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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

As usual, the Winter issue includes essential SSSP business information. For example, we present information on the upcoming annual conference (e.g., travel and hotel announcements, calls for book exhibition participants and donations for the AIDS Fundraiser, etc.). We offer candidate biographies needed to make informed decisions in our upcoming election. We include the Special Problems Division's student paper competition and outstanding scholarship award nomination announcements. Further, we present the initial call for participants to take part in the SSSP's new *Personal Mentoring Program* (see page 9), not to be confused with the ongoing Conference Mentoring Program (see page 47).

Also, in this issue we offer another installment of the Presidential Reflections Series, this one by S. M. Miller, 1975-1976 SSSP President. We present a commentary by Matthew W. Hughey considering the political over- and undertones of the television series, *Cavemen*. We include two letters to the editor concerning features appearing in past issues. And we present another Student Column.

Let me take this opportunity to make two specific requests. First, we are pleased to be able to include photographs with features and essays. However, in these litigious times, we feel it necessary to secure permission to run photographs, and we will do our best to get the appropriate permission – and to date authors have

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From the Executive Office — Tom Hood

Who belongs to SSSP? I could give you a profile of age, degrees, occupations, and professional achievements. This column describes the characteristics of members as I have learned them over my thirty years of association with the organization.

Individuals who care about the human condition belong to SSSP. These individuals want peace rather than war, but not at any price. Individuals who belong to SSSP seek justice and equal treatment for all—not just in their own neighborhood, community or country, but also around the globe. Members respect the rights of all human beings regardless of their citizenship, biological sex, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or religious tradition. Members fight to secure equal treatment and access for all regardless of a person's disabilities.

Individuals who study society not simply to learn how the social order works, but to expose social policies and social institutions that suppress individual growth and development or that promote the domination of the many by the few belong to SSSP. Members believe that knowledge for knowledge sake is not as important as knowledge that leads to challenging injustice and promoting social change. Research reports should inform not only other specialists but also inform policy makers and scholars in other specialties. Members of SSSP care about their own development as scholars and believe that they can learn from each other through the exchange of information gained from their research and interpretations of existing scholarship. Established members of SSSP encourage young scholars to make contributions to the growth of knowledge and advocacy in specialized areas through informal contact and mentoring.

Individuals who recognize that poverty of the many is encouraged by the affluence of the few belong to SSSP. The structure of our dues, the research and publications of the members as well as the award programs provide evidence that the Society recognizes a responsibility for addressing inequality both as an organization and as individuals. Our members advocate and work to establish programs that create greater equality of opportunity for all. Our members seek to expose employer practices that exploit workers. Members of SSSP are activists seeking to change organizations, businesses, institutions and governments to eliminate practices that exploit humans for some "greater good."

Individuals who champion free expression and open exchange of information, opinions and ideas belong to SSSP. Members of SSSP are committed to participatory and representative democracy. This commitment is reflected in the SSSP Bylaws and in the nomination process, which seeks to represent the wide variety of specialty interests found in our twenty-one special problems divisions. Each year the organization asks the council of chairs of the special problems divisions to nominate the candidates for the major elective offices of the Society.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2008, please do so right away. You will find information on candidates up for election both in this issue and on the web site. **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A PAPER MAIL-IN BALLOT.** You must vote on-line. Those individuals who do not have an active e-mail address will receive special instructions by regular mail on how to cast your vote. You will need access to the Internet by computer to vote. Most public libraries will have this capability.

We have an excellent slate of candidates who have provided statements on what they hope for SSSP. Read what they have to say.

President Nancy Naples, the program committee and all of the organizers recruited by the special problems divisions are developing an outstanding program for the meetings in Boston. Plan to join us in Boston from July 31-August 2, 2008. Be sure to visit the web site and see the new special problem division descriptions. Many have been updated to reflect developments over the last 10 years. We are glad to have each of you as a member. Keep in touch. Michele Smith Koontz, Sarah Hendricks, and I are at your service.

Tom Hood
Executive Officer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was very pleased to read David Baronov's essay, *The Tyranny of Assessment!* [Published in the Winter 2007 issue of *Social Problems Forum*]. I digested this article, made copious margin notes, and supplied multiple copies to my colleagues. Baronov clearly points out the dangers of the Student Learning Outcome (SLO) movement. If we do not consider the methods and the important issues of just what is it we can measure and what we can not, then "We'll get that for which we measure." It is hoped that validity would be a concern here.

The indicators many administrators (and many faculty members too for that matter) promote as means of measuring student learning outcomes are far too simplistic. In their quest for simplicity, such advocates proffer learning assessment measures such that they can be "observable and measurable." This leads to us measuring so much less than what we actually try to teach. Such anemic SLOs have little to do with the deep content of a complex, college-level course. And as our teaching complies with learning assessments of such a nature, so too will our teaching course content become oversimplified.

This is the same kind of problem that has led to the degradation of mental health care under managed care. (I was in private practice for fifteen years – so I watched it happen). Student learning outcomes are managed care for the academy. Baronov clearly, forcefully, and eloquently points out the dangers of which we need to be aware in preserving quality in education. Failure to avoid such dangers by implementing shallow assessment measures will ultimately render academia incapable of speaking truth to power meaningfully.

Robert J. Brem
College of Alameda

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed Dr. Kyle's thoughtful and sensitive column on using controversial materials in the classroom and commend him for making it available to the readership. [Published in the Fall 2007 issue of *Social Problems Forum*]. The issues he raises are vital to striking a balance between sociology's goals and how these are to be implemented in a particular course. It's a perpetual struggle.

A collective resolution of this issue, unfortunately, is not available. Each scholar must select course materials that best provide and illustrate the themes of a particular subject matter. That is both an ethical and a pedagogical choice. The right of an instructor to make such a choice, however, defines academic freedom and should never be compromised—which is where this leaves us (to answer the question at the end of the column).

His argument is part of a larger issue: that of dealing with what ethnographers call, "Dangerous Knowledge" (i.e., information which defines controversy in that it poses some kind of threat to individuals, interests, values, norms, personal beliefs, or common (perceptions). There is no way to avoid this problem, as sociological knowledge can be used to preserve or alter society: it's the problem of Plato's cave. In research, an author can conceal the identities of informants or delay publication. The lectern provides more pressing concerns.

The best classroom solution is direct confrontation: issue a disclaimer, up-front, on the first day of class and provide an invitation for students to enter a lively debate, or to not enroll in the course. They must choose. I have found that "This course is not for everyone" works quite well in teaching Deviance, Criminology, and Military Sociology. There is no free lunch: the subject matter is *always* controversial. Deviants are stigmatized (or worse), laws and their enforcement are based on interests, and we still fight wars. Wrist wringing, however, won't do. I was very saddened that he had to justify his selection of course materials. There is no way to sugar coat the conflict of interests and sensibilities in the classroom. All a scholar can do is try to make these explicit. That means that someone will be offended. So be it. If "higher education" is to remain so it must not devolve into "training": recipes for conformity that are so bland as to put students to sleep. Such fog cheats both them and us. They get pabulum, and we fail to honor the imagination that defines us as a discipline.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Stevenson
Independent Scholar

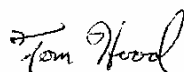
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*Sex and the Single
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Ideas for Action—Ideas from Action

S.M. Miller, Commonwealth Institute

IDEAS FOR ACTION

The shaping of my professional life and to a large extent my personal life occurred in my days as a graduate student in economics at Columbia. I was invited to join Frank Riessman and Alvin Gouldner, grad sociology students, in what they grandiosely called the Citizens Social Research Council. It was to rival the establishment Social Science Research Council by making social science useful to people working in labor unions, community groups and political organizations.

This endeavor was at the end of World War II, an especially exciting time in New York City with the return of veterans, the explosion of interest in psychoanalysis and social behavior, and the resurgent cultural and political character of the city. We started a magazine that we called *Ideas for Action*, believing that the social sciences, particularly psychology and Columbia sociology, had perspectives and findings that could be useful for activists. Over the late 40's and early 50's we were joined by other graduate students, some of whom became well-known social science figures (examples: Sol Levine in the sociology of health; Morris (Manny) Rosenberg in identity research, Elliot Mishler who developed the field of narrative analysis). Many other gifted people were involved at various times. Frank, Sol and I developed very close, deep and significant personal and intellectual friendships that we nurtured for 50 years until their deaths.

We were largely New York City-born Jews of working-class, immigrant families, probably the first in our families to go to college (usually one of the New York City public colleges). We thought of ourselves as of the left and two or three identified themselves as members of the Communist Party. Most thought of themselves as "liberals" or "progressives."

Weak efforts to get some women grad students to join us failed, perhaps because they correctly saw us as a "men's club," perhaps because they recognized that as women they would have a hard enough time in gaining professional acceptance. We should have tried harder.

We distributed our 4-page, letter-size magazine free to a variety of action organizations. We were Kropotkin's "organic intellectuals," not only writing and editing its articles but involved in its layout, printing, sorting for mailing, delivery to the post-office and those other details of publishing. We raised money for printing and postage by giving parties with door and drink charges, frequently at the Gramercy Park apartment of Herter Norton, translator of Rilke, and widow of W.W. Norton, the publisher. Sol had met her daughter Anne, in California just before he was discharged from the army. We provided entertainment at our parties; the young Harry Belafonte was one of our entertainers. (We didn't think that he was as good as some of our other singers.) Bob DeCormier, a wartime buddy of Sol's and later a leading choral leader, was

our conduit to Broadway. We mixed social science with popular culture and our parties were well-known. We were on course to change the world while enjoying the ride—at least that is how it felt for a time. Unfortunately, I do not have copies of *Ideas for Actions*.

One theme that I recall came from a publication of Paul Lazarsfeld and, I think, Elihu Katz, on the importance of informal neighborhood leaders in affecting opinion. We used that idea in an issue and again in "Participation, Culture and Personality," an issue of the SPSSI journal *Journal of Social Issues*, that Frank and I edited and had articles by others of our Ideas for Action group. We outlined a four-fold typology of leadership that Al Gouldner used in his edited volume, *Studies in Leadership*.

Our magazine had follow-up. Frank pursued the *Ideas for Action* experience in his founding and long editorship of *Social Policy Magazine*. It may have led Al Gouldner to start *Transaction*. Many years after *Ideas for Action* perished under other leadership, Al asked me what I thought about that experience. I replied that I thought that we neglected to develop Ideas from Action. I like to think that my remark encouraged Al to develop *Theory and Society*.

Now, I will make a much belated attempt to think about the "from" part, drawing on my action experiences since the days of our youth. Ideas from action does not gain the attention that it should have in public sociology.

I think . . . that a lot of our research findings should have attached to them something like a milk bottle warning: USE BEFORE THIS DATE! For events and circumstances undermine the durability of research findings, especially from polling and interviewing.

IDEAS FROM ACTION CREDENTIALISM

Working with Hispanic and African American women and some men in a tenants council in Manhattan and with union members in a number of different settings made me aware of how smart they were though they lacked "book learning." They would have been able to handle jobs for which they were disqualified because they had not graduated from high school or not gone beyond that diploma.

Those experiences led me to rethink my family: my older sister just managed to gain a high school diploma but was obviously very, very smart. My mother, illiterate in the three languages that she could speak, was extraordinarily intelligent and disturbingly perspicacious.

These and other experiences like working with African American school dropouts in Syracuse led me to initiate the terms: "credential society" and "credentialism" to point to the excess emphasis on educational qualifications for jobs that barred many who could have performed well at those tasks.

POVERTY/INEQUALITY AS MORE THAN INCOME DEFICIENCY

As a tenants council organizer, a Hispanic woman whom I tried to interest in the organization told me of her experience in

applying for public welfare. The welfare officer behind the cage that separated the staff from applicants told her “Why don’t you just get a man to support you?” She was outraged by this disrespect but kept her tongue.

Visiting welfare and unemployment insurance offices and an employment retraining operation that was 30 years behind the times made me acutely aware of how poor people were treated.

Workers telling me that they had to live paycheck to paycheck and had nothing to fall back on in case they were sick and lost a week’s pay highlighted the importance of having savings, assets. Low pay didn’t permit the accumulation of a financial safety net.

Experiences like these plus my personal experiences of poverty led Pam Roby and me to write *The Future of Inequality* (1970). That book and earlier articles sought to show the multi-dimensions of poverty and inequality, moving beyond income and the poverty line to the importance of assets and wealth, status and satisfaction, civic participation, and the quality of services. I like to think that this work was one of the influences that led the European Union to adopt the concept of “social inclusion.” In 2003 I took up again one of those themes in *Respect and Rights* for things had not improved.

United for a Fair Economy, of which I am a co-founder and longest serving board member, has adopted highlighting racial wealth inequality as its main theme.

ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE

Over the years I have been an advisor, consultant, board member, friend of many poverty, community, union and employment organizations and activities, not only in the US but also in Ireland, Britain, and France. Those experiences led me to rethink Michels’ Iron Law of Oligarchy of left-wing organizations. For many of these organizations flourished mainly because they had a charismatic leader who dominated their thinking and activities.

While I am all for democracy, I have realized from my many involvements that the quality of organizational leadership is crucial. Unfortunately, too few studies of social movements adequately explore the on-going life of organizations that seek to change a neighborhood, company, the nation or the world. Nor has that literature well explored how some social movements achieve important transformations: how did the gay-lesbian efforts so change the USA that homosexual marriage, not the once-disgrace and crime of homosexuality, became the big issue?

