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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 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-xenophobic 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.
Letters from Our Co-Chairs

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the co-chair for the Division of Racial and Ethnic Minorities. I want to thank you all for providing me with this opportunity. I also want to give my warmest congratulations to Kasey Henricks, who will be your incoming co-chair. And thank you to Orly Clerge for all of her hard work and support over this last year. You are in excellent hands with Orly and Kasey co-chairing the division!

This past year we have witnessed a continued rise in white supremacy and attacks on African Americans, immigrants, the LGBTQ community, Muslims, the Jewish population, etc. in the United States. Mosques, synagogues and black churches have been attacked and vandalized. We are also seeing an increase in race consciousness and activism as a result of the current political and social climate. I truly believe DREM is a space where all of us can continue to bring together our scholarship and activism. Now more than ever it is important to highlight intersectional scholarship that looks at how race, class, gender, religion and sexual orientation interact in unique ways in the daily lives of people of color. It is also important to remember how our scholarship can contribute to dismantling social injustices and inequality.

Please check out our sessions at the 2019 annual meetings in New York City. There are some incredible panels on Islamophobia, crimmigration, policing, Black Radical Sociology and White Fragility in the Classroom. In addition to our amazing sessions, I encourage you all to attend our Business Meeting on August 10th at 8:30 am in the Fashion Suite (please double check the listings when you get to the conference in case there are any changes). This is where you can recommend sessions or give us input about the division or volunteer to serve on one of our award committees. We will also be giving out our division awards at this meeting. Finally, I do hope you come to the receptions as well. It is a great place to socialize and connect with scholars and members of SSSP.

I owe a debt of gratitude to many people. Thank you to Michele Koontz for supporting and helping me with the division over the last two years. Michele is truly the backbone of our organization and I would have been lost without her guidance. Finally, thank you to Michael Rosino for serving as the newsletter editor for the past two years. This is his last newsletter and he has done a phenomenal job putting together this newsletter for our division.

It truly has been a pleasure serving as co-chair for this division! I look forward to seeing you all in New York City!

Saher Selod
Letters from Our Co-Chairs

I welcome everyone to New York City for what will be an exciting conference! Saher and I have organized many sessions that reflect the diverse interests of our membership. I am sad to share that Saher Selod’s tenure as co-chair of the section is ending, but am excited to welcome Kasey Henricks as the our new DREM co-chair! Our hope is that everyone who attends this year’s conference will be enriched by the work of their colleagues, that important connections will be made and the walls of global white supremacy will be shaken, session by session.

Race, racism and racialization are not merely abstract ideas to be studied or operationalized—they are matters of life and death. We are living in a moment of widespread violence and enormous uncertainty. As scholar-activists, I encourage us all to not only study the ethnoracial problems of our day, but to also find solutions that will restore justice and bring us closer to racial equity. The election of an American president who condones white supremacy, the resurgence of white nationalism across European and Latin American countries, the inhumane labor conditions and crushing debt imposed on post-colonial nations, the complacency of White feminist politics in the march for intersectional reproductive justice are a few of the ongoing racialized problems facing our social world. I am eager to continue my role as co-chair of the Division for Racial and Ethnic Minorities this year to create a space for academics and/or activists to name and challenge the racial and ethnic injustices facing communities of color in the U.S. and abroad.

At this year’s conference in New York, SSSP members have the opportunity to present their cutting edge projects to a community of scholars who care about racial, class and gender justice, and to do this work in one of the premier cities in the world. New York is known for its ethnoracial diversity. Many people still come to the city everyday to pursue what many believe to be a cliché: to make their dreams come true. A segment of the population are able to realize their dreams. However, New York is filled with racial nightmares. The city is steeped in racial segregation, engineered in the interest of Wall Street and technology companies, and has many political corruption cases. The recent release of Ava Duvernay’s acclaimed film series “When They See Us,” showcased the resilience of five Black and Puerto Rican boys from Harlem who were forced to face New York’s Jim Crow criminal justice system in 1989 when they were wrongfully convicted of rape.

