

S U M M E R 2 0 1 1



SBPC

Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of SSSP
Summer Newsletter

Letter from the Division Chair, Corie Hammers



In This Edition:

- Page 1 – Letter from the Division Chair
- Page 2 – Sexuality in the News
- Page 2 – 2011 Annual Meeting Division Sessions and Events
- Page 6 – Division Member Honors and News
- Page 6 – 2011 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winner
- Page 7 – New Division Member Publications
- Page 7 – Jobs and Calls for Submissions
- Page 9 – On-the-Market Graduate Student Spotlights
- Page 10 – Editor's Note

Greeting from the Twin Cities! I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and finding some relaxation time! Well, the 2011 SSSP Annual Meeting in Las Vegas is just around the corner. I would like to begin this newsletter by encouraging faculty and students to attend the Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities **Divisional Meeting**, which is taking place **Friday, August 19th from 12:30 to 2:10** in the Lake Tahoe room of the Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel. This is a great opportunity to get to know other SBPC members and start getting involved in the SBPC community. Come check us out! And for those who are already SBPC members, bring along a friend who you think might be interested in joining our division.

We have an exciting array of SBPC sessions planned for this upcoming meeting. Listed here in chronological order (and outlined in more detail below), sessions held on **Friday, August 19th** include: session 4, Intimate Relationships across the Life Course (co-sponsored with Youth, Aging and the Life Course) from 8:30 to 10:10am; session 12, Sexual Minorities: Empowerment and Resisting Stigma (thematic session) from 10:30 to 12:10; and session 40, Sexuality on the Edge from 4:30 to 6:10 (thematic session). *[Continued on next page.]*

Save the Date!

SSSP 2011 Annual Meeting – Las Vegas, NV

Friday, August 19th – Sunday, August 21st



The 61st annual SSSP will be held at the Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel.

Letter from the Division Chair (Continued from Page 1)

Sessions scheduled for Saturday, August 20th include: session 63, Issues in Technology & Sexuality (co-sponsored with Environment and Technology and Racial & Ethnic Minorities) from 12:30 to 2:10; and session 70, Sexuality and Race (co-sponsored with Racial & Ethnic Minorities) from 2:30 to 4:10). Sessions scheduled for Sunday, August 21st include: session 93, Sex and the Body (co-sponsored with Sport, Leisure and the Body) from 8:30 to 10:10am; and session 134, Sociology of Desire (thematic) from 4:30 to 6:10.

An additional SBPC session, sponsored by the SSSP Program Committee, has also been scheduled for Sunday, August 21st. Given the theme for this upcoming conference, "Service Sociology," we decided to organize a special session on anti-gay bullying. This session, Session 103, is entitled "Anti-LGBTQ Bullying and Harassment: Renewed Attention to an Old Problem," and is taking place from 10:30 to 12:10. A select group of scholars doing work on bullying have agreed to participate on this panel. Panelists include Mary L. Gray (Indiana University), Oren Pizmony Levy (Indiana University), CJ Pascoe (Colorado College), and Jennifer Pearson (Wichita State University). They will be addressing such issues as bullying in rural areas, bullying from an international perspective, homophobia and heteronormativity within school contexts, and the relationships between masculinity and homophobia as it relates to LGBT bullying. This will certainly be an informative and interesting session and should not be missed!

This year's Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee considered a number of excellent submissions. I would like to express our collective congratulations to Max Besbris, winner of this year's SBPC Graduate Student Paper Competition. Max is currently a PhD candidate in the Sociology Department at New York University. He will be discussing his winning paper, "Revanchist Masculinity and the Framing of Identity: How Pimps View Women, Domination, and Themselves," on Sunday, August 21st in session 132 from 2:30 to 4:10. Congratulations Max!