I have been particularly intrigued by what happens after the charismatic leader leaves. Two experiences, one in the US, the other in Europe, have led me to draft an article on it. Seldom do organizations prepare for the change; they are surprised by the emergence of perspectives and directions that were buried as the leader pursued his or her interpretation of the organizational mission. They flounder and sometimes make it difficult to come to decisions and to accept new directions and leadership.

More broadly, the effectiveness of change-oriented

activities depends on the way it comes to decisions. The way it carries out those decisions are heavily influenced by its internal dynamics.

These are obvious points but social science is not providing leads for organizations in developing appropriate ways of their adapting and changing. The contrast is with the business literature that every week or so reveals the next new way of structuring and leading corporate organizations.

EVERYONE HAS A BOSS

I was on the staff of the Ford Foundation, two years fulltime and four years part-time. I learned a great deal about the USA and organizational life from my successful efforts to initiate programs for Hispanics, Native Americans, the rural poor and to move the foundation to support civil rights organizations that were more activist than the National Urban League.

Surprisingly, my most significant learning came from a brief conversation with the foundation president, McGeorge Bundy. I asked him why he had made a particular decision (that I privately thought was dumb). His reply surprised me: the foundation’s board made me do it.

As I thought about it, I concluded that no one feels completely free in making decisions. Politicians vote for policies and spending that they think will win them support or reduce opposition. Corporate bosses make decisions in anticipation of how security analysts—those over-rated “experts”—and the stock market will respond. Too often, change organizations make decisions by anticipating the number of “media hits,” the current way of judging success. The media has become our boss.

This range of bosses suggests that some American left analyses that dote on the concentration of power in a few corporate hands overstate the case and understate the left’s inadequacies. There are a lot of bosses in the USA and they don’t always hang out together.

THE ART OF THE QUESTION

Working with many organizations over the years I have discovered that good questioning can be an important tool. It is also an useful way of avoiding the guru status of dispensing standard bromides.

Out of these contacts, I have developed my favorite question: If I knew how this organization spent its money and time, could I figure out what is the purpose of the organization? I have yet to get a yes. And it sometimes moves organizations to begin to reexamine their ways.

Asking useful questions is an art, in research as well as in organizations. It requires some knowledge and experience to think just beyond the on-going discussion. My favorite example: I was asked to meet with the board of an Irish organization that was providing food for people without a home. I wanted to ask a standard question of how they would define success and yet get them to think about the future of the organization and the problem that they dealt with. So I asked:

While I am all for democracy, I have realized from my many involvements that the quality of organizational leadership is crucial. Unfortunately, too few studies of social movements adequately explore the on-going life of organizations that seek to change a neighborhood, company, the nation or the world.

If you expanded your activities as you are planning and the problem of homelessness in Ireland increased, how would you feel? The ensuing discussion led them to a new track; to build low-income, subsidized housing. Some years later when I was again in Dublin, Sister Stan, the wonderfully effective leader of the mostly-male organization, proudly introduced me to the housing units that the organization had been able to build.

The art of the research question, I think, is to wonder about processes more than structures. How do results and effects come about, avoiding fastening exclusively on what are possible so-called structural influences—dependent variable if you wish. How do these influences come to have the effects that they do? That question may lead to other independent variables or to a different way of seeing the problem and setting up the research goal and design.

RETHINKING CLASS OUTLOOKS

In the 1950's Seymour Martin Lipset published an article in the *ASR* on the authoritarianism of the American worker. Frank Riessman and I wrote a reply that the *ASR* didn't take but the *British Journal of Sociology* did.

My expanding experiences with American workers led me to the conclusion that Marty (whom I knew from graduate school days) and we critics were both wrong. Also misled were those who regarded worker concern for their economic interests as class awareness, perhaps even class consciousness.

As I talked with more and more workers from my variety of activities, I came to the conclusion that what was particularly important for them was tradition. They were patriotic, religiously-oriented even if not active church-goers, believers in the American dream of onward and upward. They defended their economic interests from a traditional perspective. In a sense when they saw a company trying to weaken a benefit, they regarded it as an insult to the tradition that had been achieved.

I think that research on class attitudes would benefit from attention to the role of tradition. And activists would also

benefit from understanding how tradition operates in the lives of those they seek to influence.

I think too that a lot of our research findings should have attached to them something like a milk bottle warning: **USE BEFORE THIS DATE!** For events and circumstances undermine the durability of research findings, especially from polling and interviewing.

LEARNING ABOUT SELF FROM ACTION

To the oft-cited saying of the greed in taking without giving, I would add that there is a greed in giving without taking. Giving is a two-way encounter. So I don't want to end without stressing how much I have benefited as a social scientist and as a person from my wide range of involvements in trying to aid outsiders.

My many involvements have enriched my professional life by forcing me to view many issues in ways that were not my professional or natural bent. For example, I learned that many decisions, especially in organizations, are not the result of planning or careful consideration of alternatives and possibilities, but of hopes, enthusiasms, presumed opportunities, personal preferences, last minute pressures. Sociology often has a hidden presumption of the rational social actor operating with or against economists' rational market actor.

At the personal level, I have had the benefit of feeling useful, meeting many interesting people and places that would not have occurred if I had stuck to a narrow professional track. I learned a good deal about myself, including an understanding of my early life that I had buried. (My article, "No Permanent Abode" in *Tikkum* describes the uncovering of my homeless experiences when working with Sister Stan's organization.). I also had the great benefit of a long marriage to Jean Baker Miller who lived her values more than most of us do.

In short, I have also been a taker. Giving and taking—ideas for and from action—that two-way process enriches professional and personal lives.

PERSONAL MENTORING PROGRAM

CALL FOR MENTORS/MENTEES

SSSP is launching a ***Personal Mentoring Program*** designed to match SSSP members with mentors who can offer guidance in a number of areas—job hunting (job skills, interviewing, vitae writing, etc.), manuscript preparation, dissertation support, tenure and promotion review, career development, and so forth. The mentoring relationship can last for a period of 3 months, 6 months or 1 year. Mentors and mentees will be matched in time for them to make arrangements to meet in person at the annual meeting in Boston. (Participants in the program are encouraged but not required to attend the meeting.)

If you are interested in serving as a mentor or being matched with a mentor, please complete the online application form at <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1093> no later than May 23, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Adia Harvey Wingfield at aharvey@gsu.edu.

News of Note

Call for Articles, Book Chapters, and Teaching Materials (by submission deadline)

Contributors sought for a special issue of *Research in the Sociology of Work* on "Economic Sociology of Work"

Research in the Sociology of Work is accepting manuscripts for Volume 19, focusing on the "Economic Sociology of Work" (expected publication date March 2009). We invite manuscripts that address issues of work broadly defined, such as paid and non-paid activities in business and non-profit organizations, in formal and informal economies, entrepreneurship, labor markets, income inequality, social organization of work in cross-national and global contexts. In particular, we welcome articles from sociologists, organizational scholars and economists that analyze these substantive topics by employing conceptual tools of economic sociology and highlight the network, institutional, political and cultural embeddedness of economic activity. The deadline for submission of manuscripts is **May 1, 2008**. Electronic submissions to nbandelj@uci.edu preferred. Submit manuscripts/inquiries to the address below.

Nina Bandelj (Editor, Volume 19)
University of California, Irvine
Department of Sociology
3151 Social Science Plaza, Irvine, CA 92697

***Signs* seeks contributions for a special issue focusing on "Women and Agriculture"**

As agriculture becomes increasingly globalized, feminist concerns about women and agriculture revolve around issues of food security, social justice, and sustainability. Women across the globe have always played major roles in agricultural production but they often work in difficult conditions with low pay and inadequate access to land and capital. Despite women's considerable role in agricultural production, they are markedly absent at the policy level in multinational corporations, international institutions, and national and state governments that determine directions for agriculture. The intersections of gender, race, class, ethnicity, and nationality are central to the politics of agriculture, structuring who produces food, who benefits from the global food system, and who eats. Women agriculturalists in the Global South are particularly vulnerable to free trade agreements that advantage agribusiness in Western nations. Women are nonetheless active in resisting the increasing globalization and corporatization of food. For this special issue we invite international, transnational, and comparative studies that engage theoretical and historical analyses of women and agriculture and analyses of racial, ethnic, and gendered dimensions of agriculture. We seek manuscripts on women and sustainable agriculture, on women in leadership and decision-making positions, and in feminist science studies pertaining to women's knowledge and changing agricultural practices.

Carolyn Sachs, professor of rural sociology and women's studies, Penn State University, United States, and Margaret Alston, professor of social work and human services and director of the Centre for Rural Social Research, Charles Sturt University, Australia, will serve as guest editors of the special

issue on women and agriculture. The deadline for submissions is **May 1, 2008**. Guidelines for submission are available at <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/Signs/instruct.html>

Contributions for an edited book to be entitled *Uprooting Neo-Liberal Globalization From Below* sought

There is an emerging dialogue taking place worldwide against the backdrop of a failed neoliberal development model and a legacy of regional integration schemes developed by and for economic and political elites. The dialogue involves women and men from political parties, social movements, universities, NGOs, and international cooperation agencies calling for a more inclusive model of development and an alternative, more responsive system of regional integration.

This volume intends to bring together analytical and empirical case studies or essays on how people/grassroots groups in Latin America, Asia, Africa, Middle East, North America and Europe are organizing resistance and alternatives to neoliberal globalization. The collection seeks to introduce readers to arguments, debates and demands from civil society spawned out of resistance to neoliberalism, including the alternative platforms put forth by peoples' social movements, Left or progressive political parties, independent academic institutions or progressive think tanks, development NGOs, and alternative mass media projects, among others. The volume has been inspired by sessions recently organized by the SSSP Global Division, however, all those interested in the topic are welcome to submit a brief proposal consisting of a 1-2 page abstract and contact information. For those with already completed papers you may include the paper and abstract. The volume will be edited by Ligaya Lindio McGovern of Indiana University, Kokomo, and Richard A. Dello Buono of Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, Mexico. Proposals should be sent to lmcgover@iuk.edu and rdellob@hotmail.com by **August 31, 2008**.

Articles sought for a special issue of *Signs* entitled "Feminists Theorize International Political Economy"

Feminist scholarship in the field of international political economy has broken new ground, defining the economic and political role of social reproduction, documenting and challenging omissions of women's work from national accounting systems, conceptualizing and campaigning for gendered budgets, and tracing women's activism to transform the complex gendered power dynamics of globalization.

This issue seeks to employ postcolonial feminist theorizing and feminist theorizations of difference as central axes in analyses of international political economy. We invite submissions that address the gendered regimes of capitalist production and consumption, systems of exchange, and struggles for emancipation and equality. Specific topics may include assessments of the changing relations between nation-states and the global economy, the forms of globalized capital accumulation and investment, gendered patterns of consumption, processes of social reproduction, and gendered and changing relations between local communities, states, and globalized markets; analyses of the gendered international division of labor, the nature of exchange, the circulation of goods, services, and acknowledges, and the gendered effects of monetary exchange; and examinations of challenges to the global capitalist regime in the post-Cold War era, the class, race, sexual, and gendered relations underlying particular strategies of empowerment, con-

cepts such as emancipation, equality, and transformation, and the place of gender in contemporary critiques of international political economy and contemporary attempts to forge alternatives.

Shirin M. Rai, Professor of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick, UK and Kate Bedford, Research Fellow, Kent Law School, University of Kent, UK, will serve as guest editors of the special issue. The deadline for submissions is **May 1, 2009**. Guidelines for submission are available at <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/Signs/instruct.html>

Book Proposals for a new series, *Disability in Society*, are sought

Series Editor Ronald J. Berger (University of Wisconsin–Whitewater) would like to announce a new book series, *Disability in Society*. More than eighteen percent of the US population lives with some kind of physical, sensory, or cognitive impairment—and the construction of impairments as “disability” is a social phenomenon affecting not just those individuals, but also their families, friends, employers, colleagues, and communities. Drawing on a variety of perspectives, *Disability in Society* seeks to illuminate the social forces shaping the diverse experiences of disability.

We invite proposals for manuscripts that will investigate a range of subjects, including but not limited to: (a) disability as a dimension of social stratification; (b) the intersection of disability; (c) race/ethnicity, class, gender, and sexual orientation; (d) the construction and management of disability identity; (e) the interactional, emotional, and bodily experience of the disability experience; (f) media representations of disability; (g) the institutional, organizational, and policy contexts of disability; (h) the disability rights movement.

For more information or to submit a book proposal, contact:

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Call for Presentations—Other Conferences (by submission deadline)

The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), with support from the National Institute on Aging, will sponsor a two-day conference on life course financial well-being in November 2008 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The organizers announce a call for papers that use PSID data to conduct research in the area of pensions, retirement planning, and financial well-being over the life course. The PSID has included extensive information on pensions, wealth, consumption/expenditures, health, and other relevant domains in various years since the survey began in 1968. The goals of this conference are to bring together scholars in the area of life course financial well-being to generate additional scientific and policy-relevant findings, facilitate future collaborations including NIH proposal submissions, and provide feedback to PSID about possible needs for content changes and/or future data collections.

How to apply: To apply, please send a 1-3 page abstract

describing your study including the PSID data that will be used. Also include your CV. **Criteria:** Papers will be chosen based on thematic relevance and significance to the conference. **Funding:** Conference expenses, including transportation and lodging, will be provided to one author per paper. **Deadline:** Please send abstracts to Bob Schoeni in care of Patty Hall (pathall@umich.edu) by **March 17, 2008**. A review committee will evaluate the abstracts. Authors of accepted papers will be required to submit their paper by October 15, 2008 for circulation prior to the conference, and to present their paper at the conference. For further information please contact Bob Schoeni (bschoeni@umich.edu) or Patty Hall (pathall@umich.edu). For more information on the PSID, please visit the website: www.psidonline.org

The CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAS II will held in Mexico City, Mexico, October 8-11, 2008. Its theme will be “Uniting the Americas: Exploring Media Convergence, Public Communication and Intercultural Communication.” Organizers are accepting proposals for (1) completed papers, (2) full panels, (3) singular paper abstracts, and (4) poster renditions for possible inclusion at the Congress of the Americas II.

