

# Sexual Contact

Newsletter of the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division,  
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Summer 2005

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## Notes from the Chair

Summer greetings from the land of Paul and Babe. The icy temperatures and snow have been replaced by warm temperatures and humidity. The “temporary parking lot” known as frozen Lake Bemdji is replaced by a traditional recreational lake setting until late October.

The 2005 SSSP Annual Conference is just around the corner. The SBPC Division will offer much to enlighten students and scholars. Our three allocated division sessions are supplemented by four sessions co-sponsored with the Law and Society or Family divisions. In addition, there are two sessions formulated through the efforts of the Program Committee and credited to the SBPC Division. The nine sessions will offer papers on sex offenders, interpersonal violence, impact of the legal system, AIDS/HIV, and other important topics. The Author Meets Critics session features a discussion of an important new book on hate crime co-authored by Jack Levin and Gordana Rabrenovic. Our panel discussion on the past and present state of the SBPC Division will feature three esteemed former Division Chairs. Specific information on these sessions is featured elsewhere in the newsletter. Please attend the conference and partake of these and other excellent sessions.

Please note that the traditional scattered receptions have been replaced with a large reception co-sponsored by 18 divisions. The food and refreshments will be plentiful and everyone will have a chance to interact with other colleagues in an “ASA” type “ event. Save Friday, August 12, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Hotel Poolside, for this occasion. The SBPC Division will also co-organize a smaller local reception at a separate venue in conjunction with the SLGBT Caucus. Details on this event are contained elsewhere in the newsletter. Please attend and interact with local activists concerned with issues relevant to the SBPC Division.

You are invited to the annual business meeting for the SBPC Division. The 2005 Division business meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 12 at 12:30pm in Liberty A. Come and offer your suggestions for sessions at next year’s meeting in San Francisco (Note: the San Francisco and New York locations were switched due to a last minute change in ASA meeting plans

The 2007 SSSP meeting will be held in New York City instead of San Francisco). We will also recruit committee members for the 2006 Graduate Student Paper Competition and discuss naming the Graduate Student

Paper Competition in tribute to some of our founding members. In addition, we will facilitate reestablishing ties to the SLGBT Caucus and discuss our co-sponsored reception with the ASA Sexualities Division starting with the 2006 annual meeting. Any other ideas are welcome from members of the Division.

One of the responsibilities for each Division chair entails representation on the Nomination Committee process. Please let me know if you want to run for one of the SSSP organization offices. The various offices are listed on the SSSP website. I would like to place members’ names into nomination at the meeting with all the Division chairs. Feel free to self-nominate or suggest someone who might be interested in serving the SSSP (make sure that I have their address, phone number, and e-mail contact information).

The 2005 SBPC Graduate Student paper competition is now concluded. On behalf of the entire division, I offer Carissa Froyum our collective congratulations for her winning paper entitled “Making Meaning of Sexuality: Low-Income African American Teens and their Beliefs about Sexuality”. Carissa is a graduate student at North Carolina State University in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and studied with Barbara Risman, Alumni Distinguished Research Professor, and Co-Chair of the Council on Contemporary Families.

Carissa will present her paper on one of the roundtables comprising graduate student paper winners from various divisions. In addition, she will receive a free annual membership, meeting registration, and a banquet ticket. As reflecting our past procedure, Carissa will be invited to serve on the 2006 Graduate Student Paper Competition committee. Thanks to Division Chair-Elect Sandra Schroer for chairing this year’s committee along with John Hollister and Karen Weiss for serving on the committee.

I would be remiss in not congratulating Valerie Jenness on her election as SSSP President-Elect. Val Jenness will preside over the 2007 SSSP meeting set for New York City.

Please send suggestions for review essays, announcements, and any other materials to John and me. Deadline for the Fall newsletter submissions is October 15. Enjoy the rest of your summer. Hope to see you in Philadelphia.