Corie Hammers, PhD., Division Chair

Sexuality in the News

- A new psychological study suggests that undergraduate students rate lesbian and gay professors more harshly than heterosexual professors, in particular because they are presumed to be more biased in their teaching. See more about the study at <http://kinseyconfidential.org/gay-agenda-classroom-college-students/>
- A new study by researchers at the Kinsey Institute found that cuddling and caressing are important components of relationship satisfaction for long-term couples (age 40-70). Looking at couples in the US, Japan, Spain, Brazil, and Germany, the researchers found some interesting patterns that counter traditional gender stereotypes about love and sex. The press release: <http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/18996.html>

SBPC Division Sessions, 2011 SSSP Annual Meeting

The Society for the Study of Social Problems presents the preliminary program including detailed information and the program schedule for its 61st Annual Meeting themed: "Service Sociology" August 19-21st at Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas. This program offers a rich assortment of sessions and meetings.

Divisional Meeting: Sexual Behavior, Politics and Sexual Communities, Friday: 12:30 to 2:10, Lake Tahoe Room.

Division Sponsored Reception: August 19th from 6:30 to 7:30 in Reno room.

Listed on pages 3-5 are the division thematic sessions and joint sessions that SBPC is co-sponsoring with other SSSP divisions, as well as other sexuality-related sessions.

Friday, August 19th, 2010

Intimate Relationships Across the Life Course

8:30am – 10:10am; Session 4, Laughlin, Co-sponsored by the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course

Organizer: Corie Hammers (Macalester College); Presider: Cheryl Boudreaux (Grand Valley State Univ.)

Papers:

1. "A Sociologist on Love: Explorations in the Social Construction of Love," Cheryl Boudreaux (Grand Valley State University)
2. "Adolescent's Involvement in Sexual Activity and the Influence of Sexual Attitudes," Laura Simon and Bridget Goosby, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
3. "Becoming Grandparents: How Older Taiwanese Immigrants and Returnees Construct Grandparenthood," Ken Chih-Yan Sun, Brandeis University

Sexual Minorities: Empowerment and Resisting Stigma [Thematic]

10:30am – 12:10pm; Session 12, Laughlin

Organizer/Presider/Discussant: Leslie Elrod (University of Cincinnati – Blue Ash)

Papers:

1. "The Sexual Playground: Contemporary Fears about Children's Play," Joel Best, University of Delaware and Kathleen A. Bogle, La Salle University
2. "'These Girls Are Not Very Worldly': The Social Context of the Judicial Bypass Procedure for Pregnant Minors," Nikki Katrina McGary, University of Connecticut
3. "Gay-Straight Alliances: Working toward Reducing Stigma of LGBT Youth," Maralee Mayberry, University of South Florida, Tiffany Chenneville, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg and Sean E Currie, University of South Florida, Tampa
4. "Legal Parenthood for Queer Families: Contradictions and Possibilities," Kristy A. Watkins, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Sexuality on the Edge

4:30pm – 6:10pm; Session 40, Silver

Organizer/Presider: Kathleen A. Ashbury (Community College of Philadelphia/Cheyne University)

Papers:

1. "Marrying the Moon? Exploring Sexecology and the Ecossexual Movement," Jennifer J. Reed, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2. "Sexual Politics, Community, and a Lack of Legal Change in the U.S. Sex Workers Rights Movement," Crystal A. Jackson, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
3. "Symbolic Laws: A Cross Cultural Perspective of Statutory Rape and Defilement Laws in Canada and Ghana," Godfred T. Chongatera, University of Western Ontario
4. "White Girls Gone Crazy: Images of Insanity in Girl, Interrupted, Secretary, and Black Swan," Gini Mann-Deibert, Suffolk University and Kimberly M. Baker, Ithaca College
5. "Horsing Around: Trailriding Discourse of a Sexual Nature," Kathleen A. Asbury, Community College of Philadelphia/Cheyne University

Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division Meeting

12:30pm – 2:10pm; Lake Tahoe Room

Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division-Sponsored Reception

