

SBPC

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

NOTE FROM THE DIVISION CHAIR ELROI WINDSOR

Hello!

It's finally feeling like springtime here in North Carolina, and I am grateful for the warmer weather. It's about that time to start planning for the summer sociology meetings. Please remember that July 1 is the deadline for program participants to register for the 2014 meetings of SSSP. This year's meetings will be in San Francisco, a historical location of interest to sexualities scholars. I look forward to seeing you there. Keep an eye out for our summer newsletter, which will feature detailed listings of exciting sessions that our SBPC Division is sponsoring.



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This newsletter marks the last edition produced by editor Karen Macke. After years of service, she is ready to pass the torch to the next editor. Please see the call for a new editor in this edition and contact me if you are interested in the position.

In other news, I would like to congratulate the winner of the SBPC election—Dawn Baunach. Dr. Baunach is an Associate Professor at Georgia State University. She will serve as SBPC Chair for the 2014-16 term. It is a pleasure to welcome her into this position. I graduated from Georgia State when Dawn was the Graduate Director, so she oversaw my (sometimes protracted) degree completion while I was a student. In that time, we have become friends and colleagues. I am confident she will be an excellent Chair and I look forward to seeing the SBPC Division flourish under her leadership. Thank you to everyone who voted in the election, and special thanks to the other candidates who ran.

Best wishes to everyone in wrapping up your spring semesters and quarters. Thank you for your continued interest in the SBPC Division.

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SBPC MEMBERS NEWS AND NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS TO Dawn Baunach!

Congratulations to Dawn Baunach (Associate Professor of Sociology at Georgia State University) on winning the SBPC election. She will be the incoming Chair and will serve the division from **2014-2016**.

Graduate Student Paper Competition

The winner of our division's 2014 Graduate Student Paper Competition is **Kerry Mulligan**, a Ph.D. candidate at University of California, Riverside.

The award-winning paper is titled:

"Perpetrating Teachers, Worthy Victims, and the Regulation of Female Sexuality"

Abstract:

Through a comparative analysis of the media discourses and legal treatment of a national sample of criminal cases involving teachers who had sexual contact with their adolescent students, this research explores how individual journalists and state actors make sense of events that pose challenges to hegemonic ideologies. This paper begins with a discussion of the trivialization of these cases in the media and then elaborates how the media coverage and criminal justice responses to these cases regulate female sexuality and reproduce racial inequality through two distinct discourses. The "troubled womanhood" discourse is strategically employed to shame female perpetrators while simultaneously neutralizing their sexual agency. The "worthy victimhood" narrative draws on white, middle class, and heteronormative constructions of femininity to differentially situate adolescent female victims as "worthy" or "unworthy" of legal protection and community support.

*** Elroi Windsor would like to recognize the award committee for their service in reviewing papers and establishing a winner. The committee was chaired by Dawn Baunach and included committee members Keira Duckworth, Lloyd Klein, Demetrios Psihopaidas, Brian Soller, and Avery Tompkins.*

Call for SBPC Division Newsletter Editor

The SBPC Division is looking for its next newsletter editor. The position includes the following responsibilities:

- Producing three SBPC Division Newsletters annually (Spring, Summer, Fall)
- Sending out calls for newsletter submissions/content to interested division members.
- Communicating with the Division Chair to collect/organize division, member, and conference news.

There is a stipend of \$80 for producing at least 2 newsletters a year. *Please contact Elroi Windsor (elroi.windsor@salem.edu) if you are interested in or have questions about the position.*

New Division Member Publications

Macke, Karen. 2014. "Que(e)rying Methodology to Study Church-Based Activism: Conversations in Culture, Power, and Change," In Taylor, Yvette and Ria Snowdon, (eds.) *Queering Religion, Religious Queers*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Meyer, Doug. 2014. "Resisting Hate Crime Discourse: Queer and Intersectional Challenges to Neoliberal Hate Crime Laws." *Critical Criminology* 22(1): 113-125.