The story of the so-called Central Park 5 has highlighted yet another case of New York Police Department’s long history of terrorizing communities of color. The police murders of Eric Garner, Abner Louima, Patrick Dorismond, the mass dispossession of the city’s poor, working and middle class Black American, Black Immigrant, Puerto Rican and Dominican communities to make way for the city’s largely White technology, banking, art and financial sector workers, the widespread attacks on Muslim men and women in the name of remembering 9/11 and the exploitation of domestic laborers from the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and Asia are some of the many pressing issues of racial injustice occurring in the city and its surrounding suburbs. I encourage this year’s conference participants to experience the vibrant cultural diversity of New York keeping these everyday realities at the center of how we see and interact with the city as we traverse it. Enjoy my hometown and all that New York has to offer personally, intellectually and politically!

In solidarity,

Orly Clerge
Letter from Our Incoming Co-Chair

To my friends and colleagues,

What a joy it is to serve in a leadership role within a space reflecting a shared sense of responsibility to addresses inequalities that undermine dignified life. For those who do not know me, I am an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Tennessee. As someone who studies the entanglements of race, public finance, and bureaucratic practices in general, my research agenda seeks to understand how racial formations are preserved as well as reconfigured over time through practices and discourses of taxation that (re)create inequality. Over the next two years, I want to continue conversations initiated at the Philadelphia meetings by Past President, Luis A. Fernandez, that probe deeper into what abolitionist approaches to social problems look like in the 21st century.

Looking ahead to the 2019 meetings in August, the theme is “Illuminating the SOCIAL in Social Problems.” They will be held August 9-11 in New York City. If you are able, please show your commitment to the thoughtful and important work of colleagues by attending our DREM panels, papers in the round, and other critical dialogues. And join me in expressing appreciation to the session organizers for their hard work as well as the award committee members that painstakingly decide on the recipients of our Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Book Award, Kimberlé Crenshaw Article Award, and Graduate Student Paper Award.

Please join us at the DREM Business Meeting on Saturday, August 10. It will be held in the Fashion Suite from 8:30am to 10:10am. This is where decisions about the upcoming meetings are made, committees are preliminarily formed, and organizational matters are discussed. Here, we will also recognize our Division Award Winners. If you are interested in organizing a session, serving on a committee in 2020, or becoming involved in some other capacity, you can volunteer at the business meeting. Do not hesitate to come up to us (or anyone at the meeting, for that matter!) to make introductions and develop a new connection. You never know what may come of it...

In closing, let me acknowledge our outgoing newsletter editor, Michael Rosino, for his service over the past few years. The content has been as well-organized as it has been thoughtful, and he will be missed. I also want to express my gratitude to outgoing Co-Chair Saher Selod for serving our Division with distinction, from doing the daily lifting of divisional duties to easing my own transition into the new role. Thank you!

See y’all in New York.

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DREM Sponsored Sessions at SSSP 2019

The listings on the following pages include all the sessions at the Society for the Study of Social Problems 2019 Annual Meeting sponsored by the Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.

Come support your fellow Division members and participate in these important and lively sessions while you are in New York City!

DON’T FORGET TO ATTEND THE DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING:

Saturday, August 10 (8:30-10:10am) - Fashion Suite
DREM Sponsored Sessions at SSSP 2019

Session 008: Race, Crimmigration, and Policing

Date: Friday, August 9; Time: 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM; Room: Fifth Avenue Suite

Sponsors: Law and Society; Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Organizers: Felicia Arriaga, Appalachian State University & Alice Miller MacPhee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presider & Discussant: Felicia Arriaga, Appalachian State University

Papers:

“‘Ask Him If You’re Being Detained’: Bystander Resistance in Street Police Encounters,” Katherine D. Hilson, Carthage College

“‘This Could Be You!’ Political Organizing and Resource Dependence in the Wake of Police Violence,” Theresa Rocha Beardall, Cornell University

“E-race the Database: Big Data Policing in Chicago,” Andy Clarno and Michael De Anda Muñiz, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Police-Native American Community Relations: Living in the Shadows of Rural America,” Janice A. Iwama, American University and Jack F. McDevitt, Northeastern University
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Session 032: The Invisibility of Disability in Intersectional Approaches