This pioneering academic and professional conference is organized by the InterAmericas Council, Inc., a 501(C)3 international non-profit agency headquartered in Dallas, Texas, USA and is co-sponsored by the International Communication Association (ICA), American Communication Association (ACA), Universidad de San Martín de Porres (Peru) and the Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus. The purpose of the communication-themed conference is to bring North, Central and South America into a fusion of Western Hemispheric understanding. The efforts are being overseen by three Congress II General Secretariats: Peter A. DeCaro of California State University, Stanislaus (pdecaroster@gmail.com), Jesus Meza Lueza of Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus (jesus.meza.lueza@itesm.mx) and Tyrone L. Adams of the University of Louisiana, Lafayette (theswampboy@gmail.com). To receive continuously updated information about the CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAS II, please email University of Louisiana at Lafayette Communication Professor Tyrone L. Adams at theswampboy@gmail.com he will add you to a constantly updated mailing list. All submissions are due by **April 1, 2008** and should be sent electronically via email.

The Association for Humanists Sociology [AHS] would like to invite submissions for its 2008 Annual Meeting at the John Hancock Center in Boston, November 6-9, 2008. The conference theme is “What is to be Done? Public Sociology in Theory and Practice.” Paper submissions should address some aspect of public sociology and its relationship to teaching, activism, policy or community-based research, or other aspects of sociology as they relate to incorporating humanist goals with sociological work. Visit <http://www.altrue.net/site/humanist/> for submission guidelines and deadline.

Call for Award Nominations

The Catharine Stimpson Prize for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship

Named in honor of the Founding Editor of *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, the Catharine Stimpson Prize recognizes excellence and innovation in the work of emerging feminist scholars. The Prize carries a financial honorarium of \$1,000 and is awarded biannually to the best paper selected in an international competition by a jury of leading feminist scholars. The prize-winning paper is published in *Signs*. All papers submitted for the Stimpson Prize are considered for peer review and possible publication in *Signs*.

Eligibility: Feminist scholars in the early years of their careers (less than seven years since receipt of the terminal degree) are invited to submit papers. Papers may be on any topic that falls within the broad rubric of discipline-based or interdisciplinary feminist scholarship. Papers submitted for the Prize must not exceed 10,000 words and must conform to the guidelines for *Signs* contributors. Guidelines for submission are available at Information for Contributors. Deadline for Submissions: The deadline for submissions for the current Stimpson Prize competition is **September 20, 2008**. Papers should be submitted online at <http://mss.uchicago.edu/Signs/>. Be sure to indicate in a cover letter that the submission is for consideration for the Catharine Stimpson Prize. The honorarium will be awarded upon publication of the prize-winning article. Submissions may also be sent by post to:

The Catharine Stimpson Prize Selection Committee
Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society
Rutgers University
Room 8, Voorhees Chapel
5 Chapel Drive
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Congratulations!

SSSP Author Wins Accolades for her book

Single by Chance, Mothers by Choice: How Women are Choosing Parenthood Without Marriage and Creating the New American Family, by **Rosanna Hertz**, has been named one of the outstanding books for 2007 by *Choice*. It was also a C. Wright Mills finalist in 2006. *Congratulations, Rosanna, on receiving this honor!*

SSSP Member receives accolades from SSSS

Sandra Schroer was selected as an "Emerging Professional" by the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS). Sandra was honored at the 50th Anniversary Meeting held in Indianapolis in November, 2007. In the words of Patricia Bartholow Koch, President of SSSS, "emerging professionals" like Sandra "are the future of sex education, counseling, therapy, health-care, and research." *Congratulations and keep up the excellent work!*

Past SSSP president honored by University of Kentucky

On Thursday, October 18, 2007, the University of Kentucky dedicated a conference room to long-time faculty member **Doris Y. Wilkinson** and announced an endowed professorship to honor her career (see call for donations on page 32 of this issue for more information). *Congratulations on receiving such recognition and on such an outstanding career!*

Job Announcements

The following institutions are accepting applications for positions that may be of interest.

Bridgewater State College (Criminal Justice position)
Case Western Reserve University (Two Social Science positions)
University of Houston, Office for Drug and Social Policy Research (Project Director position)
Miami University (Social Work position)
University of Massachusetts, Boston (Visiting Gerontology Institute Fellow position)
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse (Sociology position)
Wells College (Sociology position)

Position announcements and application instructions are available at the SSSP website. Go to <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/252>.

New Journals of Interest

Pathways: A Magazine on Poverty, Inequality and Social Policy.

We are pleased to introduce a new magazine, *Pathways*, dedicated to rejuvenating the advice industry on issues of distribution, dedicated to the proposition that there are important policy decisions to be made about the distribution of output, even if we sometimes refuse to see them. As with policy making on total economic output, here too there are paths taken and paths not taken, and our job is to foster—to the extent possible—a rational discourse about those choices. The magazine will go about this job in a resolutely scientific and empirical way. We will present trend data detailing the spectacular times in which we live, times in which some types of inequality are taking off, others declining, and yet others eerily stable. We will present evidence on which interventions work and which don't, and we will present summaries of cutting-edge research. Supported by the Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality and by the Elfenworks Foundation, subscriptions to *Pathways* are free via pdf file. For more information and to subscribe, visit http://www.stanford.edu/group/scspi/media_magazines.html.

Spaces for Difference: An Interdisciplinary Journal

Spaces for Difference is a peer-reviewed, open access, journal that seeks to publish research that expands our understanding of issues relating to race and racism, gender and sexuality, social activism and intersectionalities. Consequently, it represents a conduit for scholars to bridge the traditional disciplines including, but not limited to: Anthropology, Art, Education, English, Ethnic Studies, Film Studies, History, Linguistics, Literature, Music, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, and Sociology. As such, we welcome alternative forms of presenting research including, but not limited to, photography and digital media.

Spaces for Difference is a graduate student edited publication that maintains a Faculty Advisory Board of scholars across various disciplines. *Space for Difference* seeks to: (1) Highlight work that challenges the traditional canons and established perspectives; and (2) Bridge disciplinary work around issues of race and racism, gender and sexuality, social activism, and in-

tersectionalities.

Except in rare and justifiable cases, papers submitted to *Spaces for Difference* should not exceed a total of 7,500 words or 30 double-spaced typewritten pages (using a 12 point font and including footnotes, references, tables and figures, pictures and artwork). Book reviews are not to exceed 2,000 words. For more information, visit http://repositories.cdlib.org/ucsb_ed/spaces/about.html

Other Conferences/Workshops of Interest

(by conference date)

The American Society of Public Administrators is holding its 69th annual conference, March 7-11, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. The theme of this years conference is "Transformational Public Administration: A Call for Public Service" Visit <http://www.aspanet.org/2008conference/>.

The National Association for Ethnic Studies will hold its 36th annual national conference from April 3-5, 2008, at the Westin Peachtree Plaza hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. Its theme this year is the "Politics of Ethnicity." See <http://www.ethnicstudies.org/> for more information.

The Rutgers University Center for Race and Ethnicity in New Brunswick, NJ, is sponsoring an interdisciplinary conference entitled "DNA, Race, and History," April 18-19, 2008. This conference brings together scholars from a wide range of disciplines – history, cultural studies, genetics, law, medicine, anthropology, ethnic studies, sociology, and other fields – to examine the emerging and often contested connections between race, DNA, and history. Organizers include Keith Wailoo (Director, Center for Race and Ethnicity, Rutgers), Mia Bay (Associate Director, Center for Race and Ethnicity, Rutgers), Catherine Lee (Rutgers) and Alondra Nelson (Yale University). For more information, see <http://raceethnicity.rutgers.edu/DNARaceAndHistoryCFP.html>.

The Fourth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry will take place at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign from May 14-17, 2008. The theme of the Congress, building on previous Congresses, is "Ethics, Evidence and Social Justice." The Fourth Congress will offer the international community of qualitative research scholars the opportunity to engage in debate on ethical, epistemological, methodological and social justice issues. In these changing times, there are attempts to impose uniform bio-medical ethical standards on qualitative research. There are also increasing efforts to judge qualitative research in terms of experimental, or so-called scientifically based criteria. The politics of evidence and ethics carries important implications for how qualitative research is used in the pursuit of social justice issues. Participants will explore the relationship between these three terms and what these relationships mean for qualitative inquiry in this new century. More information can be found at <http://www.icqi.org/>.

A seminar on the sociological implications of global aging organized by the Committee on Family Research will be hosted by Lasell College and the Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies in Boston, Massa-

chusetts, May 19-23, 2008. It will focus on the sociological implications of global aging. Family structures are changing, and with it the availability of informal care support, leaving elders more reliant on outside public or private systems of care. The growing number of older adults world wide is also challenging existing social support and pensions systems, forcing difficult intergenerational social policy decisions regarding economic transfers. See <http://www.isa-sociology.org/cforp349.htm>

The Public Administration Theory Network (PAT net) will hold its annual conference May 29-30, 2008, in Richmond, Virginia. This year's theme is "Public Administration at the Margin." More information is available at <http://www.pattheory.org/>

The Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association are holding their annual meetings jointly in Montréal, Québec, Canada, May 29-June 1, 2008. The conference theme is "Les Territoires du Droit: Placing Law." Visit http://www.lawandsociety.org/ann_mtg/am08/call.htm for additional information.

The Canadian Sociological Association/La Société Canadienne de Sociologie is holding its 43rd Annual Meeting/43e Rencontre Annuelle in Vancouver, British Columbia, from June 3-6, 2008. Its theme this year is "Sociological Perspectives: Thinking Beyond Borders/Global Ideas: Global Values" ("Penser Sans Frontières/Idées Mondiales/Valeurs Mondiales: Perspectives Sociologiques"). More information is available at the conference website, <http://www.csaa.ca/2008AnnualMeeting/2008AnnualMeetingIndex.html>

The 29th Annual National Women's Studies Association conference will be held June 19-22, 2008, at the Millennium Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio (downtown location). It's theme will be "Resisting Hegemonies: Race and Sexual Politics in Nation, Region, Empire" and Patricia Hill Collins will be the keynote speaker. Visit <http://www.nwsaconference.org/> for additional information.

Recent Books Published by Members

Matt Desmond. 2007. *On the Fireline: Living and Dying with Wildland Firefighters.* University of Chicago Press. ISBN: 0226144089.

Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo & Kristen Barber (Eds.) 2007. *Narrating the Storm: Sociological Stories of Hurricane Katrina.* Cambridge Scholars Publishing. ISBN: 184718362X.

Michael Schwalbe. 2007. *Rigging the Game, How Inequality Is Reproduced in Everyday Life.* Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780195333008.

David Wagner. 2007. *Ordinary People: In and Out of Poverty in the Gilded Age.* Paradigm Publishers. ISBN: 1594514607

CANDIDATES FOR THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

RICHARD A. DELLO BUONO

Position - President Elect, 2008-2009; President, 2009-2010

Current Position

Visiting Graduate Studies Professor, Autonomous University of Zacatecas, Mexico

Former Positions Held

Associate Professor of Sociology and Intl. Studies, Dominican University, 1993-2005; Assistant Professor of Sociology (tenured 1993), Dominican University, 1987-1993; Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Colgate University, 1986-1987

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Social Economy and Social Justice, Boston College, 1986; M.A., Sociology, University of Maryland, 1980; B.A., Sociology and Anthropology, West Chester University, 1978

Major Publications

Latin America after the Neoliberal Debacle (co-author with Ximena de la Barra). 2008. Rowman and Littlefield.

Neoliberalismo y Luchas Sociales en América Latina [Neoliberalism and Social Struggles in Latin America], (co-editor with José Bell Lara). 2007. Editorial Ántropos.

"Integrar para transformar: Estrategias Emergentes de Nuestra América" [Integration for Transformation: Emerging Strategies in Latin America] (with Ximena de la Barra). Pp. 211-233 in *Un Continente en la Encrucijada: Nuestra América en Transformación [A Continent at the Crossroads: Latin America in Transformation]*, edited by R.A. Dello Buono and M.A. Gandásegui, Jr., 2007. CELA / Universidad de Panama.

"The Changing Face of Latin America's Political Parties." Pp. 277-300 in *Imperialism, Neoliberalism and Social Struggles in Latin America*, edited by R. A. Dello Buono and J.B. Lara, 2007. Brill Academic Publishers Inc.

Diálogo Sudamericano: Otra Integración es Posible [South American Dialogue: Another Integration is Possible]. 2006. PCS/Bellido Ediciones (2nd ed., Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar/Ediciones Tierra; 3rd ed., Universidad Bolivariana).

"The Hostile Tides of Cuban-U.S. Relations." Pp. 233-260 in *Cuba in the Twenty-First Century: Realities and Perspectives*, edited by R.A. Dello Buono and J.B. Lara, 2005. Editorial Jose Martí.

"Critical Perspectives on Law and Society: A Social Problems Approach." Pp. 3-18 in *Social Problems, Law and Society*, edited by R.A. Dello Buono, W.J. Chambliss and A. K. Stout, 2004. SSSP Presidential Series/Rowman and Littlefield Pubs.