Lloyd Klein  
Division Chair

## SSSP Events of Particular Interest to Our Division

*The Conference will be August 12-14, 2005 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 18<sup>th</sup> and Market, Philadelphia.*

*For more information, rummage around the SSSP Website, <http://www.sssp1.org/>*

### FRIDAY

#### 12:30pm - 2:10

**Division Business Meeting:** Liberty A

#### 2:30-4:10

Session 34; Room: Freedom

#### **Transgender and Sexual Minority Health.**

*Sponsors:* Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Division; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

*Organizer, Presider & Discussant:* Elroi Waszkiewicz, Georgia State University

"Perceptions of Violence and Substance Use Among Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Heterosexuals," Amy Hequembourg, University at Buffalo, Research Institute on Addictions and Sara A. Brallier, Coastal Carolina University

"Outreach to Prevent HIV Transmission Among Gay and Bisexual Men: Sexual Liberation/Social Regulation," Aimee Van Wagenen, Boston College

"From the Personal Social Network to the Movement: The Influence of Size and Composition of LGB's Social Networks on LGB-Identity Constructs and Movement Participation," Alexis Dewaele, Policy Research Center on Equal Opportunities-LGB Research Unit, Nele Cox, University of Ghent, Wim Van den Berghe, University of Ghent and John Vincke, University of Ghent

"The Influence of General and Minority Stress on Mental Health in a Flemish LGB Population," Nele Cox, University of Ghent, Wim Van den Berghe, University of Ghent, Alexis Dewaele, Policy Research Center on Equal Opportunities-LGB Research Unit and John Vincke, University of Ghent

"Gay Specific Determinants of Mental Well-Being Among GLB Youth," Wim Van den Berghe, University of Ghent, Alexis Dewaele, Policy Research Center on Equal Opportunities-LGB Research Unit, Nele Cox, University of Ghent and John Vincke, University of Ghent

#### 4:30-6:10

*Session 44:* Room: Freedom

#### **Politics of Sexuality**

*Sponsors:* Program Committee, and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

*Organizer:* PJ McGann, University of Michigan

*Presider & Discussant:* Elroi Waszkiewicz, Georgia State University

"Culture Failure: Replicating Systems of Exclusion in Schismatic Organizations," Japonica Brown-Saracino and Amin Ghaziani, Northwestern University

"Refulgent Respectability? Gay and Lesbian Conservatives," Ed Gallagher, Hamilton College

"Gay Men and the Internet," Jeremy Roseberry, Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis

"The Legitimation of Porn: A Technological, Political, and Economic Explanation," David Foster Steele, Austin Peay State University and Sean Huss, University of Tennessee

"The Medicalization/Criminalization of Sexual Violence and Alcohol Abuse on Campus: The Weaving of THE RED Light Districts, WHITE Lies, AND BLUE Light Specials," Edith M. Fisher and Robert F. Wait, Western Michigan University

#### 6:30-7:30pm

**PAN-DIVISION RECEPTION @ Hotel pool**

### SATURDAY

#### 12:30-2:10

*Session 57:* Room: Congress

#### **Author Meets Critics,**

#### **Gordana Rabrenovic, *Why We Hate***

*Sponsor:* Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

*Authors:* Jack Levine, Northeastern University and Gordana Rabrenovic, Northeastern University

*Critics:*

Joan Luxenburg, University of Central Oklahoma

Lloyd Klein, Bemidji State University (*Organizer & Moderator*)

#### 2:30-4:10

*Session 64:* Room: Independence B. Family Division

#### **Why Marriage? Is Marriage Worth Fighting For?**

*Organizers, Discussants:* Nancy J. Mezey, Monmouth University and Cheryl Boudreaux, Grand Valley State University

"Is Marriage the Best Way to 'Do Family'?": Historical and Current Questions," Nancy J. Mezey, Monmouth University and Cheryl Boudreaux, Grand Valley State University

"Current Cultural Representations of Marriage and Monogamy," Wendy Simonds and Melissa Travis, Georgia State University

"Fighting for Marriage: Gender, Sexuality, and Marriage in the 'Bible Belt,'" Melanie Heath, U of Southern California

"Students' Attitudes Toward Gay and Lesbian Marriages," Anthony V. Iafraite, Wayne State University

"The Impact of Racialized Wealth Inequality on Marital Satisfaction," Joseph Robert Michael, U of Cincinnati

**Saturday, 2:30-4:10, continued**

Session 65: Room: Freedom

**Law and Sexualities I**

Sponsors: Law and Society Division;

Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

Organizers & Presiders: Kimberly Richman, University of San Francisco and Lloyd Klein, Bemidji State University

Discussant: Kimberly Richman, University of San Francisco

"Same-Sex Marriage and Opinion Change: An Experimental Approach," Raj Ghoshal, University of Florida

"Supreme Exposure: Newspaper Coverage of the Supreme Court Decision, *Lawrence v. Texas*," Kimber R. Williams, Arizona State University and L. Susan Williams, Kansas State University

