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President Luis A. Fernandez





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Orly Clergé (2018-2020)

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Omari Jackson (2016-2018)

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Michael L. Rosino (2017-???)



Current Co-Chairs: Saher  
Selod and Omari Jackson



Incoming Co-Chair:  
Orly Clergé



Newsletter Editor:  
Michael L. Rosino





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### **Our Mission**

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division of SSSP is a collective of scholars, activists, and concerned individuals who recognize that, while significant strides have been made toward racial equality and justice, we continue to live in a society in which racial inequality, segregation, discrimination, and systematic racism function both tacitly and overtly. Simply put, racism continues to inform our daily lives. 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. Further, 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 through our scholarship, our teaching, and our service to the community and beyond.



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### Letter from Our Co-Chairs

**Dear DREM Members—**

**As a society, we consistently stress social justice. In fact, the theme of our upcoming conference is “Abolitionist Approaches to Social Problems.” In the words of our SSSP president, Dr. Fernandez, there must be a “...rediscovering of buried histories, hidden struggles, and of ideas that are submerged below the surface.” There has been much progress in America and sometimes the progress previous leaders fought for are easily forgotten; as we progress individually. Though we progress as individuals, our communities continue to struggle. There is never a time for exceptionalism! We must lift our communities!**

**The struggles we are seeing are not much different than those experienced by our parents and grandparents. These struggles include, but are not limited to, overt racism (disguised as covert racism for the previous 40 years or so), the ban on immigration from *certain* countries, and public police brutality. \*insert shameless plug\* Accordingly, consider attending the session organized by Omari, entitled “Resisting ‘45’ or Possibly Supporting Without Self-Recognition.” (Continued on next page...)**



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Our SSSP president, also reminded us “what is right is practical.” Often, doing what is right is not easy, but it is worth placing into practice. In *The Philadelphia Negro*, Du Bois examined the black community during a time when blacks were perceived to be inferior. While blacks are still perceived to be inferior, members of majority social locations are starting to recognize the strength and resilience of minoritized groups.

Minoritized groups are threatening the majority in terms of number; as we all know the population projections. Minoritized groups are also threatening the majority in terms of political power—with a former black president, the rise in social justice groups, and the counternarrative being expressed in media. These counternarratives are exemplified in shows such as *Queen Sugar* (a black

female competing with white males in the sugar cane industry, in rural Louisiana), *Underground* (showing slaves as empowered beings who fought; as opposed to passively accepting oppression), *Black-ish* (a black family winning), *Black Panther*, impactful and empowering speeches by Oprah Winfrey and Jesse Williams, social justice musical performances by Beyoncé and Kendrick Lamar, last and certainly not least, athletic protests initiated by Colin Kaepernick. Social justice is spanning every social fabric. Expect more pushback. Be prepared to keep pushing.

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We look forward to you coming to SSSP this summer energizing the DREM session with your important work and necessary participation in our division. DREM sessions (in addition to Omari's) include Queer Leadership in Racial Minorities and Race, Space, and Cultural: Urban Demography and Cultural Production. We are also cosponsoring sessions on a range of topics including environmental racism, sports, teaching race and voter suppression (to name a few). IT is going to be an amazing conference. Finally, we want to congratulate DREM's incoming co-chair Orly Clerge! You will hear more from her soon. Keep an eye out for our summer newsletter!

