

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, and COMMUNITIES

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Notes from the desk of:

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Division Chair

Happy Autumn! As the Fall newsletter, this issue follows our summer annual meeting in Chicago. Unfortunately I caught a very nasty sinus infection (which still seems to be hanging on) a couple of days before the meetings and had to cancel my plans. A giant thank you to everyone who covered for me in my absence!

Next year's meetings in Seattle are going to be great. The theme for the SSSP meetings is "Globalizing Social Problems," and we have a number of exciting sessions planned.

Three thematic sessions are planned:

- Global Sexual Violence
- Sexuality in Global and Life Course Contexts, cosponsored with the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course division
- Intersections of Race, Gender, and Crime, cosponsored with the Race and Ethnic Minorities division and the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency division

Other planned sessions include:

- Law, Sexuality, and Gender, cosponsored with the Law and Society division
- LGBTQ Campus Climate: Findings from the Multi-Site Que(e)ry Survey
- Disability and Sexual Citizenship, cosponsored with the Disabilities division
- Critical Dialogues on Genders, Sexualities, and Bodies, cosponsored with the Sport, Leisure, and Body division
- Critical Dialogues on Gendered Embodiment and Health



Start planning your submissions now!

I look forward to a stimulating slate of presentations from our members in Seattle.

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Continued Notes from the Chair

 The 2016 CFP and submission portal can be found here:

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/655/fuseaction/sspsession2.publicView>

Graduate students, please consider submitting a manuscript to the Graduate Student Paper Award competition. And faculty, please encourage your graduate students to submit manuscripts to the competition. Lloyd Klein is this year's chair of the Graduate Student Paper Award committee, and the deadline for submission is January 31, 2016. See the announcement on page 6 in the newsletter for additional information.

We'll be holding an election for a new division chair this winter. Please think about submitting your name (or someone else's) to stand for the position. This division is such a joy to serve. I highly recommend the position. Email suggestions no later than December 7th. See the rules and regulations for voting below.

Let me close with a big acknowledgement to all of you – our fabulous division members! The SBPC would literally be nothing and nowhere without you. Even so, please encourage your colleagues – and faculty, think about sponsoring some of your graduate students – to join our division. Additional division memberships cost only \$10!

Cheers! Dawn

DIVISION ELECTION PROCEDURES

a. There must be at least two nominees for each division office. Nominees must be current division members to accept nominations. The Chairperson is responsible for seeing that there is the widest possible participation in the nominations procedure. Initial nominations may be solicited in one or more of the following ways.

- 1) Call for nominations in the division newsletter
- 2) E-mail division members and solicit nominations
- 3) Nominations from the floor at the divisional meeting

The latter two actions are more effective recruiting strategies than posting the call for nominations in the division newsletter. If only one action is taken, the nominees should be reported in the division newsletter along with a call for additional nominees. Self-nominations are acceptable.

b. The Chair is responsible for providing the Administrative Officer with a list of confirmed nominees. The Graduate Research Associate will contact the candidates and request their biographical information and statement.

c. Division elections for incoming Chairs should be held during the Chair's first year in office. This will assure that the Chairpersons will help in the planning of programs and other division functions, and give the Chair-Elect some experience regarding the responsibilities of the Chair before taking office. Names of the nominees need to be sent to the Administrative Officer by (no later than) May 1. If possible elections are to be held in the fall. No division elections will take place between June 15 and August 15 due to work associated with the Annual Meeting. Many divisions elect the Chair-Elect even earlier so that they may serve two years before becoming Chair.

d. The actual election process will be handled by the Administrative Office. The preferred method of communication with members is by electronic mail. Electronic mail will be used for the notification of elections. It is considered the member's responsibility to notify the Administrative Office of any changes in e-mail or postal address in a timely fashion.

Election notification will be sent by e-mail from the Administrative Office when voting is opened. At least four weeks will be allowed from the opening of the election web site to receive votes before the voting is closed. The election web site will include a link to candidate qualifications. The Administrative Office will monitor the computer tabulation of votes and will report any irregularities to Division Officers and to the Board of Directors. A majority of votes cast will be necessary to elect any Division Officer. If there are more nominees for an office and there is not a clear majority, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes. The same election procedures described above will be followed for the run-off election.

e. The Administrative Officer will advise the Chair in writing who the winner is and the ballot count. The Chair will have the responsibility of advising, in writing, the candidates of the results. A copy of the letter should be sent to the Administrative Officer. The election results will be posted on the Society's web site.

DIVISION NEWS & NOTES

Publications of interest



Lavin, Melissa F. and Brian M. Lowe. 2015. "Cops and Zombies: Hierarchy and Social Location in The Walking Dead." For edited volume *Race, Gender and Sexuality in Post-Apocalyptic TV and Film*, pgs. 113-124, edited by Barbara Gurr. Palgrave Macmillan Press.

Additionally, Melissa Lavin is now an associate editor for the journal *Deviant Behavior*, as well as have a forthcoming article in *Deviant Behavior* entitled "They Call Us Problem Child: Medicalization, Social Class, and Delinquency in Primary Education."

Baumle, Amanda K. and D'Lane R. Compton. 2015. *Legalizing LGBT Families: How the Law Shapes Parenthood*. New York, NY: NYU Press. <http://nyupress.org/books/9781479857647/>

Eli R. Green and Luca Maurer. *The Teaching Transgender Toolkit: A Facilitator's Guide to Increasing Knowledge, Reducing Prejudice and Building Skills*. More information at www.teachingtransgender.com.

