

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES DIVISION NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

By now you will have received the call for papers for next year's conference. While there was some confusing moments during the process of determining a site for the conference, in the end a very exciting location was selected. Montreal has many attractions to offer visitors making it an excellent site for our meetings. In addition, the variety and scope of sessions being offered will provide an excellent source of discussion for members. I would like to encourage everyone to take a look at the sessions and submit papers for presentation.

I am particularly pleased with the scope of the sessions being offered by the Race and Ethnic Minorities Division. The Division is sponsoring three sessions; Stephani Williams's session on race and ethnic portrayals and the war on terrorism, Melinda Messineo's session looking at the role of political discourse in the link between race and crime, and my session focusing on the role of race and ethnicity in aging and its

potential inequalities. The session is also co-sponsoring four sessions, one with Conflict, Social Action, and Change division, a co-sponsored session with two divisions, namely Environment and Technology division and Global division, one with Poverty, Class and Inequality division, and finally, one with the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee.

You may have noticed, the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee is co-sponsoring several sessions with different divisions. This is a concerted effort on the part of this committee to provide several options for discussions about the recent challenges to academic freedom brought by Horowitz and his organization.

In the spring there will need to be an election of a new chair by the division. I would like anyone who is interested in running for



this position to nominate yourself (or someone else with their permission). The nomination process is simple, just email me your nomination (ideollos@bsu.edu). The nominations are due in the central office very soon, so please do this immediately.

Division Chair Lone 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 traveling 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>.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- Submission deadline for Annual Conference—January 31, 2006
- Student Paper Competition Deadline—March 15, 2006
- Feedback to Division Chair by March 15, 2006

REGULAR SESSIONS



Session 1:

Framing the Other: Race and Ethnic Portrayals and the War on Terrorism
Organizer:

Stephani Williams
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Session 2:

Race, Ethnicity, Aging and Inequality
Organizer:

Ione Y. DeOllos
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Session 3:

How Race and Crime Became Synonymous? The Role of Political Discourse and the Media

Organizer:

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**See you in
Montreal, Canada
August 10-12,
2006**

CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS

Session 5: Grassroots Organizing for Social Change - **THEMATIC** (Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division and the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division)

Organizer: Kathleen Ferraro
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Session 18: The Color of Pollution (Environment and Technology Division; Global Division; and the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division)

Organizer: Tamara L. Mix
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Session 42: The Creation and Formation of Racial Identities (Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division and the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division)

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STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION—DEADLINE: 3/15/06

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 2005, 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: Ione Y. DeOllos, Department of Sociology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 46306; W: 765-285-5470; ideollos@bsu.edu.

The winner will be announced in the spring 2006 and will receive a \$150 stipend and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet at the annual meeting.



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Social Function

Plans are currently underway for a joint social function in Montreal. More details will be available in our June newsletter.

A call for news!

Do you have division related news to share? Do you have a book or article coming out you would like to direct division attention toward? Let us know...

Division Spotlight

In our next edition we would like to highlight the activities and accomplishments of some of our division members. Let us know who we might highlight.

Lost and Found

Are you looking for a specific book, article, contact name, grant source, etc. but have not had any luck? Have you found a specific book, article, contact name, grant source,

that you have no need for but think a colleague might need? Let us know what it is you are looking for and we will post it.

Please send your ideas to Division Chair Ione Y. DeOllos, ideollos@bsu.edu.

We need
your
feedback by
March 15,
2006

CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS CONT.

Session 44: The New "McCarthyism" and its Threat to Academic Freedom and the Study of Diversity (Racial and Eth-

nic Minorities Division and the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee)

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SSSP Website

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SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

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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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