**Omari Jackson and Saher Selod**

**DREM co-chairs**







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**We have 10 DREM sponsored sessions lined up for SSSP 2018.**

**Check them out below and support the work of your fellow division members at SSSP:**

- **SESSION 17: “Voter Rights and Repression,”** Organized by Jennifer Darrah-Okike (Co-Sponsored by Division on Conflict, Social Action, and Change)
- **SESSION 31: “Disability and Police Violence,”** Organized by Ashley Volion (Co-Sponsored by Division on Disability and Division on Society and Mental Health)
- **SESSION 47: “Corporate Influences in Public Education and Policy,”** Organized by Michael A. Miner (Co-Sponsored by Division on Educational Problems)

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### **DREM Sponsored Sessions at SSSP 2018 (continued):**

- **SESSION 54: “Abolishing Environmental Racism,”** Organized by Daina Cheyenne Harvey (Co-Sponsored by Division on Environment and Technology)
- **SESSION 68: “CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Race, Colonization, and Decolonization,”** Organized by Henry Parada (Co-Sponsored by Global Division and Division on Institutional Ethnography)
- **SESSION 99: “CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Resisting ‘45’ or Possibly Supporting Without Self-Recognition,”** Organized by Omari Jackson

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### **DREM Sponsored Sessions at SSSP 2018 (continued):**

- **SESSION 100: “Queer Leadership in Racial Minorities,”** Organized by Carol S. Walther
- **SESSION 101: “CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Race, Space, and Cultural: Urban Demography and Cultural Production,”** Organized by Leslie R. Hinkson
- **SESSION 102: “Race/Ethnicity and Sport,”** Organized by Anima Adjepong (Co-Sponsored by Division on Sport, Leisure, and the Body)
- **SESSION 103: “Teaching Race,”** Organized by Hephzibah V. Strmic-Pawl (Co-Sponsored by Division on Teaching Social Problems)

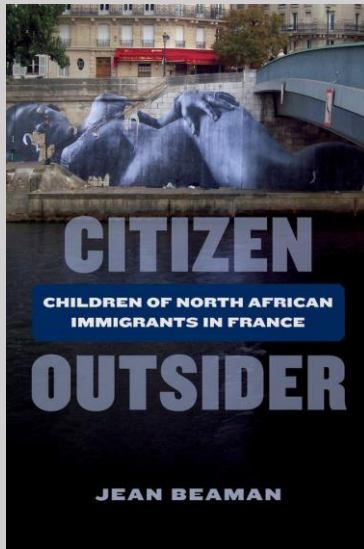


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### Member Announcements: Hot off the Press! Books By Division Members

Beaman, Jean. 2017. *Citizen Outsider: Children of North African Immigrants in France*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.



“While portrayals of immigrants and their descendants in France and throughout Europe often center on burning cars and radical Islam, *Citizen Outsider: Children of North African Immigrants in France* paints a different picture. Through fieldwork and interviews in Paris and its *banlieues*, Jean Beaman examines middle-class and upwardly mobile children of Maghrébin, or North African immigrants. By showing how these individuals are denied cultural citizenship because of their North African origin, she puts to rest the notion of a French exceptionalism regarding cultural difference, race, and ethnicity and further centers race and ethnicity as crucial for understanding marginalization in French society.”





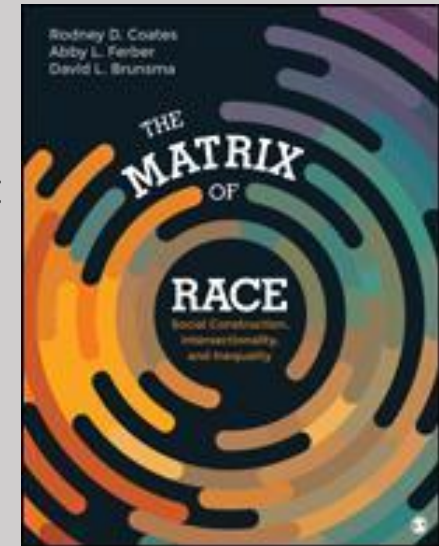
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Coates, Rodney D., Abby L. Ferber, David L. Brunisma. 2018. *The Matrix of Race: Social Construction, Intersectionality, and Inequality*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

“**The Matrix of Race: Social Construction, Intersectionality, and Inequality** is a textbook that makes race and racial inequality “visible” in new ways to all students in race/ethnic relations courses, regardless of their backgrounds—from minorities who have experienced the impact of race in their own lives to members of dominant groups who might believe that we now live in a “color blind” society. The “matrix” refers to a way of thinking about race that reflects the intersecting, multilayered identities of contemporary society, and the powerful social institutions that shape our understanding of race. Its goals are to help readers get beyond familiar “us vs. them” arguments that can lead to resistance and hostility; promote self-appraisal; and stimulate more productive discussions about race and racism.”



