and Migrants. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Wingfield, Adia Harvey. 2019. Flatlining: Race, Work, and Health Care in the New Economy. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

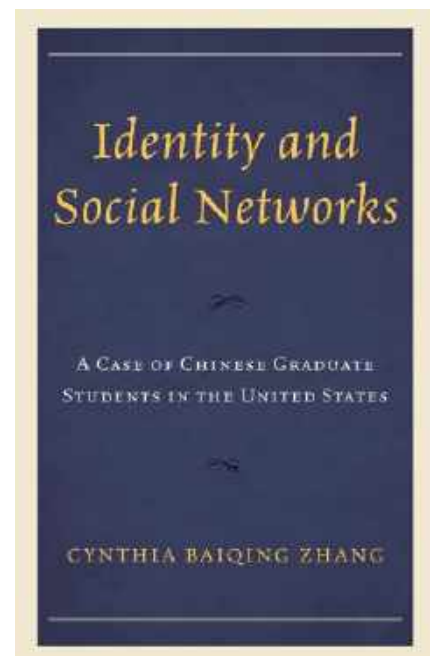


RECENT PUBLICATIONS (BOOKS)



Young, Alford A. Jr. 2020. *From the Edge of the Ghetto: African Americans and the World of Work*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers Inc.

Zhang, Cynthia Baiqing. 2019. *Identity and Social Networks: A Case of Chinese Graduate Students in the U.S.* Lexington Books.



RECENT PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS)

Cobbina, Jennifer E., Erin Kerrison, & Kimberly Bender. (2019). The Baltimore moment: Race, place, and public disorder. *Journal of Crime & Justice*, 1-13.

Jackson, Shirley A. (2019). Oregon's K-12 Ethnic Studies Bill. *Ethnic Studies Review*, 42:2 pp. 180-195.

Khoshnevis, Hadi. 2019. A home to which I do not belong: Geopolitics, colonialism, and the experience of immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa in the United States. *Postcolonial Studies*. Published online.

Olmos, Daniel. 2019. Racialized im/migration and autonomy of migration perspectives: New directions and opportunities. *Sociology Compass*.

Martí, Gerardo. 2019. The Unexpected orthodoxy of Donald J. Trump: Piety, policy, and white evangelical support for the 45th President of the United States. *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 80:1, pp. 1-8.

Meeker, James, and Berard, T.J. 2019. Hip-Hop as critical tragic realism: Cultural analysis beyond irony and conflict. *Nietzsche and Critical Social Theory: Affirmation, Animosity, and Ambiguity*. Eds. Christine Payne and Michael Roberts, pp. 91-134.

Serrao, Rodrigo. Forthcoming. Racializing region: Internal orientalism, social media, and the perpetuation of stereotypes and prejudice against Brazilian Nordestinos. *Latin American Perspectives*.

Sharma, Nandita. 2019. Multiculturalism: Challenging the limits of nation-states," *The Oxford Handbook of Global Studies*. Eds. Mark Juergensmeyer, Saskia Sassen, and Manfred Steger, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Sharma, Nandita. 2019. Dispossessing Citizenship. *For a Borderless World*. Ed. Reece Jones (ed.) Athens: University of Georgia Press.

Sharma, Nandita. 2019. The 'people out of place': State limits on free mobility and the making of (im)migrants. *Paper-Trails: Migrants, Documents, and Legal Insecurity in the Global North*. Eds. Sarah Horton and Josiah M. Heyman. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Sharma, Nandita. 2019. Citizenship/borders. *Power and Everyday Practices, 2nd Edition*. Eds. Deborah Brock, Rebecca Raby and Mark P. Thomas. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

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Sharma, Nandita. 2019. Goodbye to borders: 3 reasons why no borders is essential for the working class." *Fabian Review*.

Sharma, Nandita. 2019. What is the left case for open borders? *State of Nature*.

Wingfield, Adia. H., & Chavez, K. 2020. Getting in, getting hired, getting sideways looks: Organizational hierarchy and perceptions of racial discrimination. *American Sociological Review*.



MEDIA APPEARANCES

Dr. Jennifer Cobbina

2019 Interviewed on Thinking Out Loud Radio Show, "Hands Up Don't Shoot - Feat. Author & Professor Dr. Jennifer Cobbina," December 10

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/thinkingoutloudradio/2019/12/11/hands-up-dont-shoot--feat-author-professor-dr-jennifer-cobbina>

2019 Featured on the Safe & Just Michigan blog "Changing narratives on long sentences, catching up with board member Dr. Cobbina at a criminology conference," December 3.