"Political Prisoners as an Emergent Contradiction of State Repression" (with Kathryn Stout). 1992. *Humanity and Society* 16:338-49.

"State Repression and Popular Resistance: The Criminalization of Puerto Rican Independentistas." 1991. *Humanity and Society* 15(1):110-130.

"From Critique to Constructive Action: Concrete Steps Towards a More Progressive SSSP." 1990. *The American Sociologist* 1990:337-341.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Fulbright Professor, University of Panama, 2001-2002; Excellence in Teaching Award, Dominican University, 1992-1993

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Chair, Global Division, 2005-2007

Vice-President, 2002-2003

Editor, SSSP Newsletter, 1993-1999

Chair, Lee Scholar-Activist Support Committee, 1993-1994

Program Committee, 1992-1993

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Critical Sociology, Associate Editor/Editorial Board Member, 1992-current; American Sociological Association, Marxist Section, 1987-current; Caribbean Studies Association, Program Chair and Board Member, 1997-1998

Candidate Statement

As a graduate student in the mid-1980s, I was drawn to the SSSP's commitment to scholarship in the pursuit of social justice. In 1990, I proposed some modest suggestions on how the Society might revitalize and strengthen its progressive orientation. I claimed at that time that the Society was drifting away from its roots as originally envisioned by the founders and increasingly resembled a "junior ASA." Instead of being shown out the door as one might have reasonably expected, my reflections were printed in the SSSP Newsletter (now *Social Problems Forum*) and subsequently published (in extended format) in *The American Sociologist*. Among the recommendations I offered was that the SSSP develop new mechanisms to strengthen its connections with social, intellectual and community activists, including scholar-activists from other countries. Subsequently, a few SSSP officers invited me to get further involved and participate directly in the implementation of my suggestions. Who can turn down an invitation from a Society that listens to its members?

My first project was to work on the initiative to increase participation of foreign scholar-activists in the Society's annual meetings. This resulted in the creation of the Lee Foreign Scholar-Activists Support Fund. One thing led to the next and after serving on various committees, I soon found myself working on the program committee for an annual meeting. Eventually, I managed to sit eight years on the SSSP Board of Directors, first as editor of the SSSP NEWSLETTER (now *Social Problems Forum*) and later as Vice-President of the Society. Having by then accumulated considerable experience in Latin America, I decided to get active in the newly formed Global Division and was privileged to serve as the Division's first elected Chairperson. Over these most recent years, I have worked closely with the Executive Office in organizing post-conference meetings and special sessions in conjunction with outside organizations such as the Peruvian NGO Project Counseling Service, the Canadian cooperation agency Inter Pares, and the journal *Critical Sociology*. The common thread to over twenty years of involvement has been a commitment to broaden and deepen the critical, activist and global character of the Society.

Today, the SSSP remains poised and ever better positioned to play the leading role in promoting greater public understanding of social problems while pointing towards urgently needed

solutions. The Society has moved forward on all fronts thanks to years of outstanding leadership by its elected officers and the guidance of a highly professional executive staff. But there is still much to be done! I have accepted this honor to compete for the position of SSSP President out of a conviction that I have something further to contribute to the Society.

If I am elected, my agenda will include putting specific new proposals before the membership in three broad, overlapping areas. First, I have always believed that the Society could take better advantage of the local resources available at our annual meeting sites. While experience has shown that it makes sense to hold our meetings in conference hotels, it is time to think more creatively about organizing meaningful, on-site activities in the surrounding community. This can dovetail with Society efforts to strengthen its ties with surrounding universities and local activist groups in the major cities of our conferences. Secondly, the Society could be more effective at media outreach, particularly in the context of our annual meetings. I will call on the Vice-President (whose duty includes organizing the annual resolutions of the Society) to work along with others in creating an effective media strategy for the 2010 meeting and perhaps offer some general proposals on how the SSSP may better utilize new media technologies to project the ongoing contributions of our membership. Third, I believe that the Society should consider new ways of systematizing some of the groundbreaking paradigmatic work being produced by our members in grappling with the complexities of 21st Century social problems. To this end, I will move to form a working commission that can garner proposals for innovative research and dissemination initiatives designed to complement our existing flagship journal. Past presidents beware as you shall be called upon to spearhead this effort! Through these and other initiatives already in place, we all have a role to play in bolstering the SSSP's unique position as the leading professional association of critical social problems inquiry and advocacy.

JOANN L. MILLER

Position - President Elect, 2008-2009; President, 2009-2010

Current Position

Professor of Sociology, Purdue University

Former Positions Held

Fellow, Sociology and Law, Harvard Law School, 1999-2000
Visiting Scholar, University of Indonesia, 1991; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Purdue University, 1984-1990

Educational Degrees

PhD, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1984; MA, The College of William and Mary, 1980; BA, Keene State College (NH), 1978

Major Publications

Family Abuse and Violence: A Social Problems Perspective. 2007. Lanham, MD: Alta Mira Press.

"A Specification of the Types of Intimate Partner Violence Experienced by Women in the General Population." 2006. *Violence Against Women* 12:1105-1131.

"An Arresting Experiment: Domestic Violence Victim Experiences and Perceptions." 2003. *The Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 18:695-716.

"Back Stage at *Social Problems*: An Analysis of the Editorial Decision Process, 1993-1996." 2001. *Social Problems*

48:93-110.

"Intimate Violence Perceptions: Young Adults' Judgments of Abuse Escalating from Verbal Arguments." 2001. *The Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 16:133-150.

"Women Are Teachers, Men Are Professors: A Study of Student Perceptions." 2000. *Teaching Sociology* 28:283-298.

"Factors Related to Family Therapists Breaking Confidence When Clients Disclose High Risks to HIV/AIDS." 1998. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy* 24:457-472.

"Variation in Judgments of Criminal Sanctions: An Application of 'Schema Theory.'" 1994. *Sociological Focus* 27:257-279.

"Felony Punishments: A Factorial Survey of Perceived Justice in Criminal Sentencing." 1991. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 82:396-422.

Abused and Battered: Social and Legal Responses to Family Violence. 1991. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Departmental Award, College of Liberal Arts Teaching Excellence, Purdue University, 2005-2006; Appointed Editor, *Contemporary Sociology*, American Sociological Association, 2001-2005; *Agenda For Social Justice*, 2004 Nominated for Sidney Hillman Foundation Award, Sidney Hillman Foundation, 2004

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Secretary, 2004-2008

Program Committee Chair (twice, for 2000 and 2007 Meetings), 2000-2007

Board of Directors, 2002-2004

Chair, Law and Society Division, 1996-1998

Associate Editor, *Social Problems*, 1994-1996

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Sociologists for Women in Society, Member, 2000-Current; Law & Society Association, Member, 1985-Current; American Sociological Association, Member, 1984-Current

Candidate Statement

Social Problems is "my home" because our Society promotes scholarship in pursuit of social justice. It encourages taking a position, using our knowledge and skills, and communicating what we do to policy makers and politicians, community leaders and community residents, and scholars around the world.

My own work attempts to improve the life chances of persons in disadvantaged groups, especially prison inmates, the victims of abuse and violence, the underemployed, and the poor. My work product includes scholarship and teaching, yet it is focused on designing and evaluating court and community-based programs that address social problems. I see an urgent need for scholars to work within a community and to work on behalf of a community – a community of scholars, an institutionalized community, a local community, or a global community.

If elected President of *Social Problems* I would strive to promote the various ways in which scholars can be effective activists, practitioners, and communicators. Too many social problems persist to privilege a method of inquiry, a perspective, or a work place. I would focus the annual meeting on the divergent paths that we, as students of society with specialized skills, can take to pursue social justice.

PJ MCGANN

Position – Vice-President Elect, 2008-2009; Vice-President, 2009-2010

Current Position

Lecturer IV, Sociology/University of Michigan

Former Positions Held

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology/University of Michigan — Flint, 2002-2003; NIMH Postdoctoral Trainee (Gender & Mental Health), Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, 2001-2002; Honor's Thesis Advisor, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies & Dept. of Women's Studies, Harvard, 1999-2000

Educational Degrees

PhD, Brandeis University, 1995; MS, Minnesota State University, 1987; BS, Minnesota State University, 1985

Major Publications

“‘Healing’ (disorderly) Desire: Medical-therapeutic Regulation of Sexuality.” in *The New Sexuality Studies*, edited by S. Seidman, N. Fischer and C. Meeks. 2006. Routledge.

“Skirting the Gender Normal Divide: A Tomboy Life Story.” in *Women's Untold Stories*, edited by M. Romero and A. Stewart, 1999. Routledge.

“Deviance, Medicalization of.” (1st author with Peter Conrad) In *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by G. Ritzer, 2007. Blackwell.

“On the Transformation of Theory into Poetry and Praxis.” in *Cultural Activisms*, edited by G. Gonzalez and A. Mamary, 1998. SUNY.

“Medicalization of Deviance.” (2nd author with Peter Conrad) in *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior*, edited by P. Adler, P. Adler and J. Corzine. 2001. Brunner-Routledge.

“The Construction of Same-Sex Sexuality/Shifting Regulation of ‘the Homosexual’ Subject.” (http://sitemaker.umich.edu/pjmccgann/same_sex_timeline_2007).

The Ballfields of Our Hearts: Tomboys, Femininity, and the Gendered Body. In preparation for Temple University Press.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Faculty Fellow, Teaching with Technology Institute, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan, 2007; Fellow, National Institute of Mental Health, 2001-2002 Radcliffe Research Partnerships, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University, 1999-2000

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Program Committee Co-Chair, 2004-2005

Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions, 2000-2003

Board of Directors, 2000-2003

Division Chair - Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division, 1998-2000

Program Committee Co-Chair, 1995-1996

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, membership/meeting participant, 1997-2007; Sociologists for Women in Society, membership/meeting participant, 1993-2007; ASA, Working Committee, Soc of Sexualities Section, 1996-1997

Candidate Statement

Although I'd been reading *Social Problems* journal articles for quite sometime, it wasn't until my 2nd year in graduate school that I learned of SSSP. Peter Conrad gave me an informational flier, pointed out the affordable annual dues (\$5), and encour-

aged me to join because SSSP would be “good for me.” And so it has been. Although some of my professional memberships have lapsed at times, and others have come and gone, SSSP has been my intellectual, scholarly, and activist home ever since. I've gone from winning the first ever graduate student paper competition sponsored by the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities (SBP&C) division to chairing the paper competition award committee and the SBP&C Division. In between I presented papers, acted as a discussant, organized sessions, and co-chaired the National Program Committee. Twice!! I've served on the Board of Directors, chaired the Council of Special Problems Divisions, hosted the annual AIDS Fundraiser, written occasional reviews for *Social Problems*. I am now the in-coming Chair of the Smigel Committee – the very same Committee that once made it possible for my hungry graduate student self to attend an annual meeting. Given our long history together, I am honored to be nominated as Vice President of SSSP, and it would be my privilege to serve.

Peter was right; SSSP has been (very, very) good to me. Certainly our goals (progressive social change) and notion of the role of knowledge (scholarship in the pursuit of social justice) converge, as do other commitments — to coalition building, mentoring, interdisciplinarity, and a more peaceful world. In fact, I am committed to SSSP for the same reason that I went to graduate school at all — because **knowledge matters**. For me knowledge “matters” in both the classic Millsian sense of empowerment via the sociological imagination, and the Foucaultian analysis of the power/knowledge nexus. Perhaps it's a reflection of my working class background and the fact that I was my family's first-ever college graduate, but I believe it is the duty of those with privilege to use their gifts. (Come to think of it, this could also/instead be an after effect of all those Marvel comics: “with great power comes great responsibility.”) At any rate SSSP has nurtured, supported and valued my sense of public sociology and teaching as praxis; I am teaching faculty at a Research I institution, have been a volunteer instructor in a Women's Correctional facility, and I give public talks that attract scholars, activists, and “lay” people alike (e.g. EMU's Annual Jody T. Norton Distinguished Lecture). I, in turn, have tried to give back to SSSP. As Chair of the SBP&C Division I re-started the mentoring program that Paula Rust began. I started the new member and graduate student profile section in the division newsletter, worked to make the division more interdisciplinary, raised the division's profile within SSSP, and networked the division with others. As Chair of the Chair's Council I improved the mentoring of new chairs and produced an in-depth study of Inactive Divisions for the 2002 Board of Directors. As Program Committee Co-Chair I invited, created and promoted sessions that broke with the typical conference talk format including interdisciplinary, multi-media sessions, and performance art sessions.

As Vice President I would like to increase the presence of SSSP in public discourse. One way to do this might be through the creation of an expert contact data base that lists SSSP members by area of expertise. Such a listing could facilitate both media contacts and contact between SSSP, activist organizations, and lay people. It would also facilitate intra-SSSP networking. But fundamentally, I would continue my work to strengthen SSSP as a haven for scholars and activists, and an organization that truly values scholarship in the pursuit of social justice.

DAVID A. SMITH

Position – Vice-President Elect, 2008-2009; Vice-President, 2009-2010

Current Position

Professor of Sociology, University of California at Irvine

Former Positions Held

Assistant to Associate Professor, UC-Irvine, 1984-1999

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina, 1983-1984

Educational Degrees

PhD, Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1984; MA, Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1981; BA, Sociology and Philosophy, University of Rochester, 1978

Major Publications

Third World Cities in Global Perspective: The Political Economy of Uneven. 1996. Westview Press.

“Uneven Development and the Environment: Toward a World-System Perspective.” 1994. *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations* 20:151-175.