Date: Friday, August 9; Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM; Room: Fifth Avenue Suite

Sponsors: Disability; Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Organizer & Presider: Laura Mauldin, University of Connecticut

Papers:

“College Campus Sexual Assault and Female Students with Disabilities,” Margaret I. Campe, University of Kentucky

“Bringing in the Black Body: An Phenomenological Examination of Acquired Physical Disabilities in Haiti,” Kapriskie Seide, University of Miami


“Intellectual Disability, Educational Attainment, and Birth Cohort: An Intersectional Approach,” Erin M. Bisesti and Scott Landes, Syracuse University

“Disability, Race, and Language: Evaluating Access to Online Information about Assistive Technology in the US,” Brian R. Grossman, Randa Abdelrahim, Yovia Xu, Ellyn McNamara and Angelica Martinez, University of Illinois at Chicago
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Session 056: Race, Crimmigration and Policing II
Date: Friday, August 9; Time: 4:30 PM - 6:10 PM; Room: Fifth Avenue Suite
Sponsors: Law and Society; Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Organizers: Felicia Arriaga, Appalachian State University & Alice Miller MacPhee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Presider & Discussant: Alice Miller MacPhee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Papers:
“Defending the ‘Bad Immigrant:’ Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance at the Crimmigration Nexus,” Sarah Rose Tosh, The Graduate Center, CUNY

“Protecting Immigrants and Punishing Gangs: Crafting the Crimmigration Police in Chicago’s Sanctuary City Regime,” Enrique Alvear, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Self-preservation amidst Rising Threats: Immigrant Internalization of Anti-immigrant Narratives and Its Effects on Community Solidarity,” Carly Offidani-Bertrand, University of Chicago

“Carceral Migration as Theory and Method: The Sociologies of Race, Space, and Legal Punishment,” Susila Gurusami, University of Toronto and Rahim Kurwa, University of California, Los Angeles
DREM Sponsored Sessions at SSSP 2019

Session 082: CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Turning It Upside Down: The Power of Race, Culture, and Ethnicity in Youth and Emerging Adulthood

Date: Saturday, August 10; Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM; Room: Sutton Suite

Sponsors: Institutional Ethnography; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Youth, Aging, and the Life Course

Organizers: Lauren E. Eastwood, SUNY Plattsburgh & Saher Selod, Simmons University; Presider: Lauren E. Eastwood, SUNY Plattsburgh

Papers:

“Blackness Renegotiated: Second-generation Haitians’ Identity Construction in Chicago,” Herrica Telus, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Institutional Ethnography and Critical Race Feminism: Unlocking Institutional Policy,” Sarah Lewington, McGill University, Winner of the Institutional Ethnography Division’s Student Paper Competition

“Love and Care as Youth-led Structural Interventions for Racial Equity,” May Lin, University of Southern California

“No Pork, No Way, No How: Boundaries and Assimilation for Muslim-Americans,” Bilal Hussain, Loyola University Chicago

“Scaling Social Movements through Social Media: The Case of Black Lives Matter,” Marcia D. Mundt, Karen Ross and Charla M. Burnett, University of Massachusetts Boston

“School to STEM Corporate Pipeline: Examining High School Students’ Racialized Perceptions of a Computer Science Intervention,” Noemi Linares-Ramirez, University of California, Irvine

“Youth of Color and the Neglecting of Explicit Race-gender Analysis of Criminalization in the Life Course,” De Andre’ T. Beadle, University of Minnesota
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Session 106: Black Radical Sociology

Date: Saturday, August 10; Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM; Room: Fifth Avenue Suite

Sponsor: Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Organizers: Orly Clerge, University of California, Davis; Jose Itzigsohn, Brown University; Presider: Jose Itzigsohn, Brown University; Discussant: Deirdre Royster, New York University

Papers:


“The Occlusion of Empire in the Race vs Class Inequality Debate: A Case Study of the Narrowing of Black Marxist Thought in the Sociology of Race,” Julia C. Bates, Sacred Heart University

“The Social Darwinism of Diversity Initiatives: Tracing the Troubled Lineage from Eugenics to the Neoliberal University,” Juliet R. Kunkel and Rachel D. Roberson, University of California, Berkeley

