

Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division News

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS



Hotel and registration
Deadlines

**The Boston Park Plaza
Hotel & Towers
64 Arlington Street
Boston, MA**
*Reservations must be
confirmed by Monday,
July 7, 2008 to guarantee
the group rate.
call 1.800.225.2008*



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Message From Our Chair

It is a pleasure to be serving as committee chair again this year. As you can see from the newsletter, there is a great deal going on with SSSP. I hope you will take a moment to read the newsletter to familiarize yourself with the various activities and requests.

Last year was an active year for our division. In addition to our outstanding conference sessions, we had a successful graduate student paper competition, we rewrote our division statement, and we facilitated the approval of a resolution that called for discontinuing the use of Native American nicknames, logos and mascots in sport through the approval process. We are again putting out a call for graduate student papers and resolutions for next year's meeting so please

forward those to me as soon as they are available. As you know from my various e-mail requests, this summer marks a transition for our division leadership. The nomination process for division chairperson is still open so please forward any names to me as soon as possible.

I encourage each member to consider submitting a paper for the annual meeting in Boston. We have four division sessions and eleven co-sponsored sessions with topics ranging from research on indigenous peoples to the intersection between race, ethnicity and gender and sexuality. Your participation is what maintains the association's vitality. I encourage you to participate and share your work with our members.



Division Chair Melinda Messineo, Ball

Lastly, I would like to introduce our new newsletter editor, Valerie Bothwell. I am pleased to have her assistance this year. She continues on our tradition of an attractive and informative newsletter. Thank you, Valerie, for your support!

Annual Conference—Tips on Traveling to Boston, MA

ASSOCIATION TRAVEL CONCEPTS (ATC) is the official travel agency for the 2008 Annual Meeting July 31 – August 2, 2008 – Boston, MA AIRLINE DISCOUNTS Up to 15% off applicable classes of service for tickets purchased more than 30 days

prior to the meeting. Restrictions apply and not all classes of service apply for the 15% discount. ATC is a full service travel agency that provides personalized service, advance seat assignments, special meal requests, frequent flier program updates, electronic ticketing, e-mail access for

convenient booking of your tickets and MORE...

Make your reservation from one of the following options: Web: www.atcmeetings.com
Email: reservations@atcmeetings.com
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2008 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

Deadline for submission of papers/
abstracts to session organizers

January 31, 2008

Participants **must be notified** by the session organizer of acceptance or referral of paper/abstract February 18, 2008

Session/paper titles and contact information for each author must be in the Executive Office March 3, 2008

Preliminary programs will be distributed to all **current** members via email

May 15, 2008

2008 Annual Meeting, Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers, Boston, MA July 31 – August 2, 2008

DIVISION SPONSORED SESSIONS

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

Session 1: Research on Indigenous Peoples: Current Issues

Organizer: Laurel Davis

W: 413-748-3646, ldavis@spfldcol.edu

Session 2: What is Race? Social Categorization vs. Self Identity

Organizer: Stephani Williams

W: 602-234-2712, stephani.williams@gmail.com

Session 3: Latin American and Caribbean Immigration in US

and Europe – **THEMATIC**

Organizer: Ben Aguirre

W: 302-831-0204, aguirre@udel.edu

Session 4: Outsiders Within Sociologists in the Late 2000's: Achievements, Limitations, and Strategies – **THEMATIC**

Co-organizer: Roberta Villalon

W: 718-990-5663; villalor@stjohns.edu

Co-organizer: Natalie Byfield

W: 718-990-1976; byfieldn@stjohns.edu

OUR CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS

Session 3: Defining Borders: Race, Ethnicity and Place –

THEMATIC (Community Research and Development and

Racial and Ethnic Minorities)

Organizer: Michelle Magalong W: 858-254-0478; mags424@ucla.edu

Session 7: Aging with Racial and Ethnic Conflict (Conflict, Social Action, and Change and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)

Co-organizer: Judith Gordon; judith.gordon@yale.edu

And Co-organizer: Melinda Messineo W: 765-285-5530; mmessine@bsu.edu

Session 8: Homeland Security: Exploring the Rules and Behaviors of Border Patrol – **THEMATIC** (Conflict, Social Action, and

Change and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)

Organizer: Stephani Williams W: 602-234-2712, stephani.williams@gmail.com

Session 11: Hispanic Drug Use, Violence and Crime (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Drinking and Drugs; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)

Organizer: Avelardo Valdez

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Sessions Cont.