“Moving Toward Democracy? South Korean Political Change in the 1980s” (co-authored with Su-Hoon Lee). 1990.

Comparative Urban and Community Research 3:164-187.

“Urban Bias, Dependence, and Economic Stagnation in Non-Core Nations” (co-authored with Bruce London). 1988. *American Sociological Review* 53: 454-463.

“Overurbanization Reconceptualized: A Political Economy of the World-System Approach.” 1987. *Urban Affairs Quarterly* 23:270-294.

“International Dependency and Urbanization in East Asia: Implications for Planning” 1985. *Population Research and Planning Review* 4(3):203-233.

“Flexible Ethnic Identity, Adaptation, Survival, Resistance: The Garifuna in the World-System” (co-authored with Linda Matthei). 2008 (forthcoming). *Social Identities.*

A New World Order? Global Transformations in the Late Twentieth Century (co-edited with Jozsef Borocz). 1995. Greenwood Press.

A New World Order? Global Transformations in the Late Twentieth Century (co-edited with Gil Gonzalez, Raul Fernandez, Viviane Price and Linda Vo). 2004. Routledge Press.

Nature, Raw Materials, and Political Economy. Research in Rural Sociology and Development: Volume 10 (co-editor with Paul Ciccantell and Gay Seidman). 2005. Elsevier.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Systemwide Faculty Editorial Committee, University of California Press, 2002-2005; Elected Chair, Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) Section, American Sociological Association, 1997-1999; Howard W. Odum Award for Outstanding Sociology Graduate Student, University of North Carolina, 1982

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Elected Member, Board of Directors, 2003-2006

Founding Chair, Global Division, 2004-2005

Editor, *Social Problems*, 1999-2002

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Journal of Urban Affairs, Associate Editor, 2005-2008; *Contemporary Sociology*, Co-Editor, 2005-2008; Rose Monograph Series, American Sociological Association, Editorial Board, 2001-2004

Candidate Statement

SSSP is an organization that offers an alternative vision of sociology and social science with a commitment to moving beyond research and analysis to the pursuit of social justice. At its best, the society, its journal, and its annual meeting all provide "space" for distinct visions that transcend mainstream ones. I hope that the organization will continue a proud tradition of honoring and promoting diversity and affirming disadvantaged people and groups. While there is some tendency with SSSP to focus on particular conceptual approaches and/or a limited set of empirical issues, I think that we need to make our purview very broad and truly global. I have tried to do this both as Editor of *Social Problems* and as the founding chair of the new Global Division in the society. The organization needs to continue to focus on the issues that it has examined for over fifty years, including many critical issues in US society, ranging from deviance, crime and drug use to race, gender and class inequalities. The twenty-first century provides many challenges for us as sociologists, citizens and activists -- and many of the most vexing social problems are linked to processes that go beyond our national boundaries and also transcend the borders of our discipline. We need to continue to an organization that nurtures and develops the talents and careers of our students and junior colleagues, but also one that reaches out to explore new areas of interest and expertise. While it is inevitable that our focus will continue to be on problems that are close to home in our own society, we need to understand that we live in an increasingly integrated and complex world and one which may demand new innovative approaches to knowledge, research and pedagogy. I look forward to helping the SSSP address these and other challenges in the coming years.

MARTHA A. HARGRAVES

Position – Secretary, 2008-2009

Current Position

Director, Assoc Prof. OB/GYN, Health Policy & Health Services Research, University of Texas Medical Branch

Former Positions Held

Senior Program Management Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, PHS, DHHS, 1981-1988; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Licensing and Regulations, State of Louisiana, 1979-1981; Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, 1977-1979

Educational Degrees

Ph.D. in Management and Policy Sciences and Health Services Research, The University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, TX, 1992; M.P.H. in Health Services Administration and Community Health, The University of Texas School of Public Health Houston, TX, 1975; B.S. in Business Administration, Jarvis Christian College, 1967

Major Publications

“The Diabetes in Pregnancy Dilemma: Leading Change with Proven Solutions.” 2007. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 356(1):98-99.

“Elevating the Voices of Rural Minority Women.” 2002. Guest Editor, Special Issue, ‘Minority Women’s Health Issue.’ *American Journal of Public Health* 92:580-587.

“Current Dilemmas in Medical Care Rationing: A Pragmatic Approach.” 1996. *New England Journal of Medicine* 335 (20):1539.

“Immigrants Needing Health Care in Texas.” 1996. *Texas*

Medicine 92(10):64-77.

"Preterm Birth in the African American Community." 1995.

Seminars in Perinatology 1995 19(4):255-262.

"Class, Race and Infant Mortality in the United States." 1998.

American Journal of Public Health 83(1):9-11.

"Infant Mortality-Its History and Social Construction." 1993.

American Journal for Preventive Medicine(Supp.) 9(6):17-26.

"Hemophiliac Patients' Knowledge and Education Needs Concerning Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome." 1987.

American Journal of Hematology 26(1):115-124.

"Health Promotion and the Church." 1986. *Church in Society* 77(1):38-41.

Minority Health in America: Findings and Policy Implications from the Commonwealth Fund Minority Health Survey (co-edited with Carol J.R. Hogue and Karen Scott Collins). 2000. Johns Hopkins University Press.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Who's Who in America, 2007 Edition, *Who's Who in America*, 2007-Current; Chair, Health Disparities Task Force – The State of Texas, Gubernatorial Appointment, State of Texas, 2005-Current; Fellow, Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women, Institute for Women's Health at MCP Hahnemann University, 2002-2003

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Committee on Establishing a SSSP Foundation, 2006-2007

Long-Range Planning Committee, 2003-2006

Vice President, 2004-2005

Membership Chair, 2002-2003

Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, 1999-2002

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, Best Practices Committee, 2001-current; National Rural Health Association, Rural Minority/Multicultural Health Committee, 2005-2008, 1999-current; International Society on Hypertension in Blacks, Poster and Abstract Committee, 2003

Candidate Statement

The SSSP's expressed and validated commitment to social justice and equity, under girded by scholarship, brought me to its doors some twenty plus years ago as a graduate student. I was seeking a community of scholars committed to this expressed view of how the world could be; I found such a community in the Society for the Study of Social Problems and have participated actively in its mission. I have served the Society on the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, Strategic Planning, Chaired and served as a member of the Minority Scholarship Committee, Membership Committee and as Vice President. I see the Society entering into a new and exciting phase while embracing changes that have guided its successful mission to this point. Being a part of this "new era" of opportunity and challenge, as a member of its Board, will enrich my personal growth and continued professional development in new approaches and expanded avenues to social justice policy in our world among its diverse communities.

DAVID R. RUDY

Position – Treasurer, 2008-2009

Current Position

Dean, Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy and Associate Provost for Regional Engagement, Morehead State

University

Former Positions Held

Professor and Chair, Dept. of Soc. Soc. Work, and Crim., Morehead State University, 1985-1998; Associate Professor of Sociology, Morehead State University, 1980-1985; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Morehead State University, 1977-1980

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Sociology, Syracuse University, 1977; M.A., Sociology, Akron University, 1973; B.A. Sociology, Gannon University, 1968

Major Publications

Drugs, Alcohol, and Social Problems (co-edited with J. Or cutt). 2003. Boulder, CO: Rowman and Littlefield.

Becoming Alcoholic: Alcoholics Anonymous and the Reality of Alcoholism. 1986. Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois.

"Societal response and the moral regulation of public space drinking." 2005. *Contemporary Drug Problems* 32:127-130.

"Alcoholics Anonymous and Related Alcohol Strategies." in *The Encyclopedia of Criminology & Deviant Behavior*, 2000.

"The Adult Children of Alcoholics Movement, A Social Constructionist Perspective." Pp. 716-732 in *Society, Culture, and Drinking Patterns Revisited*, 1991. New Brunswick, NJ, Rutgers Center on Alcohol Studies.

"Is Alcoholics Anonymous a Religion? Beyond Functional and Substantive Definitions of Religion" (with A. Greil). 1989. *Sociological Analysis* 50:41-51.

"Taking the Pledge: The Commitment Process in Alcoholics Anonymous" (with A. Greil). 1987. *Sociological Focus* 20:45-59.

What Have We Learned from Process Models of Conversion? An Examination of Ten Case Studies" (with A. Greil). 1984. *Sociological Focus* 17:305-323.

"Social Cocoons: Encapsulation and Identity Transformation Organizations" (with A. Greil). 1984. *Sociological Inquiry* 54:260-278.

"Conversion to the World View of Alcoholics Anonymous: A Refinement of Conversion Theory" (with A. Greil). 1983. *Qualitative Sociology* 6:5-28.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Distinguished Researcher Award, Morehead State University, 1987-1988

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Treasurer, 2006-2008

Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, 2003-2006

Board of Directors, 1998-2001

Chair, Drinking and Drugs Division, 1991-1993

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Appalachian Studies Association; Kettil Bruun Society for Social & Epidemiological Research on Alcohol

Candidate Statement

I have participated at the SSSP meetings nearly every year since 1974. Directing a multidisciplinary research operation and formerly chairing (13 years) a department of twenty, establishing four research institutes, and serving on numerous university-wide committees have provided considerable experience in budgets, power and politics, and problems. Service on the Board of Directors and on the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee has also provided a firm footing in fiscal issues and oversight. I would like to use my skill, imagination, and energy to further support SSSP and its mission. SSSP must continue to

provide a supportive and nurturing environment for scholars, activists, practitioners and students in pursuit of sociological imaginations and social visions.

CAROL BROOKS GARDNER

Position - Board of Directors, 2008-2011

Current Position

Professor, Sociology/Medical Humanities/Women's Studies, Indiana University—Indianapolis (IUPUI)

Former Positions Held

NIMH Research Postdoctoral Fellow, Program Mental Health Services Research, 1984-1986; Adjunct Assistant Professor, UCLA, Sociology, 1984-1986; Assistant Coordinator, Women's Studies Program, 1978-1979

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 1983; B.A., Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, 1970

Major Publications

- "Body Armor: Managing Disability and the Precariousness of the Territories of the Self" (with W. Gronfein). Pp. 83-94 in *Body/Embodiment: Symbolic Interaction of the Sociology of the Body*, edited by D. Waskul and P. Vannini, 2006. Ashgate Publishing.
- "Gendered Advice and Mental Health Practices" (with B. Beal). 2000. *Perspectives on Social Problems* 12:203-216.
- "In My Mind, We Are All Humans': Mixed-Race Couples and Public Harassment" (with J. Datzman). 2000. *The Marriage and Family Review* 30(1):5-24.
- "On Being Stalked" (with R. Emerson and K. Ferris). 1998. *Social Problems* 45:289-314.
- "Saying Goodbye to Midwest State: Notes on Leavetaking and Institutions" (with W. Gronfein). 1998. *Perspectives on Social Problems* 10:249-266.
- Passing By: Gender and Public Harassment*. 1997. University of California Press.
- "Men of Steel: Gay Men and the Management of Public Harassment." Pp 278-310 in *Debating the Future of the Public Sphere: Transforming the Public and Private Domains in Free-Market Societies* edited by Edgell et al., 1995. Avebury.
- "Little Strangers: Pregnancy Conduct and the Twentieth-Century Rhetoric of Endangerment." Pp. 62-62 in *Troubling Children: Studies of Children and Social Problems*, edited by Joel Best, 1994.
- "Safe Conduct: Women, Crime, and Self in Public Places." 1990. *Social Problems* 37:311-328.
- "Access Information: Public Lies and Private Peril." 1988. *Social Problems* 35:384-397.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Visiting Ethnographer, St. Mary's College, Maryland, 2005-2006; Women Who Make a Difference Award, IUPUI Commission on Women, 2000-2001; Visiting Teacher/Scholar in American Studies, Interuniversity Centre, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, 1988-1989

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Chair, Disabilities Division, 2007-2008
Chair, Accessibility Committee, 2006-2007
Member, C. Wright Mills Award Committee, 1998-1999
Member, C. Wright Mills Award Committee, 1990-1991

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Society for Disabilities Studies, member, 1990-2007; International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment (ICASH/SASH), member, 1990-2007; International Sociological Association, member, 1988-2007

Candidate Statement

Like many of us, I can say that I have been fortunate enough to have experienced the SSSP, its members, and its staff as strong supports and valuable resources throughout my academic career. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the SSSP as Chair of its new Disabilities Division and as Chair of the Accessibility Committee in the past; in both capacities I have been impressed (though not surprised) at our organization's openness and willingness to serve people with diverse disabilities. Because I appreciate the unique goals of the SSSP and have been able to see these goals put into practice by our predecessors, I feel qualified to represent the membership on the Board of Directors: as others have modeled for all of us the SSSP's strong commitment to social activism and social justice, I will work to ensure that the SSSP continues to embrace these goals in the future. Along with many members, I am concerned that the SSSP remain inclusive with regard to all groups that experience disadvantage, whether it is a disadvantage widely recognized or not. Because of my international experience, I also pledge to continue the SSSP's global awareness of and involvement in the achievement of social justice globally. I hope I will have the opportunity to serve our SSSP as a Board member. Thank you for that chance.