Meyer, Doug. 2015. *Violence against Queer People: Race, Class, Gender, and the Persistence of Anti-LGBT Discrimination*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

More information at: <http://rutgerspress.rutgers.edu/product/Violence-against-Queer-People,5629.aspx>

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Masculinities in the Making

From the Local to the Global

By James W. Messerschmidt

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—Raewyn Connell, University of Sydney; author of *Gender: In World Perspective and Masculinities*

"This book is indispensable for anyone working in the area of gender. . . . An excellent combination of original theory and close-read data." —Judith Lorber, author of *Breaking the Bowls: Degendering and Feminist Change*

"*Masculinities in the Making* deepens and broadens our understanding of the shifting personal meanings and social relations of gender at the local, regional, and global levels. . . . This important book should be required reading for scholars, students, and the general public." —Michael A. Messner, University of Southern California; coauthor of *Some Men: Feminist Allies and the Movement to End Violence against Women*

"James W. Messerschmidt has a rare gift. . . . From micro-level interactions of gender nonconforming guys to public performances of our most recent presidents *Masculinities in the Making* is both compelling and thoughtful." —Michael Kimmel, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies, Stony Brook University

About *Masculinities in the Making*

In *Masculinities in the Making*, James W. Messerschmidt unravels the mysteries surrounding the question of how masculinities are actually "made." One of the most respected scholars on the subject of masculinities, Messerschmidt brings together three seemingly disparate groups—wimps, genderqueers, and U.S. presidents—to examine what insight each has to offer our understanding of masculinities. Messerschmidt provides a fresh, accessible, and provocative argument that significantly advances our knowledge on masculinities.

About the Author

James W. Messerschmidt is professor of sociology and chair of the criminology department at the University of Southern Maine, where he also teaches in the women's and gender studies program. He is the author or coauthor of a number of books, including *Masculinities and Crime* and *Gender, Heterosexuality, and Youth Violence*.



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JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES

Tenure-track Assistant Professor in Race and Gender/Sexuality: The University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position shared between the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research (tenure home) and the African American Studies Program. We seek applicants with superior promise who combine rigorous scholarship with excellence in teaching in the areas of race and gender and/or race and sexuality. Disciplinary backgrounds may include, but are not restricted to African American studies, anthropology, Caribbean studies, criminal justice, diaspora studies, economics, ethnic studies, history, literature and culture, media studies, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, sociology, urban studies, or women's studies. The candidate is expected to contribute enthusiastically to the interdisciplinary research, teaching, and service mission of both units by maintaining a productive program of scholarship, supervising undergraduate and graduate students, teaching core and high-demand undergraduate and graduate courses, and engaging actively in governance and program building.

Both units are committed to creating an environment that affirms diversity across a variety of dimensions, including ability, class, ethnicity/race, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation. We particularly welcome applicants who can contribute to such an environment through their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and professional service. The university and greater Gainesville community enjoy a diversity of culture, music, restaurants, year-round outdoor recreational activity, and social opportunities, including organizations that support the interests of people from varied backgrounds.

More information about the African American Studies Program can be found at: <http://afam.clas.ufl.edu>. More information about the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research can be found at: <http://web.wst.ufl.edu/>.

Applications must be submitted on-line at <http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/495031/assistant-professor>. Applications must include the following: (1) a letter of application describing experiences and qualifications related to this position, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) a statement of teaching philosophy and effectiveness. Candidates must also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be emailed to: cwsgr.afam.search@clas.ufl.edu. For full consideration, applications should be submitted by November 30, when the committee will begin reviewing applications. Applications received after this date may be considered at the discretion of the committee and/or hiring authority; in any case, the position will remain open until filled. The start date for this position is August 16, 2016. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Candidates should have their Ph.D. in hand at the time of hiring. Questions may be directed to Dr. Trysh Travis, Search Committee Chair: ttravis@ufl.edu.

The final candidate will be required to provide official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered "official" if a designation of "Issued to Student" is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at <http://www.naces.org/>.

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. Searches are conducted in accordance with Florida Sunshine's Law. If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352-392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800-955-8771 (TDD). All candidates for employment are subject to a pre-employment screening which includes a review of criminal records, reference checks, and verification of education.

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Deadline: 1/31/16

The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) announces the 2016 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, and sexual communities. The winner will receive a plaque of recognition, one-year membership to SSSP, a waived conference registration fee to attend the 2016 meeting, and an additional cash prize of \$100.

To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2015 and January 2016; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must not exceed 30 pages including notes, references, and tables; 5) The paper must be double-spaced and typed using 12 point font; 6) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's college or university nominating the paper for the SBPC Division Student Paper Competition; and 7) The paper may only be submitted to one division's graduate student paper competition.

In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers online system. Winners are expected to present their winning paper at the 2016 meeting.

Students should submit the paper via email, with no identifying information on any part of the paper, and the letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Lloyd Klein, Ph.D., Email: lklein@hostos.cuny.edu, Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Hostos Community College, CUNY.

Graduate Students!

Check out the current list of SSSP Awards, Scholarships and Division Competitions here:

<<<http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/398/Scholarships/>>>

<<<http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/296/>>>

Also check out the growing number of non-SSSP fellowships and scholarships here:

<<http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/328/Fellowships_&_Scholarships/>>

EDITOR'S NOTES

I'm about to end the semester and transition from my VAP in Michigan to a TT one in Virginia, and I'm reminded of just how hectic life can really be.

I hope you are all surviving and/or thriving and look forward to a bit of a break in the long weekend and upcoming winter break!

***If you would like to be featured as a "Graduate Student on the Market," please send me your name, affiliation, a short description of your work (300 words or less), and picture of yourself.

***We are looking for volunteers to help us continue our "featured members" page, where a member of the section is profiled in a short Q&A format. Volunteers are needed for both interviewers and interviewees.

We are also welcoming suggestions for newsletter content. If you have an idea for a section/feature (such as pedagogy, publication tips and tricks, etc.), send me an email!



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