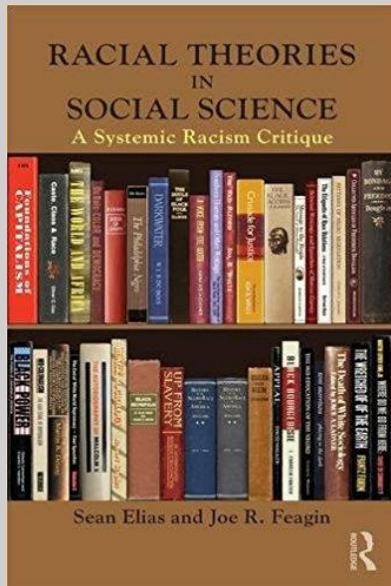


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Elias, Sean and Joe Feagin. 2016. *Racial Theories in Social Science: A Systemic Racism Critique*. New York: Routledge.



“**Racial Theories in Social Science: A Systemic Racism Critique** provides a critique of the white racial framing and lack of systemic-racism analysis prevalent in past and present mainstream race theory. As this book demonstrates, mainstream racial analysis, and social analysis more generally, remain stunted and uncritical because of this unhealthy white framing of knowledge and evasion or downplaying of institutional, structural, and systemic racism. In response to ineffective social science analyses of racial matters, this book presents a counter-approach---systemic racism theory. The foundation of this theoretical perspective lies in the critical insights and perspectives of African Americans and other people of color who have long challenged biased white-framed perspectives and practices and the racially oppressive and exclusionary institutions and social systems created by whites over several centuries.”



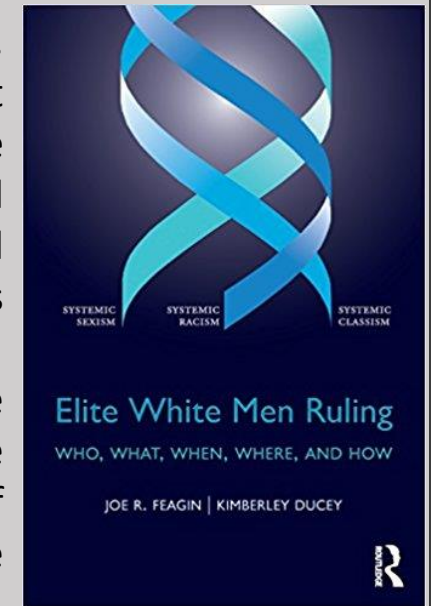
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**Feagin, Joe and Kimberley Ducey. 2017. *Elite White Men Ruling: Who, What, When, Where, and How*. New York: Routledge.**

“This book examines the “who, what, when, where, and how” of elite-white-male dominance in U.S. and global society. In spite of their domination in the United States and globally that we document herein, elite white men have seldom been called out and analyzed as such. They have received little to no explicit attention with regard to systemic racism issues, as well as associated classism and sexism issues. Almost all public and scholarly discussions of U.S. racism fail to explicitly foreground elite white men or to focus specifically on how their interlocking racial, class, and gender statuses affect their globally powerful decision making. Some of the power positions of these elite white men might seem obvious, but they are rarely analyzed for their extraordinary significance. While the principal focus of this book is on neglected research and policy questions about the elite-white-male role and dominance in the system of racial oppression in the United States and globally, because of their positioning at the top of several societal hierarchies the authors periodically address their role and dominance in other oppressive (e.g., class, gender) hierarchies.”