"Framing on Trial: A Methodology for Exploring Frame Alignment Processes in Social Movements," Danielle

Albright and Ryan Goodman, University of New Mexico

"Social Movement Resistance: Gay Marriage in Election 2004," Daniel Hillyard, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Session 68: Room: Congress

**Sexual Activity: Where are We Now?**

Sponsor: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

Organizer & Presider: Lloyd Klein, Bemidji State University

Panelists:

Joan Luxenburg, University of Central Oklahoma

Beth Schneider, University of California, Santa Barbara

PJ McGann, University of Michigan

*See article in this issue*

**4:30-6:10**

Session 72: Room: Liberty

**Sexual Violence**

Sponsors: Family Division, and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Nancy J. Mezey, Monmouth University

"Sexual Violence at Party University," Edith M. Fisher, Western Michigan University

"Misunderstanding Rapists: (The Lack of) Rape Awareness on Fraternity Row," Matthew F. Van Voorhis, University of Florida

"Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Programs and Practices," Lara Foley, University of Tulsa

"The Imagination of Nation on the Bodies of Women: Mass Sexual Victimization of Women in the Rwandan Crisis," Janine Ralston and Tim Bower, Western Michigan University

Session 75: Room: Freedom

**Law and Sexualities II**

Sponsors: Law and Society Division, and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Lloyd Klein, Bemidji State University

"More than Abortion: Women, Crime and Reproductive Rights in the US," Jeanne Flavin, Fordham University

"Is Victimization Routine? A Look at the Roles of Opportunity and Routine Activities in Sex Offenders' Victim Selection" Shawna Cleary, University of Central Oklahoma

"Reentry and Recidivism: How do Sex Offenders Fare Compare to Others," Darcy Purvis, University of California, Irvine

"Safety from Sex Offenders: Germany, Canada, and the U.S.A. Who is Right?" Linda B. Deutschmann, University College of the Cariboo and Lloyd Klein, Bemidji State University

Session 79: Room: Senate

**Medical Sociology, Gender, and Sexuality: What Constitutes a Healthy Body?**

Sponsor: Program Committee

Organizer & Presider: Shari L. Dworkin, Columbia University and NYSPI, HIV Center

Papers:

"Disputing Authority and Power: Biomedical Dominance –vs– the Lay Knowledge of Fertility Awareness," Andrea Bertot Metoyer and Regina Rust, Marian College

"Beyond Knowledge: Patterns of Sexuality and Correlates of High-Risk Sexual Behavior Among Urban Youth in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia," Yordanos Tiruneh, Northwestern University

"Gender and the Process of Deviance: Accounts of Teen Pregnancy, the Body, and the Self," Sarah Jane Brubaker, Virginia Commonwealth University

"Keeping (It) Up With the Joneses: Masculinity and the Marketing of Male Sex Performance Remedies," Joseph D Rumbo and Scott A. McAvoy, James Madison University

"Learning to Be Normal: Ten Years of 'Sexual Norms' in Seventeen," Stephanie Renee Medley, University of West Georgia

**7:30 - 9 pm**

**Reception**

**Cosponsored by the Division and the  
ASA SLGBT Caucus at**

**Giovanni's Room bookstore,  
345 South 12<sup>th</sup> St  
(corner of 12th and Pine)**

*Featuring readings by Division and Caucus members & their published work.*

## SUNDAY

### 8:30-10:10

*Session 88: Room: Congress*

#### **Sexuality on the Edge**

*Organizer, Discussant:* Kathleen A. Asbury, Community College of Philadelphia and Thomas Edison State College

"Tolerance and Sex Work," Sasha R. Drummond, Wayne State University

"Progress in the GLBT Movement? Gender Rigidity and Relationship Inequality Among Gay/Lesbian Couples," Nicholas C. DelSordi, Arizona State University

"Heterosexual Fronteras: Immigrant Mexicanos, Sex, and Survival," Gloria González-López, U of Texas at Austin

"Exploring Gay/Straight Relations in the Equine World," Kathleen A. Asbury, Community College of Philadelphia and Thomas Edison State College

"Pornoculture: Exploring the Body and Sex Industries from Sin City to Main St., USA," Kathryn Hausbeck, Barb Brents and Crystal Jackson, U of Nevada, Las Vegas

*Session 90: Room: Delaware. Program Committee*

#### **Rethorizing Homophobias: Understandings, Uses, and Future Possibilities I**

*Organizers:* Karl Bryant, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, The Graduate Center, City University of New York and American University (*Presider*)