Session 22: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in Criminal Justice Research (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Racial and Ethnic Minorities) Organizer: Juanita Diaz Cotto W: 607-777-4916; companeras1994@yahoo.com

Session 40: Globalization, Immigration, and Health (Global; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; and

Racial and Ethnic Minorities) Co-organizer: Jean Elson

W: 603-862-1885; jelson@unh.edu

and Co-organizer: Howard Lune

W: 973-720-3714; luneh@wpunj.edu

Session 46: Boundaries of Race, Ethnicity, and Class:

Inclusion and Exclusion in Health (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; and Racial and

Ethnic Minorities) Co-organizer: Emily S. Ihara W: 703-993-2023; eihara@gmu.edu and Co-organizer: Robert L. Hawkins W: 212-998-5939; rlh6@nyu.edu

Sessions Cont.

Session 54: Inter-sexions: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender: LGBTBI Research (Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities) Organizer: Juanita Diaz Cotto

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Session 55: Border Control/Social Control: Theorizing Immigration as a Social Problem – **THEMATIC** (Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Social Problems Theory) Co-organizer: Kirsten Hunt

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and Co-organizer: Melinda Messineo

W: 765-285-5530; mmessine@bsu.edu

Session 56: Social Problems and Theories of Identity: The Global Borderlands of Race, Gender, and Sexuality – **THEMATIC** (Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Social Problems Theory)

Co-organizer: Michele Corbin

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And Co-organizer: Melinda Messineo

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Session 57: Teaching About Race and Ethnicity (Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Teaching Social Problems)

Organizer Melinda Messineo

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An Invitation from the Theory Division!

Please note that the theory section is seeking to cross our own disciplinary boundaries through a division-wide theory session.

They have specifically requested that we “theorize across substantive sections of

SSSP.” That is, within each of our areas there are one or more theories of social problems within which we work. We want to explore how these theories relate to each other-how they fit with each other, contradict one another, or (ideally)

can inform each other. So please read the description below.

Please direct your questions to:

**Mitch Berbrier,
Chair 2006-08, SP
Theory Division**

See you in Boston!



The Southwestern Social Science Association would like to invite SSSP members to organize a panel discussion on Approaches to Engaging the Social Sciences in Social Problems Scholarship at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada from March 12-15, 2008.

Interested individuals should contact: Dr. Tracy L. Dietz tdietz@mail.ucf.edu by December 15, 2007.

Theoretical Thematic Session

Crossing Your OWN Borders: Theorizing Across Substantive Sections of SSSP

Organizers:
Mitch Berbrier
University of Alabama in Huntsville
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Michelle Corbin

University of Maryland
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Within our discipline, angst is almost ritually expressed about the sectioning of sociology into Divisions (in SSSP) and the dividing of sociology into Sections (in

ASA). We thereby request theoretically-orientated papers that explicitly run against these trends, crossing those intellectual borders. We imagine that these papers would in creatively engage two or more theories or orientations that are ordinarily confined

can yield interaction, discussion, and contestation which may in turn yield advances in social problems theory. Mitch Berbrier, Ph.D. Associate Professor and Chair Department of Sociology

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"Social Problems and Theories of Identity: The Global Borderlands of Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality."

The psychological borderlands, the sexual borderlands and the spiritual borderlands are not particular to the Southwest. In fact, the Borderlands are physically present wherever two or more cultures edge each other, where people of different races occupy the same territory, where under, lower, middle and upper classes touch, where the space between two individuals shrinks with intimacy. . . I am a border woman. I grew up between two cultures, Today we ask to be met half-way. This book is our invitation to you—from the new mestizas. (Gloria Anzaldúa, *Borderland*) The theme

of "Crossing Borders" of this year's conference, Crossing Borders, is designed to focus our attention on the many ways that borders are constructed, analyzed, and contested. However, while this theme emphasizes contesting borders, this organization continues to rely on familiar disciplinary boundaries to organize its work on social problems. How do our own organizational borders shape our vision of social problems and impact our scholarship as scholar activists seeking

to work together to address multiply intersecting social problems. Gloria Anzaldúa, a canonical Chicana/Lesbian feminist scholar is best known for her work on borderlands. These borderlands were both dividing lines between differently situated peoples and liminal spaces where those with multiple identities were vilified from both sides of the fence. Her borderlands emerged at a time when race politics, feminisms, and queer activism were coalescing-



sometimes together but too often, separately. Like many of these early texts by feminists of color, Anzaldúa sought to build bridges across these divides. Since that time, how many bridges have now been built? How many borders have successfully been crossed? How have scholars-activists, of which Anzaldúa is a beloved example, taken up her invitation to cross these borders? This session seeks papers that address social problems at the intersections

of multiple axes of power in the global present where the struggles at the borderlands have only intensified. These papers should explore how working at the borderlands of identities, structures, disciplines and paradigms can serve to dismantle and challenge the ongoing boundaries separating our movements. Such papers might address the intersections of race/class/gender/sexuality/nation. Such papers might also address the inter-connections between social

problems usually theorized as separate but instead interrogated as multiply connected; the complexities and difficulties of border crossings that examine social problems in these ways; and the challenges facing scholars who are themselves unequally located in the relations of power that these borders create and enforce.