6:30pm – 7:30pm; Reno Room

Saturday, August 20th, 2011

Issues in Technology and Sexuality

12:30pm – 2:10pm; Session 63, Silver, Co-sponsored by Environment and Technology and Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Organizer/Presider/Discussant: Cary Gabriel Costello (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Papers:

1. "Meeting On-line and Maintaining Personal Safety Offline," Luis F. Nuño, William Paterson Univ.
2. "Sexuality in Virtual Worlds," Cary Gabriel Costello, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3. "Beyond the Digital Divide: Low-Income Mothers Negotiate Technology for and with their Teens," Joslyn Brenton, Rachel Powell and Sinikka Elliott, North Carolina State University
4. "Human Trafficking and Hurricane Katrina," Kimberly Sue Smith, Virginia Tech

Sexual Victims and Sexual Victimization

12:30pm – 2:10pm; Session 70, Cooper, Sponsored by Law and Society

Organizer/Presider: Paul D. Steele (Morehead State University)

Papers:

1. "Real Rape in Las Vegas," Brooke M. Wagner and Andrew L. Spivak, University of Nevada, LV
2. "The Social Construction of the Ideal Rape Victim: Functions and Consequences," Meghan A. Novisky, Kent State University
3. "An Intersectional Approach to Understanding Stigma Associated with Male Sexual Assault Victimization," Kevin M. Ralston, University of Delaware
4. "All the Rage: Female Juvenile Offenders' Explanations for Assault at School," Lisa Pasko, University of Denver
5. "Child Sexual Abuse among Socially Marginalized Groups: Cultural and Governmental Influences Perpetuating Maltreatment in American Indian Country," Paul D. Steele, Morehead State University

Sexuality and Race

2:30pm – 4:10pm; Session 70, Elko, Co-sponsored by Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Organizer/Presider: Erica Chito Childs (Hunter College/CUNY Graduate Center)

Papers:

1. "'I'm a Feminist, But I don't Hate Men' Sexuality and Feminist Identity in Cuban Hip Hop," Tanya L. Saunders, Assistant Professor Lehigh University
2. "Black Men's Recollections of Sexual Socialization for Multiple Sexual Partners," Eloise Dunlap and Ellen Benoit, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.
3. "Complex Subjectivity: How Race, Class, and Religiosity Impact Sexual Subjectivity," Stacy Missari, University of Connecticut
4. "Theorizing about young Black women's sexuality," Marci Littlefield, IUPUI and Carla Brailey, Instructor, Texas Southern University
5. "Who Speaks for Whom? The Politics of Race and Sexuality in the 'Endangered Species' Abortion Controversy," Zakiya Luna, University of Michigan

Author Meets Critics: Barbara G. Brents, Crystal A. Jackson, and Kathryn Hausbeck. The State of Sex: Tourism, Sex and Sin in the New American Heartland

4:30pm – 6:10pm; Session 89, Cooper, Sponsored by the Program Committee

Critics: Karla A. Erickson (Grinnell College), Amalia Cabezas (University of California, Riverside), Jennifer K. Wesely (University of North Florida), Beth Schneider (University of California Santa Barbara)

Sunday, August 21st, 2011

Sex and the Body

8:30am – 10:10am

Session 93, Parlor D, Co-sponsored by Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizers: David J. Hutson (University of Michigan) and PJ McGann (University of Michigan)

Papers:

1. “Go-Go Dancing and the Body: The role of action in cultural production,” David C. Lane and Brian Newby, University of Delaware
“Perspectives and Challenges in Dressing Habits and Adolescents Sexuality Attitudinal Change,”
2. “Prosti-teens: Girls and the Continuum of Sexualization,” Jennifer K. Wesely, University of North Florida
3. “Sexuality, sport and the ‘aging’ body: an autoethnography of ‘being healthy without feeling healthy’,” Elizabeth Ettorre, University of Liverpool
4. Olugbenga David Ojo, School of Education, National Open University of Nigeria, 14/16, Ahmadu Bello Way, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria
5. “Playing the mixed league is fun - knowledge on bodies and genders in mixed ball sports,” Lisa K. Scheer, University of Graz, Austria