"Dealing with Difference: Connections between Sexual Orientation Attitudes, Actions, and Policies," Andrew H. Ruffner and Jeffrey M. Timberlake, U of Cincinnati

"Race, Masculinity, and the Symptoms of the Social Sciences: From the 'Culture of Poverty' to 'Homophobia,'" Christina B. Hanhardt, New York University

"In Defense of Gay Children? Psychiatry and the Uses of 'Homophobia,'" Karl Bryant, UCSB

### 10:30-12:10

*Session 98: Room: Delaware. Program Committee*

#### **Rethorizing Homophobias: Understandings, Uses, and Future Possibilities II**

*Organizers:* Karl Bryant, (*Presider*) University of California, Santa Barbara, and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, The Graduate Center, City University of New York and American University

"Gay Panic," Manolo Guzman, Marymount Manhattan College

"Tacit Subjects," Carlos Ulises Decena, Rutgers University

"Drunken Stupidity: Skinheads, Queers, and the Limits of Homophobia," John W. Hollister, Temple University

"'The Puerto Rican Way Is More Tolerant:' Negotiated Religious Spaces among *Santería* Practitioners," Salvador Vidal Ortiz, The Graduate Center, City University of New York and American University

### 2:30-4:10

*Session 111: Room: Independence B. Program Committee*  
**Sexuality, Lifecourse, and 'The' Family as Ideology**

*Organizer:* PJ McGann, University of Michigan

*Presider & Discussant:* Elisabeth Sheff, Georgia State University

"Who Am I in this Family? Exploring Same-Sex Parenting," Laurel Holland, University of West Georgia

"The Discursive and Bureaucratic Organization of Everyday Life Among Undergraduate Students with Children," Laura West Steck, University of Connecticut

"Birth Narratives of Young Chinese Women in Nanjing: Stories of Childhood, Family and Gender Prejudice," Deirdre M. Smythe, St. Thomas University

"Singles: Myths and Realities," Leonard Cargan, Wright State University

#### **Session 115: Qualitative Studies in Sexuality**

*Room: Congress*

*Sponsor:* Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

*Organizer, Presider & Discussant:* John W. Hollister, Temple University

"Anti-Gay, Anti-Lesbian, Anti-Equal Rights: How Survey Methods May Blur What Really Goes on in the Workplace," Carol S. Walther, Texas A&M University, David G. Embrick, Texas A&M University and Carla D. Goar, Northern Illinois University

"Passionate Uprisings: Sexuality and Politics in the Islamic Republic of Iran," Pardis Mahdavi, Columbia University

"More Than Adding a T: Transgender Inclusion in Human Rights Ordinances, 1992-2002," Amy L. Stone, University of Michigan

"Leaving it on the Field: Sexual Identity, Homophobia, and Negotiations of Self for Major-League Sport Employees," Elizabeth S. Cavalier, Georgia State University

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## **MEANWHILE AT ASA...**

### **SATURDAY**

**8:30am-10:10am**

#### **Sociology in Sexuality, Sexuality in Sociology: Competing Explanations Then and Now**

Loews Hotel

*Presider/Organizer:* Salvador Vidal-Ortiz (American U)

Janice M. Irvine (University of Massachusetts); Stephen Valocchi (Trinity College); Roderick A Ferguson (University of Minnesota)

*Discussant:* Karl Bryant (Univ of California-Santa Barbara)

#### **Building a Career with a "Lavender Vita"**

Philadelphia Marriott

*Presider / Organizer:* Tracy E. Ore (Saint Cloud State U)

**6:30pm - 8:00pm,**

Philadelphia Marriott

Sociologists' AIDS Network business meeting

### **SUNDAY**

**12:30pm - 2:10pm**

Philadelphia Marriott

#### **GLBT Identities in Context**

*Organizer:* Abby L. Ferber (University of Colorado)

*Presider:* Tracy Wentling (U of Col. at Colorado Springs)

"Conformity and Difference in Gay/Lesbian Identity: An Analysis of Egalitarian Outcomes among Monogamous Partners" Nicholas C. Delsordi (Arizona State University)

"Local Structures and the Coming Out of the Gay Movement in Ireland 1970-79" Paul A Ryan (U College Dublin)

"Intrinsically Disordered or Gay by God? The Negotiation of Sexual and Religious Identity in Three Sites" Nadine Rosechild-Sullivan (Temple University)