<https://www.safeandjustmi.org/2019/12/03/talking-narrative-change-on-long-sentences-and-getting-dr-cobbina-at-the-american-society-of-criminology-conference/>

2019 Featured on the Criminal Justice Research Alliance newsletter "Hands Up, Don't Shoot," December 2. <https://mailchi.mp/4272f6f506e5/cjra-newsletter-november-2019>

2019 Featured on This is Not a Pipe Podcast, "Jennifer E. Cobbina: Hands Up, Don't Shoot," November 7 <https://www.tinapp.org/episodes/handsup>

2019 Interviewed on Sunday Journal, "Dr. Cobbina Author of Hands Up, Don't Shoot," October 3

<https://wyldfm.iheart.com/featured/sunday-journal-with-hal-clark/content/2019-10-06-jennifer-cobbina-author-of-hands-up-dont-shoot/>

Dr. Adia Harvey Wingfield

2019 Featured in the Marketplace article "Real diversity of 'racial outsourcing'?" July 24

<https://www.marketplace.org/2019/07/24/real-diversity-or-racial-outsourcing/>

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Teah Hairston, Graduate Student at the University of Missouri, gave the following presentations:

January 2020 Accepted. "Closeness, Commitment, Investment: African-Males' Perceptions of Their K-12 Teachers.' Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference. Washington, DC. January 15-19, 2020.

November 2019 Guest Lecture. Diversity in Journalism. Special Topics in Journalism focused on Diversity Reporting. UC Davis. Davis, CA. November 5, 2019.

August 2019 "Us for Us: Black Women's Narratives of Resilience as Family Members of Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Humans." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. New York, NY. August 9-11, 2019.

August 2019 "Us for Us: Safe Black Spaces as Sites of Resistance." Association of Black Sociologists. Annual Conference. New York, NY. August 8-10, 2019.

ACCOLADES

Dr. Aneesa A. Baboolal was hired as an Assistant Professor in Crime and Justice Studies at the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth.

Dr. Trinidad de Jesus Arguello was named the Con Alma Health Foundation's 2019 Hero of Health.

Dr. Robert Smith, Professor in the Austin W. Marxe School of Public and International Affairs, Baruch College, and Sociology Department, Graduate Center, CUNY, co-authored (with 13 other scholars from across the country) an Amicus Brief for the Supreme Court of the United States regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.

Irina Chukhray, graduate student from the University of California, Davis, received a fellowship from the UC Davis Global Education for All (GE4A) Initiative.

Teah Hairston, graduate student from the University of Missouri, received the following awards:

November 2019 Sociology Graduate Student Association Travel Award

September 2019 Making and Unmaking Mass Incarceration Travel Award

August 2019 Graduate Student Travel Scholarships

May 2019 Mary Elizabeth Gutermuth Community Engagement Award In 2019.

Hairston was also elected as the Vice President of the Sacramento Area Congregations Together (Sac ACT), elected as the Board Secretary of Safe Black Space Community Healing Circles and Facilitated the workshop: "The connection between mental health and physical health." for Sisters Mentally Mobilized. California Black Women's Health Project in Sacramento, CA. In April 2019, **Hairston** also celebrated 1 year of service with Safe Black Space Community Healing Circles.



Stephanie A. Pulles (UC Irvine) and **Thelma I. Velez** (Ohio State University) were the 2019 recipients of the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship



OPPORTUNITIES

CITAMS Public Sociology Award

The Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology Section of the ASA (CITAMS) seeks nominations for their annual Public Sociology Award (past recipients: <https://citams.org/citasa-awards/public-sociology/>).

This award recognizes a specific achievement in teaching, the development or the use of a communication, media, or information technology, or the dissemination of knowledge that advances public understanding or engagement on topics of concern in the section.

If you would like to nominate a scholar for the award, please send a nomination letter via email to the following committee members by **March 15, 2020**:

Andrew Lindner (Chair) alindner@skidmore.edu

Joseph Cohen joseph.n.cohen@gmail.com

Sam Scovill sscovill@email.arizona.edu

Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship

Applications are being accepted for the 2020 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship. Members of the Society should urge qualified applicants to apply for this award. Online applications must be finalized no later than midnight (EST) on **February 1, 2020**. Applicants will be notified of the results by July 15, 2020. All applicants must be current SSSP members when applying.