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Session 119: Race, Crimmigration and Policing III
Date: Sunday, August 11; Time: 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM; Room: East End Suite
Sponsors: Law and Society; Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Organizers: Felicia Arriaga, Appalachian State University; Alice Miller MacPhee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Presider & Discussant: Felicia Arriaga, Appalachian State University

Papers:
“Crisis, Capital Accumulation, and ‘Carceral Keynesianism’ in the Aftermath of the Global Slump,” Jessica Evans, Ryerson University

“Legal Status Fluidity and Filipino Immigrants,” Daniela Pila, University at Albany, SUNY

“Rohingyas the ‘Racialized Other’: Creation of the Biopolitical State,” Morsaline Mojid, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

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Session 135: CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Mental Health and Healthcare Disparities Inside and Outside of Prison or Jail

Date: Sunday, August 11; Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM; Room: Sutton Suite

Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Society and Mental Health

Organizer: Robert L. Peralta, The University of Akron; Presider: Eric Victory, The University of Akron

Papers:

“Engagement in Meaningful Occupations in Prison,” Sandra Rogers, Rutgers University

“Mental Health Illness among the Incarcerated: Case Study of Jails in Rural Arkansas,” Veena Kulkarni and Joseph Rukus, Arkansas State University

“Not Part of My Sentence: An Examination of the Flaws in Canadian Correctional Facilities,” Helen Kosc, Queen's University

“Substance Use and Violence among Former Prison Inmates: A Qualitative Study of Barriers to Health and Health Care,” Robert L. Peralta, The University of Akron, Meghan A. Novisky, Cleveland State University, James R. Carter and Nickolaus Gotsiridze, The University of Akron

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Session 146: Influences and Impacts of Race on Social Services Policy and Service Delivery

Date: Sunday, August 11; Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM; Room: Fifth Avenue Suite

Sponsors: Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sociology and Social Welfare

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: William D. Cabin, Temple University

Papers:

“Community Courts and Race: An Examination of Community Court Judges, Staff and Racial Dynamics,” Tyrell A. Connor, SUNY New Paltz

“Low-income Homeownership: How Do Outcomes Vary by Ethnicity?” Sadie Shattuck and Anna Maria Santiago, Michigan State University

“Negotiating Discourses: Organizational Framing and Identity Work in Social Services,” Bridget Cowan Longoria, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

“Touring Homelessness: Understanding Race and Ideology among Grassroots Homeless Service Organizations,” Matthew Jerome Schneider, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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Session 158: Racism, Nativism and Islamophobia

Date: Sunday, August 11; Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM; Room: Fifth Avenue Suite

Sponsor: Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Organizer & Presider: Watoii Rabii, Oakland University

Papers:

“Assessing the Relationship between Minority-threat and Police-involved Killings Using Diffuse and Targeted Threat Effects,” Ruben Antonio Ortiz and Stephanie A. Bohon, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

“From the Extremes to the Mainstream: White Masculinity and Populism in the Trump Era,” Tiffany Taylor, Erin Andro, Alexis Hilling and Karen Martinez, Kent State University, Katrina Bloch, Kent State University at Stark and Katie Bullock, University of Akron

“Informant Provocation: Procedures in Thwarting Terrorism, and Surveillance of Muslim Community Members in Comparison to Right-wing Groups,” Anas Askar, Howard University and Amin Asfari, Wake Tech College

“Making America White (Again): MENA and the 2020 U.S. Census,” Bradley J. Zopf, Carthage College

“When Hitler’s Nazism Becomes American Immigration Policy: ‘Infestation,’ ‘Child Separations,’ and Racist and Misogynistic Extremism in Trump’s AmerikKKa,” Dana M. Greene, University of North Carolina
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Session 169: CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Approaching White Fragility in the Classroom

Date: Sunday, August 11; Time: 4:30 PM - 6:10 PM; Room: Fifth Avenue Suite

Sponsors: Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Teaching Social Problems

Organizer: Mikayla Mitchell, University of Illinois at Chicago; Presider: Maximilian Cuddy, University of Illinois at Chicago

Papers:

“Dueling PCs - Political Correctness vs Patriotic Correctness,” Karen M. Douglas and Evan Spurlock, Sam Houston State University

“Examining Entrance and Resistance: Addressing Inequity with In-service Teachers,” Erin Baugher, University of Delaware


“Using the Decoding Technique to Overcome White Fragility in the Classroom,” Bradley J. Zopf, Carthage College

“White Women, White Fragility in the Classroom, and Faculty Performance Evaluations,” Eileen O'Brien, Saint Leo University
Member Announcements (Books)


While single-sex public schools face much criticism, many Black communities see in them a great promise: that they can remedy a crisis for their young men. *Black Boys Apart* reveals triumph, hope, and heartbreak at two all-male schools, a public high school and a charter high school, drawing on Freeden Blume Oeur’s ethnographic work. While the two schools have distinctive histories and ultimately charted different paths, they were both shaped by the convergence of neoliberal ideologies and a politics of Black respectability. As Blume Oeur reveals, all-boys education is less a school reform initiative and instead joins a legacy of efforts to reform Black manhood during periods of stark racial inequality. *Black Boys Apart* shows all-boys schools to be an odd mix of democratic empowerment and market imperatives, racial segregation and intentional sex separation, strict discipline and loving care. Challenging narratives that endorse these schools for nurturing individual resilience in young Black men, this perceptive and penetrating ethnography argues for a holistic approach in which Black communities and their allies promote a collective resilience.

For more information, please visit the book’s website: [http://blackboysapart.com](http://blackboysapart.com).
Member Announcements (Books)


Roderick Douglas Bush (1945–2013) was a scholar, educator, mentor, activist and a loving human being. In reflecting on his life well-lived, the contributors in Rod Bush: Lessons from a Radical Black Scholar on Liberation, Love, and Justice share insightful lessons from his life and works on how to effect liberation and radical social transformation in the everyday practices of scholarship, teaching, activism, and personal interaction through a loving spirit dedicated to social justice. Rod Bush was deeply convinced that “Pan-European racism is the Achilles’ heel of the modern world-system, and the demographic situation of the United States, with its large, strategically located populations of color, is a key locus of struggle for a more just, democratic, and egalitarian world order.” This book shows by the example of Rod Bush how one can “be the change”—through a commitment to everyday practices and personal transformations that embody, enable, embrace, and engage global social change.

Member Announcements
(Books)


The election of Donald Trump has called attention to the border wall and anti-Mexican discourses and policies, yet these issues are not new. Building Walls puts the recent calls to build a border wall along the US-Mexico border into a larger social and historical context. This book describes the building of walls, symbolic and physical, between Americans and Mexicans, as well as the consequences that these walls have in the lives of immigrants and Latin communities in the United States. The book is divided into three parts: categorical thinking, anti-immigrant speech, and immigration as an experience. The sections discuss how the idea of the nation-state itself constructs borders, how political strategy and racist ideologies reinforce the idea of irreconcilable differences between whites and Latinos, and how immigrants and their families overcome their struggles to continue living in America. They analyze historical precedents, normative frameworks, divisive discourses, and contemporary daily interactions between whites and Latin individuals. It discusses the debates on how to name people of Latin American origin and the framing of immigrants as a threat and contrasts them to the experiences of migrants and border residents. Building Walls makes a theoretical contribution by showing how different dimensions work together to create durable inequalities between U.S. native whites, Latinos, and newcomers. It provides a sophisticated analysis and empirical description of racializing and exclusionary processes.

The family remains the most contested institution in American society. *How Families Matter: Simply Complicated Intersections of Race, Gender, and Work* explores the ways adults make sense of their family lives in the midst of the complicated debates generated by politicians and social scientists. Given the rhetoric about the family, this book is a well overdue account of family life from the perspective of families themselves. The purpose of this book is to provide the reader with a whole view of different types of families. The chapters focus on contemporary issues such as who do we consider to be a part of our family, can anyone achieve family-life balance, and how do families celebrate when they get together? Relying on stories shared by a racially/ethnically diverse group of forty-six families, this book finds that parents and siblings cultivate a family identity that both defines who they are and influences who they become. It is a welcomed installment to conversations about the family, as families are finally viewed within a single study from a multicultural lens.
Member Announcements (Journal Articles)