Thematic Session: Border Control/Social Control: Theorizing Immigration as a Social Problem

As immigration has come to the fore as a global social problem, we must actively develop theoretical and conceptual tools which address the simultaneous globalization and localization of economic and political issues. Submissions should be attuned to the local and global dynamics of border control as a mechanism of social control and the role of scholarship and research in both reproducing and challenging hegemonic constructions of immigrants.

As a site and source of power, representations selectively frame relationships of social inequality, reproducing structures of power and wealth, across and within national policy and social problems scholarship intersect? Do rhetorical productions of immigrants as ‘Other’ legitimize facilitate discriminatory practices and policies based on race and ethnicity? What historical and sectional interests are represented in social constructions of immigration as a social problem?

For instance, what interests are being served by constructions of particular immigrant groups as constituting a security problem? What role do social problems analysts play in the construction of citizenship and how does this discourse produce and reproduce ideology and hegemony which justifies new local and global divisions, hierarchies, and relations of domination and subjugation?
Kirsten Hunt

SSSP Theory Division

Border Control/Social Control: Theorizing Immigration as a Social Problem

In light of the many conflicts that have emerged in the context of transnationalism and border control, we seek in this session further our understanding of how migration-either within or across borders-gets constructed as a social problem. We are particularly interested in analyses which inquire critically as to whose interests are being served by border ideolo-

gies— i.e. how “borders” and “border-crossing” are themselves constructed and problematized; how the movement of particular social groups and communities (often categorized in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality) get problematized; and how these constructions of borders and persons may relate to power, stratification, domination and

subjugation within the global economy.

Kirsten E. Hunt/Oct. 28, 2007



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ETHNIC STUDIES, INC.

2008 CONFERENCE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/
PROPOSALS

36th Annual National Conference

April 3 – 5, 2008

Westin Peachtree Plaza

Atlanta, Georgia

POLITICS OF ETHNICITY

The National Association for Ethnic Studies invites abstracts/proposals for papers, panels, workshops, or media

productions from people in all disciplines and interdisciplinary areas of the arts, business, social sciences, humanities, science and education on politics and ethnicity. Where are we now? What are our expectations for the next administration? How do politics affect us in all walks of life?

The conference will create a lively forum for the discussion of issues re-

lated to ethnic communities, including, but not limited to the following: citizenship and voting rights; affirmative action; women and men of color in politics; academic freedom, reproductive rights; religious freedom, globalization, nationalism and hegemony; government and individual freedom; politics and the media; war and peace; 2008 U.S. elections; political responses to global

disasters; national and/or global immigration.

Two-hundred-fifty-word abstracts/proposals should be submitted by **December 15, 2007**, which relate to any aspect of the conference theme, with the participant's institutional affiliation and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail

address. The abstract/proposal must indicate whether the presentation is an individual paper or a complete panel presentation and if a/v equipment is needed. Complete panel proposals must include abstracts and complete contact information for each individual presenter. All program participants

must pay full conference registration and 2008 NAES membership dues. All abstracts must be sent electronically. **Presenters are welcome to chair other panels but may only present one paper.**

Abstracts must be submitted electronically to:

<http://www.ethnicstudies.org/conference.htm>

Select the "Submit Abstract" link to proceed to the online submission form.

You must select a user ID and password for security purposes. Please retain this information as you will need it

again to access the online membership & conference registration forms, which will be available shortly.

For questions about the conference program, please contact:
Dr. Ashton W. Welch,
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Telephone: 402-280-2657; Fax: 402-280-1454

For more information about the conference and NAES, visit <http://www.ethnicstudies.org>

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES



TWO TENURE TRACK POSITIONS AVAILABLE – beginning August 16, 2008

Both positions are subject to final budgetary approval.

Qualifications

- Earned doctorate in Criminal Justice or related area, with emphases in

CORRECTIONS, JUVENILE JUSTICE, OR MANAGEMENT AND

ADMINISTRATION

- Individuals who are pursuing a terminal degree (Ph.D.) who have reasonable expectations

of completing degree requirements, including dissertation defense, by May 15, 2009, will

be considered. Candidates seeking Associate Professor must hold the Ph.D. at the time of

application. The J.D. is not an appropriate terminal degree

for these positions.