PURPOSE

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), in keeping with its philosophy of active engagement with social problems, participation in social problem solutions, and advancement of knowledge through study, service and critical analysis, established the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship at its annual meeting in August 1993. At the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to change the scholarship to a fellowship. The purpose of the fellowship is:

- To identify and support developing minority scholars who exemplify and give fresh voice to the SSSP history and commitment to scholar activism
- To give renewed energy and wider lenses to diversity in scholarship
- To increase the pool of minority social and behavioral scientists
- To establish a formal commitment to diversity through support of two minority doctoral students in the social and/or behavioral sciences inclusive of course work or dissertation research support who demonstrates a commitment, through his or her scholarly examination, of any aspect of inequality, injustice, and oppression

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A person identified as either American Indian or Alaska Native, Arab/Middle Eastern/North African, Asian/Asian-American, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) from one of the aforementioned groups, accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences so as to expand their perspectives in the pursuit and investigations into social problems

OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

- Submission of a dissertation proposal of 15 or more double spaced pages is required. The student's dissertation advisor's letter should note that s/he expects the student to have defended the dissertation proposal and have achieved advanced status in the doctoral program (completed course work, examinations, and approval of their dissertation prospectus) by the end of the Spring 2020 academic year.

- A grade point average or equivalent of at least 3.25 in one's current graduate program [of study] Evidence of a commitment to a career of scholar activism as demonstrated by: course and academic work and research, activism in school and/or community, career plans, mentoring members of marginalized populations, and volunteering and organizing around social justice issues as a scholar activist.

- Statement of financial need as expressed by the applicant and Graduate Program Director or Advisor with the exception of DACA students, who are also eligible, applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States

FUNDING

A \$15,000 fellowship will be funded to two students with an additional \$500 awarded for attendance at the annual meeting. Payments will be made in equal installments in September 2020 and January 2021. SSSP believes that the support of students will foster the commitment required to enable the student to fund living arrangements as well as academic or research costs.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RECIPIENT

- Attend the annual meeting to receive the award: a \$500 stipend will be available to each winner for this purpose.

- Submit a brief final report (three pages maximum) on the work sponsored through the award at the end of the award year.

- Following year, present work (described above) at an appropriate division session: a \$500 stipend will be available to each winner for this purpose.

- Serve on the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee after completing graduate school, and attend the scheduled meeting of the committee.

STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that his or her application meets all requirements to be considered eligible for evaluation. Incomplete online applications will not be reviewed. Each application must include the following:

- Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Application

- Official Academic Transcript from Doctoral Program

- Resume or Curriculum Vitae

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OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

- Three letters of recommendation addressing the student's work and progress in the program, including one from the student's dissertation advisor, are required. The letter from the advisor should address the financial need of the applicant and should also note that the student will have defended the dissertation proposal and have achieved advanced status in the doctoral program (completed course work, examinations, and approval of their dissertation prospectus) by the end of the Spring 2020 academic year
- Personal statement of commitment to a career of scholar activism
- Fifteen or more double spaced pages of the dissertation proposal

Please Contact Dr. France Winddance Twine, Chair, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee with questions concerning the fellowship: winddance@soc.ucsb.edu

If you have technical questions concerning the online application system, please Contact IT Specialist Rachel Cogburn: ssspit@utk.edu



OPPORTUNITIES (DIVISION AWARDS)

Kimberle Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award (Deadline: 4/15/20)

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2020 Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award. This award recognizes the author(s) of the best research article in the study of race and ethnicity published in the past three years (2016-2019 for this year's award). We are especially interested in articles written from a critical race theory lens. The nomination letter should be no more than 3 pages and should explain the scholarly significance and innovations of the research article. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The winner will be announced in early summer 2020. Winner(s) will be recognized at the DREM business meeting and receive a certificate of recognition.

To nominate a journal article, please e-mail the following: 1) a copy of the article, 2) a nomination letter, and 3) contact information for the nominee(s) (including e-mail) to the Chair of the 2020 DREM Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award Committee, Professor Jennifer C. Mueller (jmueller@skidmore.edu). Nominations must be received no later than April 15, 2020.



Left: **Jennifer C. Mueller** (Skidmore College), winner of the 2019 Kimberle Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award.

Right: **Monica White** (UW Madison), winner of the 2019 Eduardo Bonna Silva Outstanding Book Award



Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award (Deadline: 4/15/20)

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2020 Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award. The award honors the significant theoretical and empirical contributions of Eduardo Bonilla-Silva to the understanding of contemporary race and racism. We are interested in any books that address issues of race or racism. We are especially interested in books that make an attempt to eradicate contemporary racism, either in the U.S. or on a global scale. Books must have been published within 3 years of the meetings (2016-2019 for this year's award). Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the award, although they will not be required to present the work at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The winner will be announced in early summer 2020. Winner(s) will be recognized at our DREM business meeting and receive a certificate of recognition.

Nominees should first send a letter with full publication information and a paragraph outlining the reasons for their nomination to the Chair of the 2020 DREM Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award Committee, Professor Monica White (mmwhite3@wisc.edu). All nominating correspondence should include "Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Award Nomination" in the e-mail subject heading. Once your nomination letter has been received, the Award Committee Chair will confirm the mailing addresses to which copies of the book should be sent directly. Nominations must be received no later than April 15, 2020.