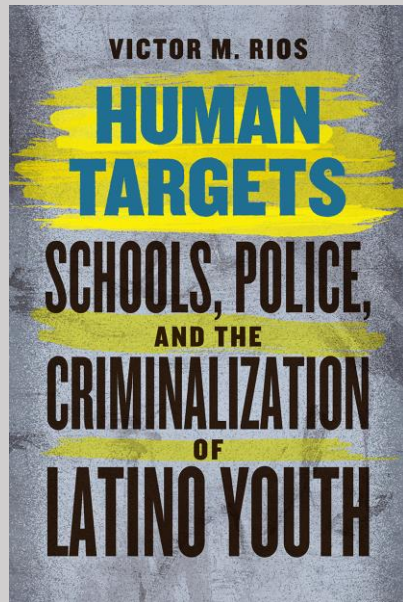


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Rios, Victor M. 2017. *Human Targets: Schools, Police, and the Criminalization of Latino Youth*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. \*Selection, LA Times Festival of Books (2017)



“In *Human Targets*, Rios takes us to the streets of California, where we encounter young men who find themselves in much the same situation as fifteen-year-old Victor. We follow young gang members into schools, homes, community organizations, and detention facilities, watch them interact with police, grow up to become fathers, get jobs, get rap sheets—and in some cases get killed. What is it that sets apart young people like Rios who succeed and survive from the ones who don’t? Rios makes a powerful case that the traditional good kid/bad kid, street kid/decent kid dichotomy is much too simplistic, arguing instead that authorities and institutions help create these identities—and that they can play an instrumental role in providing young people with the resources for shifting between roles. In Rios’s account, to be a poor Latino youth is to be a human target—victimized and considered an enemy by others, viewed as a threat to law enforcement and schools, and burdened by stigma, disrepute, and punishment. That has to change.”



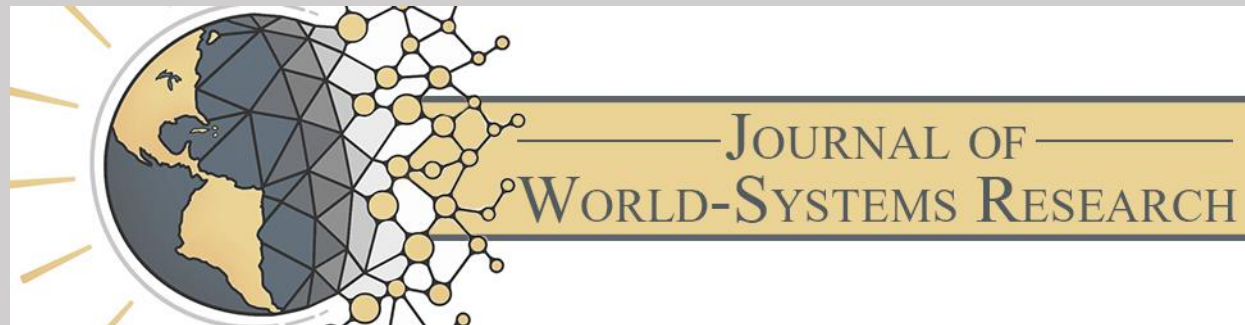


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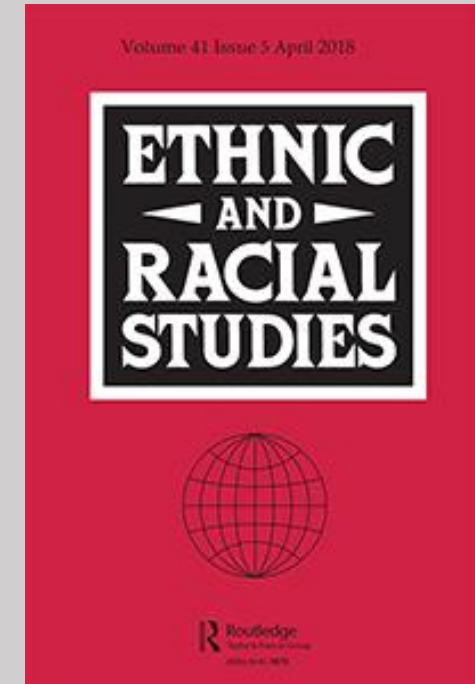