Meyer, Doug and Eric Anthony Grollman. 2014. "Sexual Orientation and Fear at Night: Gender Differences among Sexual Minorities and Heterosexuals." *Journal of Homosexuality* 61(4): 453-470.

Schilt, Kristen and Elroi J. Windsor. 2014. "The Sexual Habitus of Transgender Men: Negotiating Sexuality through Gender." *Journal of Homosexuality*. (Jan 6) DOI: 10.1080/00918369.2014.870444.

New Book!

Queering Religion, Religious Queers

Edited by Yvette Taylor and Ria Snowdon

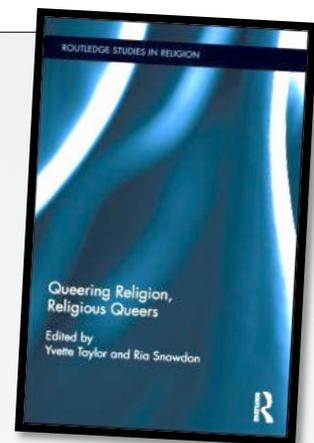
Routledge, March 2014

Series: *Routledge Studies in Religion*

This collection considers how religious identity interplays with other forms and contexts of identity, specifically those related to sexual identity. It asks how these intersections are formed, negotiated and resisted across time and places, including the UK, Europe, North America, Australia, and the Global South.

Questions around 'queer' engagements in same-sex marriages, civil partnerships and other practices (e.g. adoption) have created a number of provoking stances and policy provisions – but what remains unanswered is how people experience and situate themselves within sometimes competing, or 'contradictory', moments as 'religious queers' who may be tasked with 'queering religion'. Additionally, the presumed paradoxes of 'marriage', queer sexuality, religion and youth combine to generate a noteworthy generational absence. This leads to questions about where 'religious queers' reside, resist and relate experiences of intersecting religious and sexual lives.

In looking at interconnectedness, this collection offers international contributions, which bridge the 'contradictions' in queering religion and in making visible 'religious queers.' It provides insight into older and younger people's understandings of religiosity, queer cultures, and religious groups. A small but active religious minority in the US has received much attention for its anti-gay political activity; much less attention has been paid to the more positive, supportive role that religious-based groups play in e.g. providing housing, education and political advocacy for queer youth. Queer methodologies and intersectional approaches offer a lens both theoretically and methodologically to uncover the salience of related social divisions and identities. This collection is both innovative and sensitive to 'blended' identities and their various enactments.



New Division Member Publications (cont.)

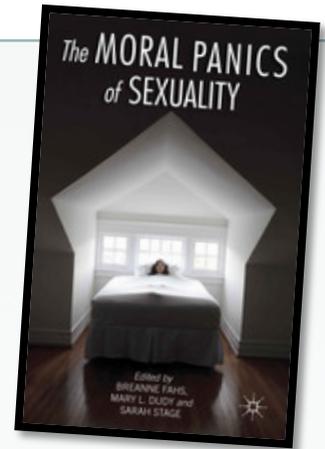
New Book!

The Moral Panics of Sexuality

Edited By Breanne Fahs, Mary L. Dudy and Sarah Stage

Palgrave Macmillan, September 2013
ISBN: 978-1-137-35316-0, ISBN10: 1-137-35316-3,

Masturbation, vampires, cannibalism, bareback pornography, menstruation, sex education, and more. These issues provoke the moral panics of sexuality, the often unspoken and politically charged targets for accusations of deviance and threats to the existing social order. A provocative and path-breaking book, this interdisciplinary edited collection showcases the range of historical and contemporary crises we too often suppress. From closeted gay Republicans and vagina dentata imagery, to cyber pinkwashing and sex surrogates for the disabled, these cutting-edge essays draw from established and emerging scholars and span over three centuries of sexual panics. Provocative, surprising, engaging, and even shocking, this collection pulls together strange bedfellows and unlikely allies in the fight against the hypocritical, reductive, and dismissive voices promoting unnecessary panic. If you're panicking, you're not thinking.