ROBERT L. HAWKINS

Position - Board of Directors, 2008-2011

Current Position

McSilver Assistant Professor in Poverty Studies, Silver School of Social Work at New York University

Former Positions Held

Adjunct Professor, Boston College School of Social Work, 2001-2004; Core Lecturer & Director of Education Programs, Tufts University, 2001-2004; Research Associate, Harvard Medical School, 1998-2000

Educational Degrees

Ph.D. in Social Policy, Brandeis University, 2002; M.A. in Social Welfare Policy, Brandeis University, 2000; MPA, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1993

Major Publications

- "Disappearing Acts: The Social Networks of Formerly Homeless Individuals with Co-occurring Disorders." 2007. *Social Science & Medicine* 2007:2031-2042.
- "In their Own Words: Trauma and Substance Abuse in the Lives of Formerly Homeless Women with Serious Mental Illness." 2006. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* 2006:461-467.
- The Child Care Development Block Grant and the Child Care Development Fund*. In press. Greenwood Publishing Company.
- "From Self-Sufficiency to Personal and Family Sustainability: A New Paradigm for Social Policy." 2005. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 32(4):77-92.
- "Fickle Families and the Kindness of Strangers: Social Capital in the Lives of Low-income Single Mothers." Under Review. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*.

- "Family Policy." Pp. 450-453 in *Applied Developmental Science: An Encyclopedia of Research, Policies, and Programs*, Vol. 1, 2004. Sage.
- "Single Mothers and their Children." Pp. 800-803 in *Applied Developmental Science: An Encyclopedia of Research, Policies, and Programs*, Vol. 2, Sage.
- "Social Capital in Theory and Practice." Pp. 1004-1008 in *Applied Developmental Science: An Encyclopedia of Research, Policies, and Programs*, Vol. 2, Sage.
- "Identity Development in Biracial Children." Pp. 560-563 in *Applied Developmental Science: An Encyclopedia of Research, Policies, and Programs*, Sage.
- "Everyday Conflict and Stress Among Older African American Women: Findings from a Focus Group Study and Pilot Training Program." 2001. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work* 10(2):27-44.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Endowed Jr. Professorship in Poverty Studies, Silver School of Social Work at New York University, 2007-current; Scholar Mentee, African American Mental Health Research Scientist (AAMHRS) Consortium, 2007-2008; New Investigator Award, National Institute of Mental Health, 2004-2005

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Section Organizer, 2006-2007

Committee on Committees, 2006-2007

Family Policy Organizer, 2005-2006

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Family Relations, Editorial Board, 2006-Current

Society for Social Work Research, Member, 2004-Current

National Council on Family Relations, Member, 2003-Current

Candidate Statement

SSSP is a unique organization as it emphasizes the strength of interdisciplinary scholarship, practice, and advocacy, with a sociological lens. I hold the principles of SSSP close to my heart. Indeed, my academic training at the Heller School at Brandeis University was a combination of sociology, psychology, economics, management, and political science. My research and teaching area is families dealing with complex poverty. Given the complexity of poverty it becomes apparent that the many challenges that low-income families face can only be addressed by multiple, interrelated approaches that address structural issues. Specifically, my current research focuses on low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and on low-income families dealing with chronic loss and accumulated trauma. As a member of the SSSP Board of Directors I would continue to encourage and promote the interdisciplinary approach of our organization. Further, as a policy scientist, I am well aware of the impact that research can have on social problems at the policy level. I can help our membership and Board members better communicate with officials at the local, state, and federal levels. I can also help the Board navigate through the pressing policy issues that will affect the organization over the next few years. In addition to my policy background, I have extensive management experience, including Board experience. I have been an active Board member in community and state-wide organizations, where I chaired diversity and membership committees and served on the finance committee. I also have several years management experience as a director and manager of community, national, state-wide, and academic-based organizations. I truly believe that I can benefit the SSSP Board and membership and I would greatly appreciate your support for my candidacy.

RAYMOND J. MICHALOWSKI

Position - Board of Directors, 2008-2011

Current Position

Arizona Regents Professor, Northern Arizona University

Former Positions Held

Professor and Chair, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northern Arizona University, 1991-2000; Professor, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 1980-1991

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Sociology, Ohio State University, 1973; M.A., Sociology, Fordham University, 1969; B.A., Sociology, Fordham University, 1968

Major Publications

State-Corporate Crime: Wrongdoing at the Intersection of Business and Politics. 2006. Rutgers University Press.

"Bodies, Borders and Sex Tourism in a Globalized World." 2001. *Social Problems* 48:545-571.

Run for the Wall: Remembering Vietnam on a Motorcycle Pilgrimage. 2001. Rutgers University Press.

"The Space Between Law: The Problem of Corporate Crime in the Transnational Context." 1987. *Social Problems* 34:345-363.

"War, Aggression and State Crime: A Criminological Analysis of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq." 2005. *British Journal of Criminology* 40:446-469.

Order Law and Crime. 1985. Random House.

Crime, Power and Identity. 2000. Criminal Justice Press.

"Unemployment, Imprisonment and Social Structures of Accumulation." 1999. *Criminology* 37:217-250.

"Crime, Unemployment, and Social Structures of Accumulation: An Inquiry into Historical Contingency." *Justice Quarterly* 14:209-241.

"Ethnography and Anxiety: Fieldwork and Reflexivity in the Vortex of U.S. Cuban Relations." 1996. *Qualitative Sociology* 19:59-82.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

W.E.B. Dubois Award for Scholarship in Race and Ethnicity, Western Society of Criminology, 2006; Lifetime Achievement Award, Division of Critical Criminology, American Society of Criminology, 2006

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Member, Social Problems Editorial Board, 2000-2005

Chair, Lee Founders Award Committee, 2002-2003

Member, Lee Founders Award Committee, 2000-2001

Board of Directors, 1991-1994

Chair, Division on Crime and Juvenile Delinquency, 1989-1991

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Society of Criminology, editorial board member, Criminology, 1997-2003; American Society of Criminology, Chair, Division of Critical Criminology, 1995-1997; Society for Humanist Sociology, editorial board member, *Humanity and Society*, 1988-1992

Candidate Statement

My broadest goal for the SSSP is that the organization continue to offer a welcoming intellectual environment for new and experienced progressive scholars seeking support and encouragement in their efforts to challenge the structural and cultural forces presently pushing us further away from a just society, and closer to a dystopian world of intolerance, inequality and

fear. Organizationally, I would like to see the Society continue its efforts to provide both moral and material support to front-line social justice movements in local communities. The SSSP has been my own intellectual home for over two decades, and so any service I can provide is a small down payment on what I owe the Society for growing me over these many years.

PAUL D. STEELE

Position - Board of Directors, 2008-2011

Current Position

Associate Professor of Sociology, Morehead State University

Former Positions Held

Associate Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico, 1986-2005; Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico, 1979-1986; Associate Director, Center for Advanced Studies in Human Services, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1977-1979

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Texas-Austin, 1975; M.A., Sociology, University of Texas-Austin, 1971; B.A., Sociology, Washington State University, 1969

Major Publications

"The Differential Effects of Alcohol Consumption and Dependence on Adverse Alcohol-Related Consequences: Implications for the Workforce." 1998. *Alcohol and Drug Dependence* 1998:211-220.

"Workplace Alcohol-Testing Programs: Prevalence and Trends." 1998. *Monthly Labor Review* 1998(June):27-34.

"Prevalence, Cost, and Characteristics of Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs) in the United States." 1996. *American Journal of Public Health* 86:804-808.

"A History of Job-Based Alcoholism Programs: 1972-1982." 1995. *Journal of Drug Issues* 25:397-422.

"Worker Assistance Programs and the Labor Process: Emergence and Development of the Employee Assistance Model." 1995. *Journal of Drug Issues* 25:423-450.

"A History of Job-Based Alcoholism Programs: 1955-1972." 1989. *Journal of Drug Issues* 19:503-524.

"Employee Assistance Programs in Context: An Application of the Constructive Brokering Role." 1988. *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science* 24:365-382.

"Employee Assistance and Drug Testing: Fairness and Injustice in the Workplace" (with W.J. Sonnestuhl, H.M. Harrison, and W.J. Staudenmeir). 1987. *Nova Law Review* 1987 (Winter): 709-731.

"Management Styles, Perceptions of Substance Abuse and Employee Assistance Programs in Organizations." 1985. *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science* 21:271-286.

"Labor's Perceptions of Drug Use and Drug Programs in the Workplace." 1982. *Journal of Drug Issues* 12:279-292.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Gunther Starkey Award for Teaching Excellence, University of New Mexico, 2002; Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Program on Alcohol and Occupational Health, New York State School on Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, 1986-1991; University Service Teaching Award, University of New Mexico, 1985

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Chair/Committee on Committees, 2007-2009

Thematic Session Organizer/Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division, 2007

Career Achievement Award Committee/Drinking and Drugs Division, 2006-2007

Session Organizer/Drinking and Drugs Division, 2006

Lee Founders Award Committee, 1997-1998

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociology Association, Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Section Junior Scholarship Committee, 2007-2008; Justice Research and Statistics Association, Rules and Governance Committee, 2003-2004; Research and Statistics Association, Conference Planning Committee, 2002-2003

Candidate Statement

SSSP is a place where important issues are addressed by bright and informed people who care. The Society provides its members with an environment to connect with each other, benefit from each other's insight, energy and commitment, and forge new solutions to difficult problems. For me, the Society's greatest attribute is its steadfast commitment to social justice, grounded in a thorough understanding of social problems' causes and societal responses to them. Growing up in a defense industry family in Southern California, and beginning college with a major in engineering, it always has seemed natural to judge the value of information based on its potential application for improving things. When I realized that people were infinitely more interesting than airplanes and nuclear missiles (and that civilization would more likely benefit from trying to improve the human condition than by threatening its existence) I quickly shifted my major to sociology but retained my practical focus. In graduate school I began to develop my orientation to the field, and I was fortunate to be directed to SSSP by my mentor Gideon Sjoberg. Since that time, the Society's mission to link scholarship and action has helped to define my career interests and orientation.

If elected to the Board of Directors, my primary goal within SSSP will be to strengthen its membership and financial base, and to refine its services to provide the greatest services and benefits to our members. Externally, my goal is to increase the role of research and scholarship in social justice policy. While I do not expect that we will replace political-, economic- or crisis-driven decision making, we should have a seat at the table when social justice policies are being discussed. I believe that my professional work has provided the opportunities to refine my administrative and advocacy skills. For example, in addition to my academic appointments, I have served as the Director of Research at the Vera Institute for Social Justice, was appointed by the Governor as the Director of the State's Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center, have served as a member or Chair of several state and federal task forces on crime, drugs, alcohol, and family violence. I have attempted to influence social policy through Congressional testimony, consulting work with scores of local, state, and federal government agencies, and service on the boards of several government and non-profit groups mandated to address social problems. I believe my organizational skills, concern for social problems, and commitment empirically-informed policy making can serve the interests of the Society and its members.

ANTWAN JONES

Position - Board of Directors, Student Representative, 2008-2010

Current Position

Doctoral Student in Sociology, Demography, Bowling Green

State University

Former Positions Held

Instructor on Record, Bowling Green State University, 2007-current; Editorial Board Member, *The Open Family Studies Journal*, 2007-current; Student Advisory Board (Secretary/Treasurer), American Sociological Association, 2006-current

Educational Degrees

M.A., Sociology, Bowling Green State University, 2007; M.S., Applied Statistics, Bowling Green State University, 2007; B.A., Sociology, Duke University, 2004

Major Publications

"Race and the 'I Have a Dream' Legacy: Exploring Predictors of Positive Civil Rights Attitudes." 2006. *Journal of Black Studies* 37:193-208.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Donald J. and Susan E. Adamchak Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Demography, Bowling Green State University, 2007; Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division's Student Paper Competition Winner, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2006; Dean of Students Distinguished Scholar Award, Bowling Green State University, 2006

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Active Member, Mental Health Division, 2006-current
Newsletter Editor, Sociology and Social Welfare Division, 2006-current

Active Member, Youth, Aging and the Life Course Division, 2006-current

Active Member, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division, 2006-current

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Active Member / SFAB Board Member, 2004-current; International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Active Member, 2004-current; Population Association of America, Active Member, 2004-current

Candidate Statement

Since I first joined SSSP in 2006, I have participated in a variety of ways within the organization. I have presented original research at both the 2006 and 2007 meetings. In 2006, my paper won the award for best graduate student paper within the Racial and Ethnic Minorities division. In addition, I serve as the newsletter editor for the Sociology and Social Welfare division.

In addition to my service to SSSP, I also have leadership experience outside of the organization. Within the American Sociological Association, I am currently serving on the Student Forum Advisory Board, and I am involved in both the Racial & Ethnic Minorities Committee and the Committee on Children & Youth. Furthermore, I have been an organizer, a facilitator or a discussant at many sessions at various national, regional and local conferences. Most recently, I co-organized a joint BGSU-Ohio State University conference on population.

I think that two areas specific to student members need to be addressed on the Executive Board. The first is student **recruitment**. Our organization's staying power can only be insured if we have future professionals embedded in the organization. I would like to bring to the board practical ideas that can recruit more student members into the SSSP. Ideas such as contacting student-run organizations within social science disciplines or offering organizational discounts towards membership would help spread the word of the organization and

can be an effective tool to increase student visibility within SSSP.

The second is student **retention**. While it is important to recruit, it is also important that we continue to illustrate to students that SSSP matters and cares for its membership base. By doing so, we instill in students that this is not only an organization that can help at the graduate or undergraduate level, but also, this organization is ideal for those who advance in professional positions after receiving their degree. Retention can be easily attained through several mechanisms. One such mechanism is offering incremental benefits for students who maintain their active membership status consistently throughout their student experience.

I also think it is important for student retention that the needs and concerns of current student members be addressed and validated. Thus, I would like to represent student interest within the Executive Board. By being a sounding board for student concerns, I hope to illuminate areas of change within the organization to the Executive Board.