"Just One of the Guys?: FTMs, Male Privilege and the Workplace" Kristen Rose Schilt (UCLA)

*Discussant:* Heather Powers Albanesi (Univ of Colorado-Colorado Springs)

**2:30pm - 4:10pm**

Philadelphia Marriott

#### **GLBT Identities, Practices, and Politics**

*Organizer:* Abby L. Ferber (University of Colorado)

"(Re)Learning Sexualities and Bodies: Exploring Sex, Self, and Gender/Sex Transitions" Braeden L. Sullivan (Santa Clara University), \*Rebecca F. Plante (Ithaca College)

"We're All Genderqueer Performers': Drag Performance and (Trans)Gender Identity" Eve Ilana Shapiro (UCSB)

"STR8 Dude Seeks Same: Beyond 'Identity vs. Practice' in the Sociology of Sexualities" Jane Ward (U. of California-Riverside), Kristen Tribby (Chapman U)

*Discussant:* Tracy Wentling (Colorado Springs)

*Presider:* Elisabeth A. Sheff (Georgia State University)

### **MONDAY**

**8:30am - 10:10am**

Philadelphia Marriott

#### **Queers and the State**

*Organizers:* William Edward Wagner (California State University, Bakersfield), Natalie D. A. Bennett (DePaul)

*Presider:* Natalie D. A. Bennett (DePaul University)

"An Appraisal of the 2000 U. S. Census Data on Same-sex Unmarried Partners" D'Lane Rebecca Compton (Texas A&M University), Dudley L. Poston (Texas A&M)

"Political Economy and the Debate over Same-Sex Marriage, or 'It's not really about sex...'" Melissa Sheridan Embser-Herbert (Hamline University)

"Some Queers are Safer Than Others: Correlates of Hate Crime Victimization of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People in Britain" M. Somjen Frazer (Nuffield College, Oxford University)

"De-Politicization vs. Pro-Radical Sexual Values:

Organizational Strategies in The Contemporary Chinese Gay Movement" Wei Wei (Loyola University - Chicago)

**2:30pm - 4:10pm**

Teaching Workshop; Loews Hotel

#### **Integrating Queer Studies in the Sociology Curriculum**

Erin Calhoun Davis (Antioch College); Keith Bramlett (University of North Carolina @ Asheville); Karin E. Peterson (University of North Carolina at Asheville); Heather Laine Talley (Vanderbilt University)

Loews Hotel

#### **Sociology of Sexuality**

*Presider:* Betsy Lucal (Indiana University South Bend)

"Redefining and Measuring Sexual Revolution, with an Example from the USA, 1880-2000." Nathanael Lauster (University of Minnesota)

"Structures of Desire: Toward an Analysis of Modern Erotic Worlds" Adam I. Green (York University)

"Sexual Agency and Gender Subjectivity: Integrating Psychoanalytic and Interactionist Perspectives" Heather Powers Albanesi (Univ of Colorado-Colorado Springs)

"Ties of Dependence: AIDS and Transactional Sex in Rural Malawi" Ann Swidler (University of California, Berkeley), Susan Cotts Watkins (University of Pennsylvania)

**6:30pm - 8:00pm**

#### **Sociologists' Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus business meeting, Marriott**

**8-10pm**

**RECEPTION for the Sexualities Section and the Sociologists' LGBT Caucus at the William Way LGBT Community Center, 1315 Spruce St. (between 13<sup>th</sup> and Broad)**

## ASA (continued)

### TUESDAY

All events at Philadelphia Marriott

**8:30am to 10:10am**

**Section on Sociology of Sexualities Roundtables**

**10:30am - 12:10pm**

**Section on Sociology of Sexualities Council and Business Meetings**

**12:30pm - 2:10pm**

**Sex Panics**

*Organizer:* Arlene J. Stein (Rutgers University)

*Presider:* Verta A. Taylor (Univ. of California - Santa Barbara)

"Crossing Borders for Sex: the New Global Panic Around "Trafficking in Women"" Elizabeth Bernstein (Barnard College, Columbia Univ)

"Touching problems: Feminists, conservatives and child sexual abuse" Jean Halley (Wagner College)

"Panic Over Marriage: Sex, Morality, and Sex in the 'Bible Belt'" Melanie Ann Heath (University of Southern California)

"Sex Panics and The Regulation of Prostitution in Late Capitalism: The Origins of Nevada's HIV Policies for Prostitutes" Cheryl Radeloff (Minnesota State University, Mankato), Barbara G. Brents (University of Nevada-Las Vegas), Robert Futrell (University of Nevada-Las Vegas)