Book Award Competition

2014 ASSOCIATION FOR HUMANIST SOCIOLOGY BOOK AWARD

The Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS) is pleased to announce their 2014 Book Award. Authors, publishers, and AHS members may nominate books for consideration. The winner will be recognized at our annual meeting October 8-12, 2014 in Cleveland, OH. Nominations should be for Sociology or interdisciplinary social science books that approach their subjects from a humanist perspective.

As our Mission states:

Humanist sociologists strive as professionals, as scholars and as activists to uncover and address social issues, working with others to lessen the pain of social problems. We view people not merely as products of social forces, but also as shapers of social life, capable of creating social orders in which everyone's potential can unfold. Difficult times give humanist sociologists opportunities to apply their special skills and perspectives for the purpose of creating a more humane world.

Eligible books should have been published in the calendar year 2013 or the first half of 2014. If a book was submitted for last year's consideration, it cannot be nominated again.

To nominate a book, authors/publishers/nominators should e-mail a letter of nomination with the subject line "AHS 2014 Book Award Nomination" to Bhoomi K. Thakore at bhoomi.thakore@northwestern.edu. Authors/publishers should mail one copy of the book to each of the 4 award committee members listed at <http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=12486>. The deadline for nominations is June 15, 2014. Additional information about AHS is available at www.ahssociology.org.

Upcoming Conferences

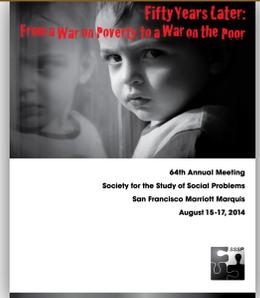


The Society for the Study of Social Problems

64th Annual Meeting

August 15-17, 2014

The San Francisco Marriott Marquis



2014 Queer Places, Practices & Lives Symposium

Queer Places, Practices, and Lives II

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

May 16-17, 2014

Keynote Addresses*:

"**Willful Queers and Other Wayward Subjects**," Sara Ahmed, Professor of Race and Culture Studies, Department of Media and Communications, Goldsmiths, University of London; "**Yearning Toward Carrie Buck**," Eli Clare, author of *Exile and Pride: Disability, Queerness, and Liberation*

This event was founded in memory Samuel Steward in 2012 and continues to be supported by the Samuel Steward Fund. We are excited to welcome scholars, faculty, staff, graduate students, undergraduate students, artists, activists, teachers, social workers, community members and interested in discussing LGBTQ issues to Columbus in May to begin our second conversation around queer practices, places, and lives.



4th Annual Sexuality, Intimacy and Aging Conference

"A Multidisciplinary Approach"

September 19-20, 2014

Boost your skills, earn CEs, and increase your connections at the **4th Annual Sexuality, Intimacy & Aging Conference, September 19—20, 2014 at Widener University, Chester, PA**. This year, we're welcoming professionals, paraprofessionals, students and consumers. The addition of consumers is a response to the many inquiries we receive about sexuality education for older adults.

This year's theme is "*A Multidisciplinary Approach*". The schedule will feature keynotes from renowned experts in sexuality and aging, workshops, a student research poster session, and a lively evening networking reception and film screening. Professionals can earn up to 11 continuing education credits.

We welcome you to complete the **2014 Conference Program Proposal Form**. Please submit it by **April 30, 2014**. Students and recent alumni are invited to submit a **2014 Research Poster Proposal**.

SEXUALITY, INTIMACY & AGING
CONFERENCE

Multidisciplinary Approaches

September 19th-20th, 2014

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WORLDPRIDE IN TORONTO IN 2014!

(from the official Toronto Pride website <http://www.worldpridetoronto.com/>)

WorldPride 2014 Toronto (WP14TO), presented by Pride Toronto, is shaping up to be one of the biggest international events of our times. These ten days of queer celebration will turn streets into parades, parks into parties and strangers into friends. Come out and meet the people from around the world expected to gather downtown and in neighbourhoods right across the city.