Based on my experience on committees and boards, as well as my unique ties to and familiarity with the organization, I feel that I would be a great addition to the SSSP Board of Directors as a student member. My ideas for recruitment and retention should also indicate my passion for both the organization and for the Board of Directors student member position.

ELROI J. WINDSOR

Position - Board of Directors, Student Representative, 2008-2010

Current Position

Graduate Student Instructor and Graduate Research Assistant, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology

Former Positions Held

Teaching Associate, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, 2005-2007; Writing Consultant, Georgia State University, Writing Across the Curriculum, Department of Sociology, Sexuality and Society, 2004-2005; Graduate Teaching Assistant, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, 2002-2003

Educational Degrees

Master of Arts, Sociology, Georgia State University, 2006; Bachelor of Arts, Women's Studies, Chatham College, 1997

Major Publications

"Accounting for Power and Academic Responsibility: A Commentary on Dreger." 2007. *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 2008:pending.

"Teaching Transgender." 2008. *Teaching Sociology* 2008:pending

"'I Feel So Much More in My Body': Challenging the Significance of the Penis in Transsexual Men's Pursuit of an Appropriately Gendered Body" work in progress 2008:pending.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Jackie Boles Teaching Fellowship Award, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, 2007-2008; Outstanding GTA Teaching Award, Georgia State University, The Center for Teaching and Learning, 2007; Graduate Student Paper Award, SSSP, Health, Health Policy & Health Services Division, 2005

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Member, Health, Health Policy, Health Behavior and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Divisions, 2002-current

Organizer, *Crossing Borders of Gender and Sexuality*, Thematic Session, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division, 2007-2008

Co-organizer, *Challenging Borders: Construction of 'Health' and 'Pathologies'*, Thematic Session, Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division, 2007-2008

Organizer, *Transgender Embodiment and Identity*, Health, Health Policy, Health Behavior and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Divisions, 2006-2007

Organizer/Presider/Discussant, *Transgender and Sexual Minority Health*, Health, Health Policy, Health Behavior and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Divisions, 2004-2005

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Sex & Gender and Sexualities Sections, Member, 2004-current; Southern Sociological Society, Member, 2002-current; American Sociological Association, Sexualities Section, Council Member, Student Representative, 2007-2008

Candidate Statement

For the past several years, I have enjoyed intensifying my involvement within SSSP. I have engaged with other scholars through presenting papers and attending sessions at our annual meetings. I also organized several sessions for different divisions and continue to serve in this manner. As a 2005 award recipient, I then worked on the Student Paper Competition Committee for the Health, Health Policy, and Health Behavior Division.

These invaluable opportunities have enabled me to more intimately understand our organization's mission. In addition to having experience serving on other professional committees, I believe I offer useful insights on our organization's future sustainability. As a Student Representative on the Board of Directors, I would expand SSSP's commitment to graduate student members and incorporate student feedback that further develops our organization.

SETH L. FEINBERG

Position – Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, 2008-2011

Current Position

Assistant Professor, Western Washington University

Former Positions Held

Assistant Professor, Montana State University, 2003-2005

Educational Degrees

PhD, Ohio State University, 2003; MA, Ohio State University, 1998; BA, Tufts University, 1993

Major Publications

"Invasive Evaluation: Artificially Restricted Labor Markets and Assaults on Worker Dignity." 2007. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 36:505-36.

"Neighborhood Social Processes, Physical Conditions, and Disaster-Related Mortality: The Case of the 1995 Chicago Heat Wave." 2006. *American Sociological Review* 71:661- 78.

"Community Social Organization as a Predictor of Mortality: Analyzing Chicago Neighborhoods." 2006. *Crime Prevention and Community Safety* 8:150-68.

vention and Community Safety 8:150-68.

"The Paradox of Social Organization: Networks, Collective Efficacy, and Violent Crime in Urban Neighborhoods" (with C.R. Browning and R.D. Dietz). 2004. *Social Forces* 83:503-34.

"Media Effects: The Influence of Local Newspaper Coverage on Municipal Police Size." 2002. *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 26:249-68.

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee, 2005-2006

Candidate Statement

I believe that the conscientious use of financial resources is a powerful tool for enacting social change. I continuously remind my students that their consumption behaviors have far greater impacts on creating social equity than their voting behaviors. As a member of SSSP, I am honored to be amongst a group of talented individuals committed to social and economic justice, and I look forward to serving the society to the best of my ability.

STEPHANI WILLIAMS

Position – Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, 2008-2011

Current Position

Instructor, Northern Arizona University

Former Positions Held

Academic Professional, Arizona State University, 1999-2006

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Arizona State, 2000; MA, Arizona State, 1991; BA, Northern Arizona University, 1988

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Most Inspirational Faculty, ICA - Arizona State, 2005-2006; Centennial Award Nominee, Arizona State, 2004-2005; Last Lecture Series Award Nominee, Co-Curricular Activities Board - Arizona State, 2003-2004

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Committee on Committees, 2005-2008

Program Committee, 2005-2006

Chair - Racial & Ethnic Minorities Division, 2001-2004

Newsletter Editor - Racial & Ethnic Minorities Division, 2000-2001

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Pacific Sociological Association, Membership Committee, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Committee, 2005-2008

Candidate Statement

Since joining the SSSP in 2001, I have been a committed and enthusiastic member. I have served in whatever capacity has been needed. I believe this organization is the most dynamic professional organization. It is my pleasure to serve this organization to continue the tradition of professionalism, integrity, fiscal responsibility, and inclusiveness. If elected, I will work with other committee members to sustain our fiscal viability.

ALICE CEPEDA

Position – Committee on Committees, 2008-2011

Current Position

Assistant Professor, University of Houston

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., City University New York Graduate Center, 2004; MS,

University of Texas at San Antonio, 1999; BA, University of Texas at San Antonio, 1995

Major Publications

- "Potential Risk Factors for Transitioning to Injecting among Mexican American Non-Injecting Heroin Users." 2007. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse* In Press.
- "The Drugs-Violence Nexus among Mexican American Gang Members" (with A. Valdez and C.D. Kaplan). 2006. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs* 38:109-121
- "The Role of Stress, Family Coping, Ethnic Identity and Mother-Daughter Relationships on Substance Use among Gang Affiliated Hispanic Females" (with A. Valdez and J. Mikow) 2006. *Journal of Social Work Addictions* 6:31-54.
- "Risk Behaviors among Young Mexican American Gang-Associated Females: Sexual Relations, Partying, Substance Use and Crime" (with A. Valdez). 2003. *Journal of Adolescent Research* 18:91-107.
- "Sex Work, High-Risk Sexual Behavior and Injecting Drug Use on the U.S. - Mexico Border: Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas" (with A. Valdez). 2002. *Journal of Border Health* 7:84-94.
- "The Process of Paradoxical Autonomy and Survival in the Heroin Careers of Mexican American Women" (with A. Valdez and C.D. Kaplan) 2000. *Contemporary Drug Problems* 22:189-213.
- "The legal importation of prescription drugs from Mexico into United States from Mexico: A Study of Customs Declarations" (with A. Valdez, Z. Yin and C.D. Kaplan). 1998. *Substance Use and Misuse* 33:2485-2497.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

NCMHD Scholar, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, 2005-2009

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Drinking and Drug Section, Student Paper Award Committee, 2005-2007

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Council Member, 2006-2008; National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, Summer Research Training Institute Subcommittee, 2002-2007

Candidate Statement

My interest is to continue to develop the SSSP into one of the leading organizations addressing emerging social problems in our changing society.

PAUL C. LUKEN

Position – Committee on Committees, 2008-2011

Current Position

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of West Georgia

Former Positions Held

Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Arizona State University, 1989-2003; Lecturer, University of Missouri Kansas City, 1986-1987; Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Missouri, 1983-1985

Educational Degrees

PhD in Sociology, The Ohio State University, 1982; MA in Sociology, The Ohio State University, 1973; BA in Sociology, Quincy College, 1972

Major Publications

- "Standardizing Child Rearing Through Housing" (with Suzanne Vaughan) 2006. *Social Problems* 53:299-331.
- "Be a Genuine Homemaker in Your Own Home": Gender and Familial Relations in State Housing Practices, 1917-

1922" (with Suzanne Vaughan). 2005. *Social Forces* 83:1603-1626.

"Living Alone in Old Age: Institutionalized Discourse and Women's Knowledge" (with Suzanne Vaughan). 2003. *Sociological Quarterly* 44:109-133.

"'Active Living': Transforming the Organization of Retirement and Housing in the US" (with Suzanne Vaughan). 2003. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 30:145-170.

"Elderly Women Living Alone: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations from a Feminist Perspective" (with Suzanne Vaughan). 1991. *Housing and Society* 18:37-48.

"Organizational Factors Affecting Growth and Decline in Adult Day Care Programs" (with Suzanne Vaughan). 1990. *Journal of Applied Gerontology* 9:363-374.

"Social Identity in Later Life: A Situational Approach to Understanding Old Age Stigma." 1987. *International Journal of Aging and Human Development* 25:177-193.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Applied Gerontology, Gerontological Society of America, 1989; Postdoctoral Fellowship in Applied Gerontology, Gerontological Society of America, 1985

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Gittler Award Committee, 2007-current

Editor/ *IE Newsletter*, 2004-2007

Board of Directors, 2004-2006

Nominations Committee, 2005

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

International Sociological Association, member; American Sociological Association, member; Southern Sociological Society, member

Candidate Statement

I have been a member of SSSP for over ten years, and I have come to consider it to be my home among professional associations. I have found the collegiality of the membership, the support for social activism, and the dedication of the Society's officers and administrators to be outstanding. During the two years that I served on the Board of Directors, I came to understand how the Society functions and the importance of its committees. I believe that I can make a substantial contribution to the Society by serving on the Committee on Committees. Securing dedicated and qualified people to serve on SSSP's many appointed committees is vital to the Society's success. Having worked at several universities in different parts of the United States and having been involved with numerous regional associations and professional networks in the United States and Canada, I will be able to locate and recruit outstanding scholars and activists to serve on these committees.

STEPHEN J. MOREWITZ

Position – Committee on Committees, 2008-2011

Current Position

Lecturer, San Jose State University

Former Positions Held

Lecturer, California State University, East Bay, 2004-current; Dean of Research, Professor, Consultant, California School of Podiatric Medicine, 1997-current; President, Stephen J. Morewitz, Ph.D., & Associates, IL & CA, 1988-current

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1983; A.M., College of William & Mary, 1978; A.B., College of William & Mary, 1975

Major Publications

Sexual Harassment and Social Change in American Society.

1996. Austin & Winfield, Publishers (Rowman & Littlefield Pub. Group).

Stalking and Violence: New Patterns of Obsession and Trauma. 2003. Kluwer/Plenum.

Domestic Violence and Maternal and Child Health. 2004. Springer Science+Business Media, Inc.

Death Threats and Violence: New Research and Clinical Perspectives. 2008. Springer Science+Business Media, LLC.

Chronic Diseases and Health Care. 2006. Springer Science+Business Media, LLC.

Aging and Chronic Disorders. 2007. Springer Science+Business Media, LLC.

The Medical Malpractice Handbook. 1996. Austin & Winfield, Publishers (Rowman & Littlefield Pub. Group).

"Obsession" in *Encyclopedia of Criminology* 2004.

"Conflict Management" in *Encyclopedia of Police Science* 2006.

"Stress: Coping Mechanisms" in *Encyclopedia of Police Science* 2006.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Outstanding Scholar Book Award, SSSP, Crime & Delinquency Division, 2004; Outstanding Scholar Book Award, SSSP, Crime & Delinquency Division, 2003; Top 10 Injury Research Poster, American Public Health Association, Injury Control & Emergency Health Services Division, 2000

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Lee Founders Award Committee, 2006-2007

Social Action Award Committee, 2003-2004

Conference Arrangements Co-Chair, 2003-2004

Chair, Crime & Delinquency Division, 2001-2003

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Diabetes Association, Member, 2000-current

Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Science, Elected Member, 2000-current

Sigma XI, Elected Member, 2000-current

Candidate Statement

My goal is to serve the SSSP in any way possible. I consider the SSSP my intellectual home, and it is an honor to serve in any capacity.

DEBORA PATERNITI**Position – Committee on Committees, 2008-2011****Current Position**

Associate Adjunct Professor of Medicine & Sociology, UC Davis Center for Healthcare Policy & Research

Former Positions Held

Assistant Adjunct Professor of Medicine & Sociology, UC Davis, 2000-current; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, 1997-2000; Lecturer/Health Policy Fellow, Yale University/Yale School of Medicine, 1995-1997

Educational Degrees

PHD (Sociology), UC Davis, 1995; MA (Sociology), UC Davis, 1989; BA (Sociology & Linguistics), UC Davis, 1985

Major Publications

"From Physician-Centered to Community-Oriented Perspectives on Healthcare: Assessing the efficacy of community-based training" (Paterniti et al.). Pp. 347-353 in *Academic Medicine*, Vol. 81.

"Asian-Americans and Cancer Clinical Trials: A Mixed Meth-

ods Approach to Understanding Awareness and Experience" (Paterniti et al.). Pp. 3015-3024 in *Cancer*, 2005, Vol. 104.

"A Second Opinion." 2004. *Contexts* 3(3):56-7.

"Social Problems, Aging and Self-Reported Assessments of Quality of Life." 2002. *Occupational Therapy Journal of Research* 22:81S-82S.

"The Micropolitics of Identity Under Adverse Circumstance: A Study of Identity-Making in a Total Institution." 2000. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 29:93-119.