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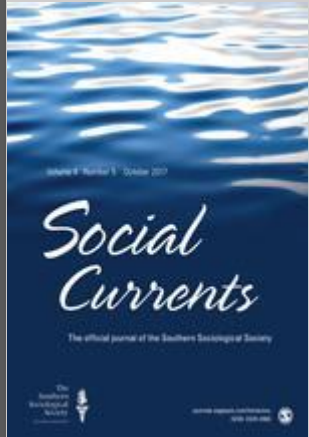




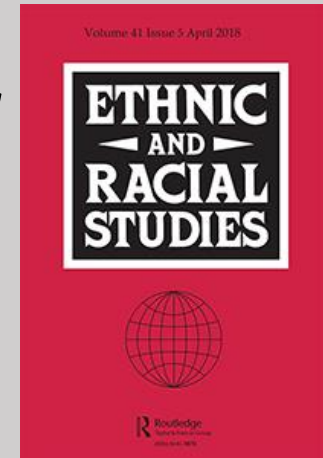
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- Katherine Jensen. Forthcoming. “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and the Production of Asylum Knowledge in Brazil.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*:1-19.
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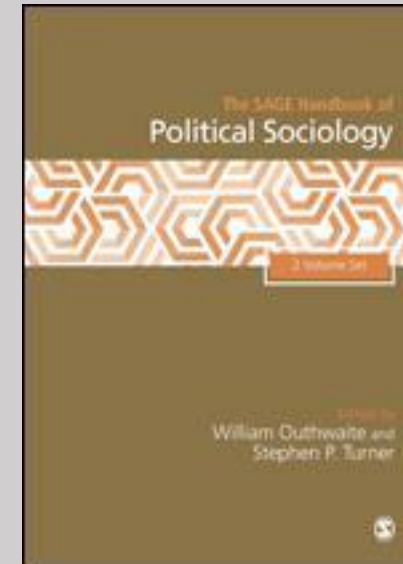


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- **Khoshnevis, Hadi and Robert Benford. 2018. "Social Movements." In *The Sage Handbook of Political Sociology*, edited by Stephen Turner and William Outhwaite, 828-844. London: Sage Publications.**
- **Khoshnevis, Hadi. 2017. "Accountability in a State of Liminality: Iranian Students' Experiences in American Airports." *Mobilities* 12 (3): 311-23.**







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- Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2017. "Sympathetic Symbols, Social Movements, and School Desegregation." *Journal of Law and Society* DOI: 10.1111/jols.12071
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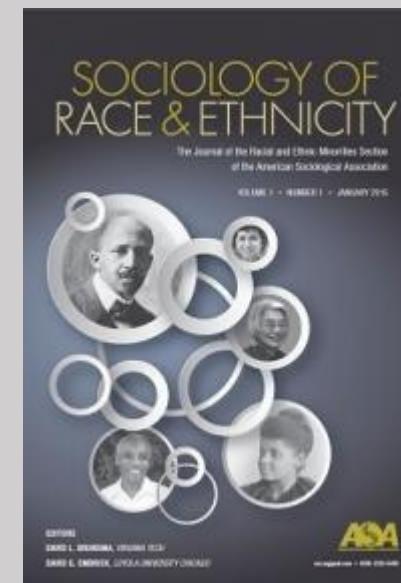
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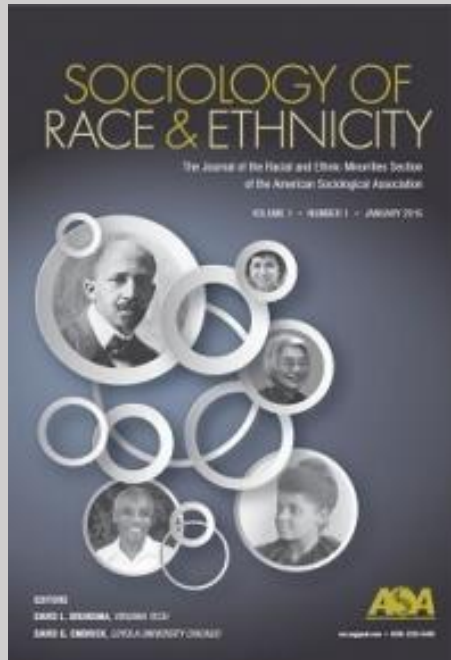