This will be an international celebration incorporating activism, education, and the history and culture of global LGBTTIQQ2SA* communities. Highlighting Canada's continued progress in human rights, WP14TO also celebrates the diversity and dynamism of Toronto, one of the world's most progressive and liveable cities.

Toronto will be the first WorldPride celebration ever held in North America, and the 4th such festival in the world. WorldPride brings people together from around the world to honour our past, celebrate the present, and inspire a better future for LGBTTIQQ2SA* communities everywhere.

Deborah Cox, Martha Wash and DJ's David Morales and Quentin Harris are the first in a list of premiere international artists to perform at the world's largest global LGBTQ celebration taking place in Toronto this summer. A wide variety of musical genres will be presented live on the 10 open-air stages of the festival from rock, pop, dance, hip hop, R&B, country, traditional, folk, retro, disco... There are also a variety of artistic genres represented in programs like Alterna-Queer (Punk, homo-core, experimental, rock), and Blockorama (house, roots reggae, R&B, Hip Hop, Dancehall).

OFFICIAL EVENTS

- Opening Ceremony – June 20
- WorldPride Gala and Awards – June 25
- WorldPride Human Rights Conference – June 25-27
- IGM Human Rights Reception – June 26
- Trans March – June 27
- Dyke March – June 28
- WorldPride Parade – June 29
- Streetfair and Arts & Culture Festival – June 27-29
- Closing Ceremony – June 29

OTHER WORLDPRIDE 2014 PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

1. Major events in partnership with world-class cultural institutions, including art galleries and museums
2. Films, photography, video art, ceramics, paintings
3. Drag artists, burlesque, and dance are featured at Village Stage in the heart of the Church-Wellesley Village.
4. Our youth programs Fruit Loopz and Black Queer Youth (in partnership with Sherbourne Health Centre's Supporting Our youth, SOY, program) are once again returning to the festival with fresh ideas for WorldPride.
5. You will find singer-songwriters, spoken word, youth showcases, traditional, folk, dance and plenty of activities programmed in Clean Sober & Proud place in Paul Kane Parkette. This substance-free (drug and alcohol free) zone also offers regular 12-Step meetings throughout the festival weekend.
6. Family Pride features children's performers, activities and more in a family-friendly zone at The Church Street Public School at Church and Alexander Streets.

JOB POSTINGS

Sarah Lawrence College

Job Posted: 04/14/2014

Sarah Lawrence College seeks a visiting faculty member in the social sciences for a one-year position in LGBT/queer studies, 2014-15, with a global focus or a focus on a region other than North America. For example, the courses taught could consist of an in-depth examination of queer sexuality or gender identities in a particular region; relationships between global and local constructions of sexuality and gender; sexuality, gender, and international human rights; or nationality, migration, and diaspora.

Sarah Lawrence is a coeducational liberal arts college dedicated to individualized education. In addition to teaching small seminars of 15 students, faculty members meet biweekly with each student individually to work on a project culminating in a paper. Thus, we seek a person dedicated to developing the writing and critical analysis skills of their students. This position requires four days per week on campus. Courses can be either year or semester long. A full-time faculty member teaches two courses a semester. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in history, sociology, anthropology, politics, geography or another social science discipline, and have college level teaching experience.

Application materials must include: Cover letter, CV, two course descriptions and sample syllabi. Also, please arrange for two letters of recommendation (with LGBT/Queer Studies Search in the subject line) to be sent to rweeks@sarahlawrence.edu. Review of applications will begin on May 1 and will continue until the position is filled. Interested applicants may apply online at: <https://slc.simplehire.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=50698>

Editor's Note:

It has been a pleasure serving in this position over the past two and a half years!

The next call for submissions will be in the summer of 2014 and your next newsletter editor will no doubt be looking for noteworthy, interesting, and thought-provoking materials for the next issue. We still welcome any and all relevant information and/or suggestions for innovative sections that can help foster continued growth and enthusiasm within this Division of SSSP.

All Best, Karen E. Macke,
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