

Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division Winter 2010 Newsletter

Message From Our Chair

Dear Division Members,

I am excited about working on my first newsletter as Division Chair, and encourage you to continue sending news items to Kevin and myself. In this way we can continue to keep our eye toward issues of sociological importance. I still have many of you to meet, but hope to do so at our conference in August. For those who do not know me, I am Professor of Sociology at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. My research focuses on race, gender, and organizations and occupations, but also includes urban entrepreneurship.

As you glance through the newsletter, you will find that we have an exciting list of sessions planned for the conference in 2011. Our annual meeting and division sessions in Atlanta were quite successful, and like this 2010 meeting, I am sure our sessions will garner as much if not greater participation in 2011.

I ask that you continue to invite colleagues to join SSSP and our division, while steering them toward our new Facebook page. Also, please tell them that our Facebook page keeps them informed about SSSP and its various divisions. Again, If you have any announcements about new books, employment, fellowships, conferences, or calls for papers that can be distributed to the listserve, please send them to Kevin Moran (caoimhinom@gmail.com) and myself (Marlese.Durr@Wright.Edu).

Unfortunately, due a labor dispute involving hotels in Chicago, it looks likely that our annual meeting will be held elsewhere. Keep an eye on the SSSP website for an update on the new location and date. We will be certain to advertise for the conference again in our summer newsletter.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year

Marlese & Kevin

*See the Annual Conference Racial and
Ethnic Minorities Division Sessions and Workshops on
Pages 2 & 3*

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61st Annual Meeting

August, 2011

Location not yet confirmed.
Please see chair's message for
information.



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Annual Meeting 2011 Racial and Ethnic Minorities Sessions

Division Sessions

Papers in the Round on Service Sociology

Organizers: Jessie Daniels, Hunter College and Ashley Rondini, American Sociological Association Sydney S. Spivack Applied Social Research and Social Policy Congressional Fellowship- (jdaniels@hunter.cuny.edu and arondini@gmail.edu)

Racial Discourse and Diversity Rhetoric in Post-Civil Rights America

Organizer: David Embrick, Loyola University Chicago- dembric@luc.edu

Tourism and Global Cities

Organizer David Embrick, Loyola University-Chicago -dembric@luc.edu

Co-sponsored Sessions

Migration, Work, and Racialization: Explorations in IE

*Organizer: Roxana Ng,- roxana.ng@utoronto.ca
(Co-sponsors: Labor Studies and Race/Ethnic Minorities)*

Immigration, Exclusion, and Human Rights: Changes in State and Local Policy

*Organizers: Theo Majka, University of Dayton -theo.majka@notes.udayton.edu and Lloyd Klein, St Francis College-lklein@stfranciscollege.edu
(Co-sponsors: Community, Research and Development, Law and Society, Conflict and Social Action, and Change, and Racial/Ethnic Minorities Divisions)*

Representations of Race and Ethnicity in the Media.

*Organizer: Melinda Messineo mmessine@bsu.edu
(Co-sponsors: Conflict, Social Action and Change and Racial/Ethnic Minorities)*

Race and Undocumented Immigrants

*Organizer: Lloyd Klein- lklein@stfranciscollege.edu
(Co-sponsors: Global and Racial/Ethnic Minorities)*

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Race, Family, and Criminal Justice

Organizer: Ebonie Cunningham Stringer - ebonie.cunningham@wilkes.edu
(Co-sponsor Crime and Juvenile Delinquency, and Racial/Ethnic Minorities)

Sexuality and Race

Organizer: Erica Chito Childs- erica.chitochilds@hunter.cuny.edu
(Co-Sponsors: The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division, Racial/Ethnic Minorities)

Issues in Technology and Sexuality

Organizer: Cary Gabriel Costello- costello@uwm.edu
(Co-Sponsors: Environment and Technology, Racial/Ethnic Minorities, and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities)

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division invites graduate student papers that cover any aspect within the field of race and ethnic relations to be submitted for consideration for our Graduate Student paper award. Papers may be empirical or theoretical. To be eligible, a paper must have been written in 2010, 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: Marlese Durr at Marlese.Durr@Wright.Edu. The winner will be announced in early summer 2011 and will receive a \$100 stipend and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet.

Deadline: 3/31/11



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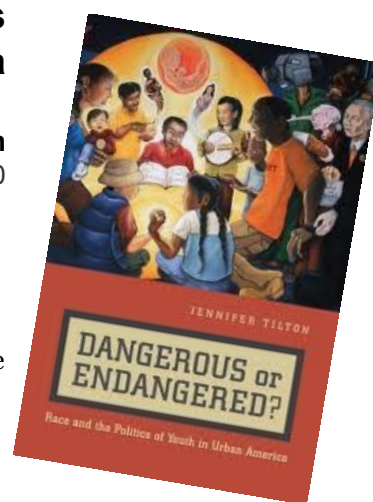
Member Publication

Dangerous or Endangered? Race and the Politics of Youth in Urban America

Jennifer Tilton

304 p. | Paperback: \$25.00

“Tilton has written a lively, compelling book that calls for a progressive politics of youth which also values human connections and interdependency. Richly rooted in the social geography of Oakland, the ethnography illuminates how youth and their parents struggle against the ways they are pathologized and feared. The book makes a critical contribution to urban studies, criminal justice and anthropological theory and practice.”—*Brett Williams, professor of anthropology, American University.*



How do you tell the difference between a “good kid” and a “potential thug”? In **Dangerous or Endangered?**, Jennifer Tilton considers the ways in which children are increasingly viewed as dangerous and yet, simultaneously, as endangered and in need of protection by the state.