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- **Shirley A. Jackson, chair of the Black Studies Department at Portland State University appeared on Afternoon Live, Channel KATU (Portland, OR) on January 15, 2018 for a segment on Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Dr. Jackson discussing elements of Black History that focus on women in the civil rights movement:

<http://katu.com/afternoon-live/lifestyle-health/women-in-the-civil-rights-movement>







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- **Forthcoming Film on Victor Rios's work: *The Pushouts***  
thepushouts.com (The film will be screened at ASA and SSSP)

**THE PUSHOUTS**

"I was in prison before I was even born. So begins the story of Dr. Victor Rios who, by 15, was a high school dropout and gang member with multiple felony convictions and a death wish. But when a teacher's quiet persistence, a mentor's moral conviction and his best friend's murder converge, Rios's path takes an unexpected turn. Through Rios's personal lens and its interplay with the stories of the young people of yo!watts, *The Pushouts* interrogates crucial questions of race, class & power - and the promise and perils of education - at a particularly urgent time."



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- Cassandra Rodriguez wrote a response to the recent Joe Arpaio pardon for ***Latinx Talk*** entitled “Arpaio’s Pardon and the Insidious Relationship between Anti-Immigrant and Anti-Latinx Sentiment”  
(<https://latinxtalk.org/2017/09/26/arpaio-pardon-and-the-insidious-relationship-between-anti-immigrant-and-anti-latinx-sentiment/>)





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- Shirley A. Jackson, chair of Black Studies Department at Portland State University has been selected to serve on the Oregon Department of Education's Ethnic Studies Advisory Group (HB 2845).
- Marisela Martinez-Cola ABD from Emory University recently accepted an Assistant Professor position with Utah State University.
- Victor Rios was nominated for ASA vice president.
- Cassaundra Rodriguez has been awarded a Pop-Up Research and Scholarship grant from the University of Michigan's National Center for Institutional Diversity for her work on Latino spatial microaggressions.



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**Special Issue, “Ecosocial Work and Social Change in Community Practice”**

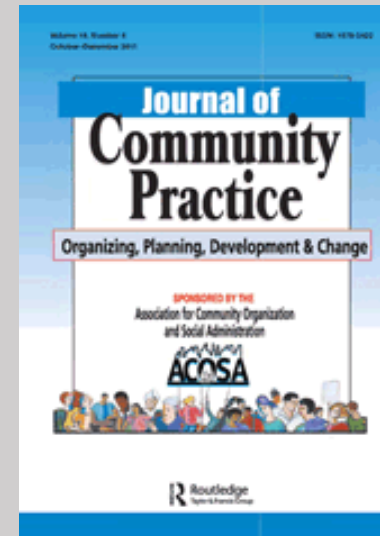
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This special issue will focus on contexts, policies, practices and challenges related to ecosocial work for social change within community practice. Ecosocial work uses social and ecological ideas in promoting the well-being of all, particularly through community practice. Ecosocial work is primarily focused on interventions towards meeting the United Nations’ sustainable development goals for ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all. In essence, the ecosocial work approach promotes fair and sustainable use of ecosystem resources in supporting the well-being of all as well the use of green social work, or interprofessional green care practices that bring people into contact with nature. How can ecosocial work create social responses to a changing environment? This is one of the 12 Grand Challenges for Social Work articulated by the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare. A critical ecosocial work perspective questions modern societal structures (e.g., economic models), values, beliefs, and ways of life, and pays particular attention

to the socio-economic, political structures, and geospatial issues of both community and society.