**2:30pm - 4:10pm**

**Sexual Spaces**

*Organizer:* Daniel Keith Cortese (Cortese and Associates Research)

*Presider:* Daniel Keith Cortese (Cortese and Associates Research)

"From Trailers to Pride Flags: Explaining Variation in Social Preservation" Japonica Brown-Saracino (Northwestern University)

"A Sexual Chain Reaction in the Sex Industry: The Transformation of the Host Club Industry in the Post Bubble Economy in Japan" Reiko Yamagishi

"Drag Performances and the Arousal of Sexual Desire" Verta A. Taylor (Univ. of California - Santa Barbara)

"Use of Pornographic Web Sites and Chat Rooms on the Internet" Ira Martin Wasserman (Eastern Michigan University)

Please email articles, complaints, announcements, and advice for the next issue of this newsletter to the editor, John Hollister, [johnhollister@mindspring.com](mailto:johnhollister@mindspring.com)

## New Book Announcement

SSSP members Elizabeth Bernstein, Barnard-Columbia, and Laurie Schaffner, University of Illinois at Chicago, are co-editors of a new anthology now available from Routledge Press. *Regulating Sex: The Politics of Intimacy and Identity* engages contemporary debates surrounding the role of the state in constructing and controlling sexual practices and identities. Contributors include Laura Agustín, Mary Bernstein, Wendy Chapkis, Paisley Currah, Kjersti Ericsson, Gert Hekma, Janet R. Jakobsen, Kerwin Kay, Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy, Shannon Minter, Julia O'Connell Davidson, Will Rountree, Jacqueline Sanchez Taylor, Penelope Saunders, and Steven Seidman.

*Regulating Sex* derives from an international conference organized by the editors at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Onati, Spain in 2000. Both the contributors and the substantive foci of the volume are multinational; individual chapters explore phenomena such as European sex tourism to the Caribbean, the treatment of sexual delinquency in Norway, debates around child prostitution in Australia and Latin America, and sexual politics in the Netherlands. The majority of contributors seek to locate their work within an international comparative framework and to critically interrogate the discursive and material role of national boundaries, state sovereignty, and transnational migration.

### *Paul Sweezy Book Award*

This annual award is for books published in 2003 or 2004 (if actually published by deadline) that discuss Marxism or use elements of Marxism to discuss a social issue or problem.

Please send three copies of the submitted book or nominations immediately to: Lloyd Klein, Department of Criminal Justice, Bemidji State University, [1500 Birchmont Dr. NE, Bemidji, MN, 56601, lklein@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:lklein@bemidjistate.edu).

### **SSSP Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Book Award**

This annual award is for books published in 2004 related to crime and juvenile justice issues. Please send three copies of the submitted book or nominations with author, title, publisher immediately to: Lloyd Klein, Department of Criminal Justice, Bemidji State University, 1500 Birchmont Dr, NE, Bemidji, MN 56601, [lklein@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:lklein@bemidjistate.edu).

### **Query**

Can anyone suggest references for literature on the psychosocial experiences of infertility and involuntary childlessness among men and women who identify as GLBT. Please respond to: [foote@iupui.edu](mailto:foote@iupui.edu)

## Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow:

### *A Brief Examination of the Sexual Behavior Division and the Continuing Legacy*

Lloyd Klein (Bemidji State University)

It is nearly 30 years since the founding of the SSSP Sexual Behavior Division (later renamed the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division during Valerie Jenness's term as division chair). In that spirit, we are offering a panel discussion on Saturday, August 13, 2:30pm-4:10pm in the Congress Room. An article appearing within a previous SBPC Division newsletter summarized the history of the division. Thanks to Michele Koontz and the SSSP for a listing of all division chairs since the mid-1970s:

Sandra Schroer, Chair, 2006-2008  
Lloyd Klein, Chair, 2004-2006  
Kathleen A. Asbury, Chair, 2002-2004  
Henry Rubin, Chair, 2000-2002  
P.J. McGann, Chair, 1998-2000  
Lloyd Klein, Chair, 1996-1998  
Paula Rust, Chair, 1994-1996  
Valerie Jenness, Chair, 1992-1994  
Beth Hartung, Chair, 1990-1992  
Joan Luxenburg, Chair, 1988-1990  
Beth E. Schneider, Chair, 1986-1988  
Lynn Atwater, Chair, 1984-1986  
Meredith Gould, Chair, 1982-1984  
Laud Humphreys, Chair, 1980-1982  
Thomas S. Weinberg, Chair, 1978-1980  
Seymour Yellin, Chair, 1976-1978