Spalter-Roth, Roberta, Jean Shin, Jason A. Smith, Amber C. Kalb, Kyle K. Moore, Ismail CidMartinez,and Jermaine Toney. 2019. "'Raced' Organizations and the Academic Success of URM Faculty Members in Sociology.” Sociology of Race & Ethnicity 5(2).
Member Announcements (Awards & Accomplishments)

Maria D. Duenas was awarded the National Science Foundation Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate California HSI Alliance Fellowship. She also received an Honorable Mention for the Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. Lastly, she was awarded the Sociology Summer Support Award and the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning Fellowship at the University of California, Merced.

The following article won the 2019 SSSP, Theory Division Outstanding Article Award: Joosse, Paul. 2018. “Expanding Moral Panic Theory to Include the Agency of Charismatic Entrepreneurs: The Case of Donald Trump” British Journal of Criminology 58(4): 993-1012.

Jason A. Smith, George Mason University, successfully defended his dissertation (Title: Deliberating Diversity: Race and Gender in the Federal Communications Commission’s “Ownership Debates”) on April 11 and graduated with his PhD on May 17.
Member Announcements (CFPs)

Black Panther: Afro-Futurism, Gender, Identity and the Re-Making of Blackness

Call for Papers—July 1, 2019: Extended deadline for submission of abstract (300 to 400 words), title and a short bio

Co-edited volume by Renée T. White and Karen A. Ritzenhoff

Lexington Press, Rowman and Littlefield

The Marvel release of Black Panther in 2018 ignited a US national and international tidal wave of excitement, critical reflection and debate. The almost exclusively African diasporan cast and creative team behind the scenes contributed to Ryan Coogler’s directorial vision that a black Superhero movie would sell and find a large global audience; the movie also exceeded any box office hopes and made over 1.3 billion Dollars worldwide.

The movie has not only changed storytelling conventions in Hollywood. It has also crafted a vision about African heritage and identity that is tied to a legacy of an ancestor-driven past that is independent from the traumatic memory of the transatlantic passage and slavery. Black Panther embraces afro-futurism, an eco-system in Wakanda that is self-contained and highly functional. As Renée T. White writes, “Black Panther looks to the past and pulls those threads into an alternate present and future, conjuring a fully liberated African nation into being for the audience” (2018).

Our volume will gather scholars from different disciplinary fields to analyze how Black Panther was able to succeed and how it has opened up space to critique the idea of African identity and contributed to the Re-Making of Blackness. We are interested in submissions ranging from ones engaging in a close reading of Black Panther as a narrative or visual text to ones using Black Panther as a point of departure to explore wide-ranging questions raised by the film.

Each chapter should be comprised of about 6000 words, including endnotes and works cited. Please use Chicago Style. We will send out a sample chapter to our contributors.

Please send inquiries and abstract/bios to: Dr. Renée T. White (Email: White_renee@wheatoncollege.edu) & Dr. Karen A. Ritzenhoff (Email: Ritzenhoffk@CCSU.edu)
To My Colleagues and Comrades,

This is my final newsletter before hanging up my hat as editor. It has been an absolute pleasure and honor to serve as your newsletter editor for these past few years. I have relished the opportunity to get a firsthand peak at all the sponsored SSSP sessions, dispatches from our co-chairs, and the many announcements declaring all of your substantial accomplishments. I have also enjoyed cataloguing and communicating this information to our Division Members in creative ways that I hope you all found engaging and legible.

As I pass the baton and ride off into the sunset, I want to give a massive thanks to all of the Division Co-Chairs alongside whom I have worked: Omari Jackson, Saher Selod, and Orly Clergé. I also want to thank the incoming Co-Chair Kasey Henricks (who incidentally handed me the editor baton).

Although I will be gifting this role to a new set of capable hands, I will continue to be an active and engaged participant in this Division - enjoined with all of you in this protracted and ever critical enterprise to document, analyze, and resist racial injustice.

See you in NYC!

In Solidarity,

Michael L. Rosino
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