#### **Submission details**

- Manuscripts should be submitted online by August 15 2018  
Submission is via <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wcom>
- Author Instructions:  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=wcom20&page=instructions>





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**The Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS)** invites submissions for its Annual Meeting, November 8-11, 2018, at Wayne State McGregor Memorial Conference Center. The Association for Humanist Sociology is a community of sociologists, educators, scholars, and activists who share a commitment to using sociology to promote peace, equality, and social justice.

This year's theme set by President David G. Embrick is "**Sociology for Whom? Real Conversations and Critical Engagements in Amerikkka.**" This meeting calls for us to address: 1) how to engage and commit to make all sociology public sociology; and 2) how to best address and engage in research, dialogue, and action regarding inequalities and the intersections of inequalities in our society, our institutions, and amongst ourselves. The conference also features two mini-conferences on "Environmental Inequality" and "Immigration in the U.S." For more information, please visit <https://www.humanist-sociology.org/2018-meeting.html> or email [AHSDetroit2018@gmail.com](mailto:AHSDetroit2018@gmail.com)

Deadline for submissions is June 15, 2018





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#### Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Meeting, Detroit

#### Mini-Conference on Environmental Inequality

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Topics include but are not limited to: water rights, pollution, local environmental justice issues, environmental racism, environmental activism, resource extraction, sustainability, food, climate change, indigenous rights, and environmental citizenship.

Select conference papers will be featured in a special issue of  
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Submit online: [bit.ly/AHSDetroit](https://bit.ly/AHSDetroit)

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ASSOCIATION FOR HUMANIST SOCIOLOGY  
ANNUAL MEETING, DETROIT

**MINI-CONFERENCE:  
IMMIGRATION IN THE U.S.**

**October 18-21**

Topics include but are not limited to: immigration law (DACA, DAPA, RAISE, SAFE, asylum, refugee status), migration and discrimination (deportation, "the wall," microaggressions, police brutality), and migrant labor (wages, working conditions, "low skill" labor, labor and the economy).

Submit online: [bit.ly/AHSDetroit](http://bit.ly/AHSDetroit)  
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# ABOLITIONIST APPROACHES TO SOCIAL PROBLEMS

BE FAITHFUL, BE VIGILANT, BE UNTIRING  
IN YOUR EFFORTS TO BREAK EVERY  
YOKE, AND LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE.

– William Lloyd Garrison

## 68th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

August 10–12, 2018

Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel  
Philadelphia, PA

For more information,  
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Luis A. Fernandez, PhD  
SSSP President  
Northern Arizona University





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## **Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Winter 2018 Newsletter**

### **Letter From the Editor**

Thanks everyone for bearing with me on my first newsletter as Editor.

It has been an absolute pleasure to take the reins of the Newsletter Editorship from Kasey Henricks (who is a tough act to follow) and to work with our co-chairs Saher Selod and Omari Jackson on this issue. I also want to give a shout out to previous co-chair Matthew Hughey for encouraging me to take on this position. I look forward to helping amplify the contributions and opportunities of this Division in newsletters to come.

When I thought about the overall theme or message for this Winter Newsletter, the concept of *solidarity* immediately sprang to mind. I am inspired by the way that DREM

members support each other's work as scholars and activists with the shared goal of transforming society to eliminate racial oppression.

I look forward to connecting and communing with all of you, my treasured colleagues, this August in Philadelphia.

In Solidarity,

Michael L. Rosino

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