Anti-LGBTQ Bullying and Harassment: Renewed Attention to an Old Problem [Special Session]

10:30am – 12:10pm; Session 103, Parlor D, Sponsored by the Program Committee

Organizer/Presider: Eric Anthony Grollman (Indiana University)

Panelists: Mary L. Gray (Indiana University), Oren Pizmony-Levy (Indiana University), CJ Pascoe (Colorado College), and Jennifer Pearson (Wichita State University)

Serving Families and Communities through Marriage? [Thematic]

2:30pm – 4:10pm; Session 124, Parlor D, Co-sponsored by Family

Organizer/Presider/Discussant: Nancy J. Mezey (Monmouth University)

Papers:

1. “Marriage and Social Ties in Russia,” Natalia Sarkisian, Boston College
2. “Civic Inclusion or Civil Disobedience?: Legal Consciousness and the Functions of Same Sex Marriage,” Kimberly Richman, University of San Francisco
3. “Same-Sex Marriage and Constituent Perceptions of the LGBT Rights Movement,” Kathleen E. Hull and Timothy A. Ortyl, University of Minnesota
4. “Gay Men’s Marriages: Testing the Boundaries of Family Relationships and Marriage,” Abi Ocobock, University of Chicago

Sociology of Desire [Thematic]

4:30pm – 6:10pm; Session 124, Parlor D

Organizer: Corie Hammers (Macalester College); Discussant: Cary Gabriel Costello (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Papers:

1. “A New Spirit of Sacrifice? Capitalism, Consumerism and Crisis,” Colin Cremin, University of Auckland, New Zealand
2. “Bisexual Desire and the Unicorn: Polyamorists and sexual agency,” Elisabeth Sheff, Georgia State University
3. “Cultures of Pleasure: desire, discipline, and care,” Wendy L. Chapkis, University of Southern Maine
4. “Sculpting the Scar: An Exploration of Women BDSMers,” Corie Hammers, Macalester College

Division Members' Honors and News

- **Professor Mary Bernstein** (University of Connecticut) has been promoted to full professor in the Department of Sociology.

- **Professor Cary Gabriel Costello** (University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee) is now the director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Studies Program.

- **Eric Anthony Grollman** (PhD Candidate, Indiana University) was elected as a graduate student representative of the American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities.

- **Professor Carla A. Pfeffer** (Purdue University North Central) was awarded the 2011 Jessie Bernard Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award from the National Council of Family Relations:

Pfeffer, Carla A. 2010. "'Women's Work?' Women Partners of Transgender Men Doing Housework and Emotion Work." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 72: 165-83.

- **J. Sumerau** (PhD Candidate, Florida State University) won the 2011 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award of the American Sociological Association Section on Sex and Gender:

"'Becoming Responsible Gay Christian Men': Responsibility Discourses, Compensatory Manhood Acts, and Inequality in a Metropolitan Community Church."

Graduate Student Paper Competition Winner

Congratulations to the SSSP Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities division graduate student paper competition winner, **Max Besbris!** Max is currently a PhD candidate in Sociology at New York University. You can read the abstract of Max's paper, "Revanchist Masculinity and the Framing of Identity: How Pimps View Women, Domination, and Themselves," below:

Abstract: While research on street-level sex work has focused on the mindsets of prostitutes, the challenges they face, and the changing structural aspects of their surroundings that affect their lives, this work as generally ignored pimps, the men who "manage" and live off of the profits of prostitution. Based on semi-structured interviews with current and former pimps, and over 100 hours of observational data in Oakland, California, this paper presents a rare description of the worldviews and attitudes of a culturally ubiquitous character. This paper deals specifically with pimps' conceptions of masculinity and domination, and argues that common biographical factors, as well as cultural reactions to women's overall advancement in society have produced a type of "revanchist masculinity." This form of masculinity is a response to a perceived gender imbalance, and a reclamation of the "right" way men and women "should" interact. By focusing on both the discursive framing pimps use when addressing masculinity, and the actions of the pimps when dealing with prostitutes, this paper shows how, even in the most gendered parts of the social space, masculinity is constantly negotiated and defined in contrast to others. Finally, this research points to how individuals overcome dissonant facts when presenting their identities as codified.

A special thanks to the competition committee members, David Steele, Melissa Lavin, Jason Crockett, Coralee Drechsler, Marni Brown, Fay Hodza, Lloyd Klein, Shawn Trivette, Joan Luxenburg, Craig Tollini, Avery Tompkins, and Greg Gibson, and especially to the committee chair, Dawn Baunach!

Division Members' Recent Publications

Currier, Ashley. 2011. "Decolonizing the Law: LGBT Organizing in Namibia and South Africa." *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* 54: 17-44.

Richman, Kimberly D. 2011. "'By Any Other Name': The Social and Legal Stakes of Same-Sex Marriage." *University of San Francisco Law Review* 46 (1).

Sumerau, J. Edward, and Douglas P. Schrock. 2011. "'It's Important to Show Your Colors': Counter-Heteronormative Embodiment in a Metropolitan Community Church." In *Embodied Resistance: Breaking the Rules, Challenging the Norms* edited by Chris Bobel and Samantha Kwan. Nashville, Tennessee: Vanderbilt University Press.

Job Announcements

Wellesley College, Women's and Gender Studies, Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

The Women's and Gender Studies Department at Wellesley College invites applications for a tenure-track, beginning assistant professor position in Global Sexuality and Queer Studies to start Fall 2012. We seek a social scientist or training in a related field whose research and teaching utilizes qualitative or quantitative methods. The successful candidate will teach a 2/2 load that includes introduction to women's and gender studies, queer theory, and cross-cultural sexuality, in addition to courses in new faculty member's specific area. Demonstrated teaching ability, commitment to undergraduate women's education, and a developed research agenda are expected. Our department is interdisciplinary, has its own faculty, and attracts a large number of students to its courses and major/minor. Candidates must have their PhD in hand to begin the position.

Application Address: A statement of teaching and research interests in the cover letter, CV, a writing sample and three letters of recommendation are required. (The online application will request names/email address so that recommenders or dossier services may submit the letters directly.) Materials should be submitted through the online application system at <https://career.wellesley.edu> by the closing date of **September 15th** to be considered. If there are difficulties submitting on line, contact working@wellesley.edu.

For more information on the department, see: <http://www.wellesley.edu/WomenSt/>.

Online Application URL: <https://career.wellesley.edu>

Application E-Mail: <http://www.nwsa.org/employ/listing.php?entryid=532>

Institution/Department URL: <http://www.wellesley.edu/WomenSt/>

Contact E-Mail: working@wellesley.edu

Call for Submissions – Kinsey Confidential

Eric Anthony Grollman (egrollma@indiana.edu) is soliciting guest blog posts for the Kinsey Institute's blog, Kinsey Confidential: <http://kinseyconfidential.org/> In particular, Eric would like submissions on topics related to sex, sexuality, gender, and relationships informed by sociological, queer, and/or feminist perspectives. Posts should be limited to a few paragraphs, written in language that is accessible to the site's predominantly college age audience. The content of posts may be an introduction to a new topic or concept, review of new research, or discussion of current events.

See the following examples of guest posts: <http://kinseyconfidential.org/talk-guest-blogger-hubert-izienicki-ma/> and <http://kinseyconfidential.org/researcher-dives-pornography/>

Call for Submissions – Queer Teaching Tips

Matt Byron D. Kopas (mkopas@u.washington.edu), editor of the blog, Queer Teaching Tips, is soliciting advice and experiences from instructors and professors on the topic of queering the classroom, broadly defined.