We have come a long way from the days the late-Laud Humphreys and the SSSP meetings in the early 1980s. The early focus on homosexuality and lesbian issues continued with the inclusion of other relevant concerns throughout the years. Valerie Jenness, Paula Rust, P.J. McGann, and others directed our attention toward identity issues. Other division chairs such as Lynn Atwater and Joan Luxenburg informed us about social policy issues-sexual behavior content in the classroom setting and the legacy of Stonewall). My own contribution consisted of examining the aftermath of the Meese Commission Report on Pornography in America and other miscellaneous social policy concerns.

In this year's panel session, Joan Luxenburg, Beth Schneider, and P.J. McGann will offer their unique reflections on the Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities Division during the formative years of their participation as Sexual Division Chair. These recollections and observations form an important link in understanding the state of contemporary sexual behavior research.

It is my hope that we can go "back to the future" with co-sponsored sessions and the participation of the GLBT caucus and the ASA Sexualities Section. The combined diversity of "different voices" from these organizations will add strength to the SBPC Division. We must also recognize

and validate the concern that "same sex marriage" and the rights of homosexual and lesbian partners is an important 21st century civil rights issue. On an equally important note, we must provide a forum for the dissemination of research by graduate students examining new and developing issues in the sexual behavior field. Some of those graduate students will take their place as future leaders guiding the evolution of the SBPC Division through their administrative efforts and research efforts.

## Welcome to Philly

John Hollister

I am sure the SSSP will give you all the practical information about the host city in a sturdy tote bag, but here are a few more tips. I've only lived in Philly for a couple of years so I am not too jaded and have found a few places, but am sure I am missing many that may be of more interest to Division members.

Philadelphia is not New York. It is down-to-earth and only a few of its inhabitants try to imitate New Yorkers. Philadelphia is not Los Angeles. Center City is compact and walkable. William Penn had it neatly laid out on a grid, with Market and Broad as the main arteries intersecting at City Hall; numbered streets run North to South, while streets named for trees generally run East to West. There are also a lot of cobblestone alleys that run between the major roads. They are often too narrow for a car, but that does not faze Mapquest which will probably direct you down one of them if you use it to navigate Philly. They are discontinuous: they will run for a block or two, disappear, and then resume a few blocks away.

Philadelphia is a city, and it is a lot bigger than it appears. Parking is impossible and the parking police are relentless. So far as I can find, the cheapest garage (at 11\$ a day) is at the corner of South and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Old City and the Ben Franklin Parkway are amply covered by the material in your tote bag and at the hotel desk. On at least one of your commutes to the American Sociological Association, make sure you walk through **City Hall** to admire the architecture and deconstruct the sculpture. **Rittenhouse Square** is a short stroll from the conference hotel, which is in a dreary canyon of skyscrapers. **Liberty Tower** is right by the hotel so you might as well take a detour through it. **South Street** is more of an expedition and that is the capital of subcultural Philadelphia. Pine is probably the most pleasant way to get there; around 6<sup>th</sup>, take a right until you get to South.

If you want to avoid the homeland security checkpoints, tourists, and earnest posterboard displays, you can just see the **Liberty Bell** through the window from the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Chestnut, across from Independence Hall. The

**Philadelphia Museum of Art** is well worth a visit. Most visitors do not go for the art, but rather to re-enact a famous scene from the film *Rocky*. In colonial times, deviants were tarred and feathered. Today, Philly parades its tourists for the amusement of locals on large amphibious vehicles known as **Ducks**. They are issued small plastic devices to make quacking noises.

Not far from the convention hotel, in the College of Physicians at 19 S. 22<sup>nd</sup> St, is the quirky **Mutter Museum**. A medical school neglected to update its teaching collection for a few decades until it became a museum of a museum evocative of a freak show. Not recommended for the squeamish; highly recommended for those with a taste for the bizarre.

The **Barnes Museum** is a major art collection on the outskirts of Philly in Upper Merion. It requires advance reservations - which you can arrange through its website, <http://www.barnesfoundation.org/> well before your arrival. Visitors tend to curse the neighbors for the zoning laws that make this real treasure so obscure and difficult to visit. The will of the founder ensures that the collection is arranged to reflect his own quirky and opinionated interpretation rather than that of some conventional curator.