Tilton draws on three years of ethnographic research in Oakland, California, one of the nation’s most racially diverse cities, to examine how debates over the nature and needs of young people have fundamentally reshaped politics, transforming ideas of citizenship and the state in contemporary America. As parents and neighborhood activists have worked to save and discipline young people, they have often inadvertently reinforced privatized models of childhood and urban space, clearing the streets of children, who are encouraged to stay at home or in supervised after-school programs. Youth activists protest these attempts, demanding a right to the city and expanded rights of citizenship.

Dangerous or Endangered? pays careful attention to the intricate connections between fears of other people’s kids and fears for our own kids in order to explore the complex racial, class, and gender divides in contemporary American cities.

Jennifer Tilton is an anthropologist and assistant professor of Race and Ethnic Studies at the University of Redlands.

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Call for Chapter Proposals

In 2004 and 2008, the SSSP and the Justice 21 Committee published the first two volumes of the **Agenda for Social Justice**. Those reports contained chapters on a variety of social problems, among them poverty, educational inequality, unemployment, environmental health risks, global economic change, capital punishment, post-Katrina disaster response, gender inequality in the criminal justice system, the vulnerability of ESL students in public schools, surveillance technologies, civil unions, domestic violence.

We are now beginning our work on the third publication--**Agenda for Social Justice-2012**. This publication is designed to inform the public-at-large about the nation's most pressing social problems and to propose a public policy response to those problems. This project affirms the commitment of SSSP to social justice, and enables the members of the association to speak on public issues with the sponsorship of the corporate body. This report will be an "agenda for social justice," in that it will contain recommendations for action by elected officials, policy makers, and the public at large. The report will be distributed as widely as possible to policy makers, those in progressive media, and academics.

The quadrennial report will be a product of the most valid and reliable knowledge we have about social problems and it will be a joint effort of the members and Divisions of SSSP. We invite you to consider preparing a chapter for the 2012 publication. We ask you, individually or with colleagues, to consider submitting a brief proposal (1-2 pp) identifying a social problem of concern to members of SSSP, and respond to the questions:

What do we know?

How do we know it?

What is to be done?

As the coordinating committee for **Justice 21**, we invite members to prepare a draft statement for a proposed contribution to the 2012 publication, tentatively to be produced and distributed by the Edwin Mellen Press (<http://www.mellenpress.com/>). For the 2012 edition, confirmed contributors include the following well-known sociologists: Frances Fox Piven, Alejandro Portes, and Amatai Etzioni. Please submit a copy of your 1-2 page proposals to each of the members of the committee by March 1, 2011, and contact us if you have questions or would like additional information. Final manuscripts will be due near the end of 2011, and will appear in print prior to the 2012 SSSP annual meetings in August 2012.

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For an expanded discussion of **Justice 21**, see the May 2001 issue of *Social Problems* ("Inventing Social Justice"). To see the 2004 and 2008 publications, see the SSSP website at the following address: <http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323>

MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS

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Articles and Book Chapters

Congratulations on our members' journal publications!

Chavella T. Pittman

Exploring How African American Faculty Cope with Classroom Racial Stressors. *The Journal of Negro Education*, 79 (1) (Winter 2010): 66-78.

Race and Gender Oppression in the Classroom: The Experiences of Women Faculty of Color with White Male Students. *Teaching Sociology* 38(3): 183–196. (Feature Article)

Dozier, Raine

The Declining Relative Status of Black Women Workers, 1980- 2002. *Social Forces*, 88(4): 1833-58.

Accumulating Disadvantage: The Growth in the Black-White Wage Gap Among Women. *Journal of African American Studies*, 14(3): 279-301.

Co-authored Publications

Jeffers, Greg, Rashawn Ray, and Tim Hallett. 2010. "The Vitality of Race and Ethnography: Realizing the Promise of Dialogue between Method and Theory." Pp. 19-46 *In What's (Still) Wrong with Ethnography*, edited by Sam Hillyard. UK: Emerald Publishing.



MEMBERS' NEWS

Jean Beaman is a postdoctoral fellow with the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University. She recently defended her dissertation, "*Liberté, Egalité, et Fraternité*": Identity, Marginalization, and Second-generation North African Immigrants in France" and in fall 2010, she received her PhD in Sociology from Northwestern University (where she also received her BA and MA in Sociology). She also previously worked on the Sister-to-Sister project and also has volunteer experience with several HIV organizations. Originally from Columbia, Maryland, her research interests include race/ethnicity, culture, urban sociology, and women and HIV/AIDS.



Congratulations Jean, or should we say, Dr Beaman!

Antwan Jones, Assistant Professor of Sociology at George Washington University recently published "Stability of men's interracial first unions: A test of educational differentials and cohabitation history" in *The Journal of Family and Economic Issues*.

Using the 2002 National Survey of Family Growth, this study examines how cohabitation and education affect marital dissolution for White, Black and Latino heterosexual males (N = 1,395) in their first same-race or interracial union. This research suggests that a history of cohabitation, plans of marriage and education may help explain the divergent divorce patterns of interracial and same-race unions. Life table analyses and hazard modeling reveal that cohabitation and education have independent effects on marital dissolution, but neither explains the difference between interracial and same-race unions. Measures traditionally associated with divorce attenuate this difference. Subsequent analyses by racial union pairing suggest that Black men with White women and Latino men with Black women have significantly high risks of divorce.



Congratulations Professor Jones!

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