LETTER from the CHAIR

Happy spring semester (even if it’s not yet spring in your neck of the woods)! I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Since my last letter, the SBPC Division has undergone a lot of changes, and I’m excited to tell you about all of them!

In November 2017, our Division elected a new Chair, J. Todd Ormsbee. Dr. Ormsbee is an Associate Professor of American Studies at San Jose State University in San Jose, California. His scholarly work has focused on historical movements as a way to understand how the politics of resistance and liberation simultaneously created the meaning-formation necessary for LGBTQ communities. Thank you to our members for voting in this election, and congratulations to Todd!

We also have a new newsletter editor! Margaret McGladrey is a PhD Candidate in Sociology at the University of Kentucky, with a graduate certificate in Gender and Women’s Studies. She is also a research assistant for the University of Kentucky Center for Research on Violence Against Women. Margaret has experience creating and editing the newsletters for other SSSP Divisions, so the newsletter is in great hands. Please email her at margaret.mcgladrey@uky.edu if you have items to be included in upcoming newsletters.

General SSSP news and upcoming deadlines:

- The annual meeting call for papers is now open, and papers must be submitted by midnight (EST) on January 31, 2018 for consideration. Please see page 2 for a list of sessions sponsored and co-sponsored by the Division.

- The 2018 Graduate Student Paper Competition deadline is January 31, 2018. Please see the Graduate Student Paper Competition page for more information and submission requirements. Please note: all authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting call for papers online system, and the winner is expected to present their winning paper at the 2018 meeting.

- Nominations for faculty awards (Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award, Joseph B. Gittler Award, Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award, and Lee Founders Award) are due by April 15, 2018.

Finally, it’s been a pleasure to serve you over the past two years in my term as division Chair. It has been great to see all the amazing work SBPC members have been doing, and I am very excited to see how the Division continues to grow and evolve.

Best wishes,

Amanda M. Jungels
Please consider submitting your work to a session sponsored or co-sponsored by the SBPC Division:

- Perspectives on Sex Work: Abolition, Legalization, and Decriminalization (Thematic Session) organized by Caitlin P. Carroll and Jennifer Heineman
- Abolitionist Theory and Sexual Justice (Thematic Session) organized by J. Todd Ormsbee
- Global Migrations of Sexualities and Disability organized by Melissa Jane Welch and Ying-Chao Kao
- Sexuality, Health, and Health Care organized by Emily Allen Paine and Stacy Harmon
- Sexuality, Gender, and the Law organized by Lloyd Klein
- Sexualities on the Edge (Critical Dialogue session) organized by Kathleen A. Asbury
- Sexuality and Social Policy organized by Julie Gouweloos
- Sexuality and Bodies organized by Madeleine Pape
- Teaching Sexuality and Sexual Responsibility organized by Sandra E. Schroer
- Power and Privilege in Sex-Gender Systems organized by Margaret McGladrey

**RECENT MEMBER PUBLICATIONS**


- Hoefinger, Heidi and Srorn Srun. 2017. “‘At-Risk’ or ‘Socially Deviant’? Conflicting Narratives and Grassroots Organizing of Sex/Entertainment Workers and LGBT Communities in Cambodia.” *Social Sciences* Special Issue: Sex Workers’ Rights: Looking Toward the Future, DOI:10.3390/sosci6030093


**MEMBER NEWS and RESOURCES**

- Bethany M. Coston was recently awarded a $50,000 research grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections: Increasing Diversity program. Dr. Coston will spend the 2017-2018 academic year studying post-traumatic health care access and utilization (both traditional and alternative) for bisexual and non-monosexual women survivors of intimate partner, dating, and sexual violence.

- Wendy Chapkis is the Principal Investigator of the Querying the Past: LGBTQ Maine Oral History Project, which integrates University of South Maine students into the process of community-based research to serve as interviewers and transcribers. The resulting publicly available oral histories will serve as an important resource for scholars working on regional LGBTQ history.

- Eric Grollman’s Sociologists for Trans Justice (S4TJ) initiative has launched the #TransJusticeSyllabus and encourages instructors teaching trans studies or related courses to borrow from the syllabus of empirical and theoretical pieces related to transgender justice.