Check out the blog at <http://queerteaching.tumblr.com> to submit your contributions.

Call for Reviewers – *Gender & Society*

Gender & Society is broadening its reviewer base, and invites scholars working on gender from across social science disciplines and perspectives to let us know your reviewing interests.

Gender & Society is the official journal of Sociologists for Women in Society, peer-reviewed and published bi-monthly. The journal receives over 450 manuscript submissions each year, from scholars representing a range of disciplines, and from around the world. These pieces cover diverse substantive areas, and deploy a variety of methods designed to explore and critically advance the field of gender studies.

We rely on a vibrant network of engaged reviewers to deliver timely and constructive feedback to submitting authors, while maintaining the journal's standing as a premier resource for scholars across the social sciences. We deeply value the service that reviewers perform for our community, and seek to make the process as easy and rewarding as possible. All reviewers receive guidance on the kinds of feedback that our authors have found most helpful, one month of free access to all of Sage's online publications, and a one-time discount on the purchase of any volume published by Sage.

If you are new to *Gender & Society* and would like to review for the journal, please click on the following link to create an account in manuscript central (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/gendsoc>), or send an email to gendsoc@soc.umass.edu to have one of our managing editors set up an account for you. Whether you are just joining or are already in our database and just haven't heard from us in a while, please drop us a line to flag your interest and we'll gladly start sending manuscripts your way!

Call for Papers - Conference

The Moral Panics of Sexuality – Conference at Arizona State University West Campus, Phoenix, AZ
Friday, October 7th, 2011. Email proposals and questions by July 15th, 2011 to moralpanics@gmail.com

We invite proposals for an exciting and provocative conference that will address what we are calling the moral panics of sexuality, or, if you prefer, scary sex. Moral panics of sexuality may include practices, representations, and philosophies held in the imagination as deviant, or more precisely, the source of anxious unease if not full-blown disgust. Accordingly, we invite radical proposals that may alternatively challenge, incite, or provoke moral panic.

Topics may include, but are certainly not limited to: Changing Narratives of Disgust, Deviance, and Normality, Radical Reproductive Politics, Radical Philosophies of Sexuality, Legal Critiques of Sexual Morality, Queer(ing) Performances, Abject and Extreme Sexualities, Locating Sexual Institutions, Medicalized Sexualities, Viral Circulation of Bodies and Sexualities.

Proposals are due **July 15th, 2011** and should include a title and abstract of approximately 350-500 words. Please specify whether you would like to be considered for an individual paper (approximately 20 minutes each), or for brief roundtable presentations (5-10 minutes) followed by open discussions with attendees.

Send submissions and inquiries to moralpanics@gmail.com.

On-the-Market Graduate Student Spotlight

Karen Macke

PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
kemacke@maxwell.syr.edu



Karen's dissertation, titled "Que(e)rying Activism in the Church: Culture, Identity, and the Politics of Community in Unitarian Universalist Churches", explores the cultural dynamics of church-based LGBTQ activism within Unitarian Universalism (UU), a traditionally gay-friendly and socially active denomination. Specifically, it examines the factors that have contributed to the recent decline of church-based activism in two distinct UU churches. Her project positions the "organizational culture" of each church as a crucial factor mediating the relationship between the wider culture, in which normative discourses are naturalized, and the perceptions and activism of individual members around LGBTQ issues.

To understand the organizational culture of the two churches, Karen looks at the ways in which issues of gender and sexuality are framed by church texts and church leaders, and within the interactional contexts of the churches. She does this by examining church documents and sermons, and through her interviews with church members and her participant observation at church meetings and outreach events.