The **Eastern State Penitentiary** is one of America's original, model prisons and now it is an original, model museum. The displays cover the basics of prison life, ranging from shanks to masturbation. A pedantic sign in the central tower explains how it is not correctly speaking a panopticon of the sort discussed in Foucault's *Discipline and Punish*, which is on sale at the museum bookstore.

**Cheesesteaks** are one of Philly's more improbable tourist attractions. While Philly cheesesteaks served outside the city taste like shoe leather, the intense competition and hype ensure that they are a serious eating option here. Of the major cheesesteak pilgrimage sites with long lines, **Jim's** on the corner of South and 4<sup>th</sup> is the best. Pat's is acceptable. Anyone who has ever been to a Free Mumia rally may want to avoid Geno's, with its ostentatious displays commemorating the police officer he allegedly shot. For a vegetarian alternative, try **Gianna's** on 6<sup>th</sup> street between South and Lombard.

For lunch, the most interesting option is the **Reading Market** where you can get a basic sandwich surrounded by booths that evoke some foreign country; many are staffed by Amish. If you really relish old-school markets, head to south Philly for the **Italian Market**, centered at 9<sup>th</sup> and Washington. Pat's and Geno's are at its southern tip. There are several **gay restaurants** which are mostly for those with generous expense accounts, except for **Westbury**, at 13<sup>th</sup> and Spruce, where an adjunct can afford a decent burger.

Philly was late to the coffeehouse revolution but now is making up for them. For a long time there was only **Old City Coffee** on Church St. near 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may need to stop there for some caffeine if you intend to trudge through every monument to Ben Franklin. The **Last Cup**, across from Dirty Franks at 13<sup>th</sup> and Pine, has some of the best coffee

around unless you have an allergy to hipsters The **Mean Bean** on Locust and Quince is an interesting place to settle down and chat unless you have an allergy to camp. **Joe Coffee** at Walnut and 11<sup>th</sup> is catering the reception. It is not as charming as some of the others but it is one of the more reliable places to sit down with a cup of cappuccino and get some work done in a gay-friendly but not overbearing setting.

Sociologists tend to avoid bars so they are good places to get away from sociologists. **Sisters** (1320 Chancellor St.) is the Lesbian center. **Pure** (1221 St. James St., near 13<sup>th</sup> and Locust) and **Woody's** (202 S. 13<sup>th</sup>) are the main gay bars, but the only one I will be caught dead in is the **Bike Stop**, a leather bar in Quince alley between Locust and Walnut. Philly has some interesting **dives** where you can enjoy the main local brew, Yuengling Lager as you contemplate your next research project. **Dirty Franks** at 13<sup>th</sup> and Pine is decorated with smoke-drenched artwork and so are its heavily-tattooed regulars. **Bob & Barbara's** at 1509 South St. often holds drag shows. It is right in the heart of the neighborhood Dubois researched for *The Philadelphia Negro*. **Tattooed Mom's** on South near 6<sup>th</sup> is punk central. **Fergies** on Sansom just north of 12<sup>th</sup> is not technically a dive, but is a local landmark, and I have seen academics there enjoying the best Guinness around. It is a place to chew on pub grub as you catch up with an old friend.

You probably do not want to know about the bookstores because your luggage is already weighted down from the conference publishers' booths. **Giovanni's Room** at the corner of Pine and 12<sup>th</sup> is the longstanding gay and lesbian bookstore; it has been around for over 30 years. **Robins**, on 13<sup>th</sup> near Locust, has a large African-American collection. There is a huge used bookstore with yards of dusty sociology texts whose name I have forgotten but you can find it on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. just north of Market in the old city.

There is of course much more to the city. The numerous ethnic neighborhoods have kept generations of sociologists busy. I do not know them well enough to suggest an itinerary.

The various universities will likely publicize themselves at the conference; the University of Pennsylvania in West Philly is by far the most interesting to walk around in, unless you prefer postwar concrete towers with unreliable elevators to collegiate neogothic.

There are several free weeklies you will see in stacks almost everywhere. **Philadelphia Weekly** will be the most helpful but you may as well see what is in **City Paper**. Also check out **Philadelphia Gay News**.

Explore the city and decide for yourself if Philly has been held back by decades of botched city government, or if its notorious civic ineptitude has salvaged it from the excesses of urban renewal and technocratic city planning. Explore the city and find numerous examples of sociological processes to use in your classrooms.