- Candidates for Associate professor must have a record of scholarship and service focused

around the primary teaching assignment. In the absence of an established record of

scholarship, the accumulation of appropriate skills and abilities to develop such a record of

scholarship will be considered

for the Assistant professor position.

- A record reflecting the ability to teach at the undergraduate/graduate level.

Duties

- Teach undergraduate and graduate courses that are part of the primary assignment, including

Management Issues in Crimi-

nal Justice, Juvenile Justice, Sex Offenders, and the

Department's course on "justice" in ISUs General Education Program.

- Develop and maintain a focused agenda of scholarship, appropriate to the discipline.

Candidates for Associate Professor must have a record of scholarly accomplishments.

- Participate in the Department's curriculum development process.

- Demonstrate professional service to the Department, College, University, community, and profession.

Salary Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Application Deadline Initial review of applications will begin on **November 15, 2007** and continue until the position is filled. To assure full consideration, applicants should submit a letter detailing educational and professional preparation for the position, a curriculum vita, three letters of reference, and

official transcripts by **November 15, 2007**. Send materials to:

Chairperson, Faculty Search Committee

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The Department of Criminal Justice Sciences web site can be found at www.criminaljustice.ilstu.edu /. Illinois State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action university encouraging diversity.

Graduate Student Paper Competition Announced

Deadline: 2/15/08

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division invites papers that cover any aspect within the field of race and ethnic relations. Papers may be empirical or theoretical. To be eligible, a paper must have been written in 2007, may not have been accepted for publication, or currently

under review. Papers which have been presented at previous meetings or conferences are eligible. Papers must be single authored by the student. Papers must not exceed 25 pages, including notes, tables, and references. Papers should be accompanied by a cover letter specifying their submission as

consideration for the graduate student paper competition to: Melinda Messineo, Department of Sociology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 46306, W: 765-285-5530, mmessine@bsu.edu. The winner will be announced in the spring 2008 and will receive a \$150 stipend and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet.

Division Chair Position Available

My term as division chairperson ends at the 2008 annual meeting. In anticipation of this transition, we need to conduct an election for my successor.

I have included links that contain information on what the position entails but in short, the chairperson is responsible for: organizing the division's conference sessions; making sure the newsletter is published at least twice a year; making sure that we have a student paper competition; and representing the division at the an-

nual meeting.

Please forward nominations to me by December 15th. Self nominations will also be accepted. It is assumed that anyone who nominates another person has permission from the nominee to do so.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I would be happy to tell you more about the position. The work load is quite manageable and it is an excellent way to meet people from across the US and internationally. SSSP

provides the Division Chairs with a great deal of guidance and support through Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager. I encourage you to consider running for the position.

SSSP Bylaws - [http://](http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/29)

www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/29

SSSP Operations Manual - [http://](http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/30)

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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.



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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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**Deadline for names of
session organizers for the
2009 Annual Meeting
September 19, 2008**

SEARCH FOR SSSP EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) announces an opening for the position of Executive Officer. The SSSP is an interdisciplinary and international community of scholars, activists, practitioners, and students creating greater social justice through social re-

search. The members of the SSSP work in colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, research organizations, activist groups, and other applied settings. A detailed description of the Executive Officer's position is posted on the SSSP web site, <http://www.sssp1.org>. Prefer-

ence will be given to those familiar with, or a commitment to, SSSP's purposes. Interested applicants may apply by submitting a letter of interest, CV, contact information for three references and a letter of support from the applicant's Department Chair and Dean to: Gabriel Aquino, Chair

Department of Sociology, Westfield State College, 577 Western Avenue, Westfield, MA 01086 (gaguino@wsc.ma.edu). The letter of interest should include a statement of the applicant's vision for the future of the Society and understanding of the duties of the Executive Officer that are stated in the SSSP Bylaws and Operations Manual. The candidate should also indicate what support the host institution is willing to provide if selected for the Executive Office site. Institutional support informa-

tion should be corroborated by the letters from an official with budgetary authority. Applications received by February 15, 2008 will receive full consideration. Compensation will include salary assistance and travel.

The Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee (POSPC), working in consultation with the Board of Directors and the Treasurer, will screen the applications and will take into consideration the protection/promotion of affirmative action and cultural diversity interests, as well as the qualifications of the applicants and the resources

available from the applicants' institutions, including estimated budgets for operating the Executive Office at their institutions. Following established procedures, up to three application files will be supplied to the Board of Directors by July 1, 2008. Finalists will be interviewed by the POSPC and the Board separately at the 2008 Annual Meeting. A site visit to the selected site will be conducted not later than November 1, 2008. Final appointment will take place by March 1, 2009. The President of the Board, Chair of the POSPC, and newly appointed Executive Officer will make arrangements