Karen adopts a "queer analytical lens" for her study. A queer perspective sees sexuality and gender as fluid and inscribed by discourses and structures of power. This perspective emphasizes the importance of unmasking the ways in which power operates through cultural discourses and norms to enable the expression of some types of identities and sexualities and suppress others. Using this lens, Karen's project critically examines the interplay of each church's culture, its discursive repertoires of LGBTQ social justice, and congregants' participation in collective action.

Karen's study makes important contributions to scholarship in the areas of religion, sexuality, and social movements and provides practical insights for churches working collectively for LGBTQ social justice. She will be presenting her work at this year's ASA conference (ASR Division), titled "Que(e)rying the 'Welcoming Congregation': Organizational Culture and LGBTQ Activism in Unitarian Universalist Churches". At present, she is also working on two articles. The first, titled "State Legislation and the Problem of Bullying in Schools: A Discursive Resonance Approach", will be presented at this year's SSSP conference. The second is a co-authored piece, titled "Queering Methods: Imagining New Intersections of Theory and Practice for Applied Sociology".

While working on her doctorate in sociology at Syracuse University, Karen has also completed Certificates of Advanced Studies in both Women's Studies and Social Movement Studies. Her teaching experience and interests cover the areas of Sex and Gender, Sexuality Studies, Social Movements, Religion, Culture, Transnational Genders and Sexualities, Qualitative Research Methods, Sociological Theory, Social Problems, Women's Studies, and Feminist Theories. Possible future research for Karen includes the topic of youth religious and social justice education, with a particular focus on how religious organizations shape how children negotiate between competing cultural narratives of race, class, gender, sexuality, and disability. You can find more information about Karen Macke and her teaching and research at <http://karenmacke.com>.

On-the-Market Graduate Student Spotlight

Doug Meyer

PhD, Department of Sociology, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY)
dmeyer07@yahoo.com

I received my Ph.D. in sociology, which was awarded in 2011, from The Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). My general work and dissertation project examines lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people's violent experiences, focusing particular attention on differences along the lines of race, class, and gender. My general research interests include sexualities; hate crime; criminal justice; race, class, and gender; sociology of the family; qualitative research methods; and statistics. In addition to general sociology courses, I would be best suited to teach courses in research methods, statistics, deviance or criminal justice, the family, and sex and gender.

I have published three sole-authored articles in peer-reviewed journals. Two of these articles are based on my dissertation results; one has been published in the journal *Sociology*, while the other has been published in *Race, Gender & Class*. The first of these articles won a Best Graduate Student Paper award, honorable mention, from the Race, Gender, and Class section of the American Sociological Association. I have also published two additional peer-reviewed articles in *Race & Society* (third-author) and *Journal of Gender Studies* (sole-authored), as well as several book reviews and encyclopedia entries. In general, my work focuses on how the social position of LGBT people – their race, class, and gender position – structures their perceptions and evaluations of violence – an approach that remains particularly important given that previous hate crime scholarship has tended to advance the interests of relatively privileged groups.

In addition to my research experience, I have considerable teaching experience, as I have taught extensively as an adjunct instructor at three City University of New York campuses. At these schools, I have taught a total of 21 sections and 6 different courses. Student evaluations of my teaching are available online (at: http://courses.qc.cuny.edu/?list=Courses&professor=MEYER,%20DOUGLAS&first_letter_selector=M) and I would be happy to provide peer and student evaluations that are only available in paper format. I will be attending ASA and SSSP this year from August 20-23; feel free to contact me at this e-mail address for meeting or interviewing: dmeyer07@yahoo.com.



Eric Anthony Grollman, PhD Candidate,
Indiana University, egrollma@indiana.edu

Editor's Note

Welcome to the Summer 2011 newsletter of the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division. I hope you find this to be a helpful guide for this summer's SSSP activities. For our Fall Newsletter, please send me exciting news, honors, new publications and books, as well as call for papers, new opportunities, job announcements, and other relevant news. See you in Las Vegas!