Health, Illness & Healing: Society, Social Context & Self (co-edited with Kathy Charmaz). 1999. Roxbury Publishing.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Distinguished Service to VA Health Services Research & Development., U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs., 2000-2005; Excellence in Service to Graduate Students., Graduate Student Association, UC Davis, 2003.

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Division Co-Chair Health, Health Policy & Health Services, 2004-2006

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Secretary/Treasurer—Medical Sociology Section, 2005-2007; American Sociological Association, Nominations Committee—Medical Sociology Section, 2002-2003; American Sociological Association, Council Member at Large—Medical Sociology Section, 1998-2000

Candidate Statement

I have been an active member of the SSSP for more than ten years. My involvement has included a wide range of activities from presenting papers and organizing sessions to my service as a division co-chair. As someone who works in both academic and applied contexts and who has over a decade of interdisciplinary collaboration, I truly appreciate the richness in our organization's membership and value its history of active attention to social problems. I look forward to the possibility of working with other members of the Committee on Committees to ensure the continued richness of the SSSP.

BENIGNO E. AGUIRRE**Position – Editorial and Publications Committee, 2008-2011****Current Position**

Professor, University of Delaware

Former Positions Held

Professor, Texas A&M University, 1977-2000

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Ohio State University, 1977

Major Publications

El final del Comienzo. La guerra Hispano-Cubana-Estadounidense. 2000. Editorial Internacional del Libro.

"Dialectics of Vulnerability and Resilience." 2007. *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*, 16:39-60.

"A Critical Evaluation of the United Nation Volcanic Emergency Management System: Evidence from Latin America." 2006. *Journal of International Affairs*, 59(2):43-62.

"The Sociology of Collective Behavior." Pp. 528-539 in *The Handbook of 21st Century Sociology*, edited by C.D. Bryant and D.L. Peck, 2006. Sage.

"Institutional Resilience and Disaster Planning for New Hazards." 2005. *Journal of Homeland Security and*

Emergency Management 66:485-510, Vol. 2 (<http://www.bepress.com/jhsem>).

"Social Control in Cuba." 2002. *Latin American Politics and Society* 44(2):67-98.

"Los Desastres en Latinoamérica: Vulnerabilidad y Resistencia." 2004. *Revista Mexicana de Sociología* 66:485-510.

"A Test of Emergent Norm Theory of Collective Behavior." 1998. *Sociological Forum* 13:301-320.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Fulbright, Chile, Universidad Austral de Chile, 2007; President, International Research Committee on Disaster, ISA, 1999-2002; Fulbright, Uruguay, Universidad de Montevideo, 1999-2000

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee (Chair), 2006-2007

Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, member, 2004-2007

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Journal of Disaster, Editorial Board, 2006-current; Society for the Study of the Cuban Economy, member, 1988-current; American Sociological Association, member, 1977-current

Candidate Statement

If elected, my goals will be to help improve the flow of information, publications, and scholarly exchanges with social scientists in Latin America, the Caribbean region, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, particularly in helping explore the interrelationships among the substantive areas of economic development, sustainability, and disaster risk reduction, an interface of key importance to the reduction of social problems in the immediate future.

LOIS PRESSER

**Position – Editorial and Publications Committee,
2008-2011**

Current Position

Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of Cincinnati, 2002; MBA, Yale University, 1994; B.S., Cornell University, 1987

Major Publications

"Can Restorative Justice Reduce Battering? Some Preliminary Considerations." 2000. *Social Justice* 27:175-195.

"The Micro-Politics of Victim Offender Mediation." 2006. *Sociological Inquiry* 76: 316-342

"Violent Offenders, Moral Selves: Constructing Identities and Accounts in the Research Interview." 2004. *Social Problems* 51:82-101.

"Remorse and Neutralization Among Violent Male Offenders." 2003. *Justice Quarterly* 20: 801-825.

"Negotiating Power and Narrative in Research: Implications for Feminist Methodology." 2005. *Signs* 30:2067-2090.

"Strange Bedfellows: Is Sex Offender Notification a Form of Community Justice?" 1999. *Crime and Delinquency* 45:299-315.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Associate Editor, Contemporary Justice Review, 2003-current

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Member, Outstanding Scholar Review Committee, Crime & Delinquency Division, 2003

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Justice Studies Association, Membership Chair, 2003-current

Candidate Statement

The work of the Editorial and Publications Committee matters a great deal in shaping what we read in Social Problems and Social Problems Forum, largely by evaluating and guiding, on behalf of the membership, the work of its editors. The journal Social Problems is arguably the most important outlet for scholarship on social problems today, and so I take the Committee's stewardship very seriously. Some years ago, as a newly minted Ph.D., I was asked to assume the position of Editor-in-Chief of the Contemporary Justice Review. I declined on account of the pressures of my new tenure-track faculty position at a research institution. (I accepted the position of Associate Editor of that journal instead.) But in considering the post, I came to grasp just how much responsibility is entailed in delivering a quality scholarly journal on a consistent basis, and how the very many tasks of the editorial staff contribute to the intellectual product that is 'the current issue'. On the way to publishing my own work in Social Problems, I was humbled by the close attention and keen insight Jim Holstein provided as Editor-in-Chief. I am excited by the prospect of supporting and helping to maintain the excellence of the SSSP's publications.

CLAIRE M. RENZETTI

**Position – Editorial and Publications Committee,
2008-2011**

Current Position

Professor of Sociology, University of Dayton

Former Positions Held

Co-editor, "Interpersonal Violence" book series, Oxford University Press, 2005-current; Editor, *Violence Against Women: An International, Interdisciplinary Journal*, 1996-current; Editor, "Gender, Crime and Law" book series, Northeastern University Press, 1996-current

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Delaware, 1981; M.A., Sociology, University of Delaware, 1978; B.A., Sociology, University of Delaware, 1976

Major Publications

Feminist Criminology. 2008. Routledge.

The Encyclopedia of Interpersonal Violence (2 vols.). 2008. Sage.

Women, Men, & Society: The Sociology of Gender (6/e) 2008. Allyn & Bacon.

"All Things to All People or Nothing for Some: Justice, Diversity, and Democracy in Sociological Societies" 2007. *Social Problems* 54:161-169.

Rethinking Gender, Crime and Justice: Feminist Readings. 2006. Roxbury.

Violence Against Women: Readings from Social Problems. 2005. SSSP Presidential Series, Rowman & Littlefield.

Violence Against Women: Classic Papers. 2005. Allyn & Bacon.

"Feminist Theories of Violent Behavior." Pp. 131-143 *Violence: From Theory to Research*, edited by Zahn et al., 2004. Anderson Publishing.

"'Private' Crime in Public Housing: Violent Victimization, Fear of Crime, and Social Isolation among Women Public Housing Residents" (with S.L. Maier). 2002. *Women's Health and Urban Life* 1:46-65.

Sourcebook on Violence Against Women. 2001. Sage.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Major Achievement Award, Critical Criminology Division, American Society of Criminology, 1997; Outstanding Scholar Award, Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology, 1996; Tengeleman Award for Research and Teaching, St. Joseph's University, 1996

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, 2006-2009

President, 2006

Long-Range Planning Committee, 2004-2006

Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, 2005

Vice President, 2002

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Eastern Sociological Society, Treasurer, 2003-2006; Critical Criminology Division, American Society of Criminology, Vice Chair, 2001-2003; Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honors Society, President, 2000-2002

Candidate Statement

The SSSP journal, *Social Problems*, is a leading publication in the field. It is also a major source of revenue for the Society. As a member of the Editorial and Publications Committee, I would hope to draw on my extensive experience in journal and book publishing to help not only preserve, but also increase the benefits the journal brings to the Society and the membership. In addition, I look forward to thoughtful stewardship of the SSSP newsletter, *Social Problems Forum*, which is a valuable archival resource of the Society's work and a primary means of communication between the Society and the members as well as among members themselves.

MARIO L. SMALL

**Position – Editorial and Publications Committee,
2008-2011**

Current Position

Associate Professor of Sociology and the College, University of Chicago

Former Positions Held

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Princeton University, 2002-2006

Educational Degrees

PhD, Harvard University, 2001; MA, Harvard University, 1998; BA, Carleton College, 1996

Major Publications

Villa Victoria: The Transformation of Social Capital in a Boston Barrio. 2004. University of Chicago Press.

"The Presence of Organizational Resources in Poor Urban Neighborhoods" (with M. McDermott). 2006. *Social Forces* 84: 1697-1724.

"Racial Differences in Networks: Do Neighborhood Conditions Matter?" 2007. *Social Science Quarterly* 88:320-343.

"Culture, Cohorts, and Social Organization Theory: Understanding Local Participation in a Latino Housing Project" 2002. *American Journal of Sociology* 108:1-54.

"Neighborhood Institutions as Resource Brokers: Childcare Centers, Inter-Organizational Ties, and Resource Access among the Poor." 2006. *Social Problems* 53:274-292.

"Urban Poverty after *The Truly Disadvantaged*: The Rediscovery of the Family, the Neighborhood, and Culture" (with K. Newman). 2001. *Social Forces* 27:23:45.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

C. Wright Mills Award for Best Book, SSSP, 2005; Robert E. Park Award for Best Book, CUSS, American Sociological Association, 2005; Robert E. Park Award for Best Article, CUSS, American Sociological Association, 2004

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Eastern Sociological Society; American Sociological Association.

Candidate Statement

<http://home.uchicago.edu/~mariosmall>



Promoting
Scholarship for
Social Justice

BOSTON AREA SSSP MEMBERS – AIDS FUNDRAISER

For the past seven years, SSSP has donated the proceeds from its Annual AIDS Fundraiser to an AIDS organization in the Annual Meeting's host city. For the upcoming meeting, I thought that SSSP may be able to increase the money raised from this event by having a number of items that members could use when they attend the 2008 Annual Meeting in Boston. Therefore, I am asking Society members who reside in the Boston area if they are willing to solicit donations from Boston area restaurants, hotels and/or merchants for the AIDS Fundraiser auction. Ideally, the Boston specific items should allow Society members to redeem or use the item at the Annual Meeting from July 31-August 2, 2008.

If you are able to obtain donations for the auction please contact:

Gordana Rabrenovic, Local Arrangements Chair
Associate Professor and Director
Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
571 Holmes Hall
Northeastern University
Boston, MA 02115
email: g.rabrenovic@neu.edu
phone: 617-373-4998

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR AIDS FUNDRAISER AUCTION

Join us for the 8th Annual AIDS Fundraiser and the Graduate Student and New Member Reception on Thursday, July 31 from 9:00pm – 11:00pm.

Be prepared to laugh. *4 Women Only* is a comedy tour like none other. Each of the female comics has a very unique and powerful message. Rarely does an audience get an opportunity to see talent that crosses many social, economic, class, and lifestyle genre. The group is a wonderful mix of black, white, hispanic, straight, gay, married, and divorced women whose humor ranges from political, urban, family, queer, and inspirational humor. Comics are in their 20s, 30s, and 40s.

After the comedy act, you will be able to dance to oldies, disco, hip-hop, and country music. There will be a good mix of everything from two step music, slow dances, line dancing music especially from the 70s (Electric Slide and Hustle), and hip-hop music heard on R&B stations.

A dessert station and a limited cash bar will be available. During the evening, there will be a silent and a live auction.

You'll be able to place bids on lots of great stuff.

SSSP is fortunate to have many talented individuals among its membership, including a number of artists. If you are one of those talented individuals, please consider donating a piece of your work to the auction. You can mail it to me ahead of time, or you can bring it to the meeting. Provide us with a full description of the item (and its estimated value, if you can do that) by June 1.

Gordana Rabrenovic, Local Arrangements Committee Chair at g.rabrenovic@neu.edu

Sarah Bakanosky, Local Arrangements Committee at bakanosky.s@neu.edu

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager at mkoontz3@utk.edu

Those of you who are not artists may wish to donate an item. Perhaps you've written a book and would be willing to donate a signed copy, or maybe you have something special that you think would be a hit at the auction.

Please get in touch with us about your donations. All proceeds from this event benefit a local AIDS organization, so please help us make the 8th Annual AIDS Fundraiser and Graduate Student and New Member Reception a big success by donating an item.

FLASH!!

Global Division Student Paper Award prize has been enhanced!

**Global Division Graduate Student Competition
Deadline: May 5, 2008**

The Global Division in cooperation with the Sage journal *Critical Sociology* announces its enhanced 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global studies and social problems. Suggested paper topics include but are not limited to the following themes being featured at the 2008 Annual SSSP meetings: Neoliberalism and Global Conflict; Globalization and Transitional Politics; Alternative Forms/Models of Globalization; and/or the Post-Washington Consensus Era in Latin America. Jointly-authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current graduate students or have graduated not prior to January 1, 2008.

Thanks to support from *Critical Sociology*, this year's award recipient will now receive a monetary prize of \$500, student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2008 Annual SSSP Meeting in Boston, MA, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Award recipients will be expected to present their paper at the 2008 Annual Meeting and will also be invited to participate in the 2008 *Critical Sociology* conference held the day following the SSSP Conference. Papers must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with MS WORD and authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. Although faculty sponsorship is not formally required to enter the competition, participants are invited to request a note from a faculty member or independent scholar that speaks to the academic quality of the submission and they should be emailed directly to the addresses below.

Papers of up to a maximum length of 30 double-spaced pages may be sent beginning on January 31, 2008 but no later than May 5, 2008 to both Co-Chairs of the 2008 SSSP Global Division Graduate Student Award Committee: Dr. Jon Shefner, jshefner@utk.edu and Dr. David A. Smith, dasmith@uci.edu. Winning papers will be invited to submit their paper for publication in *Critical Sociology*.

2008 CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

SSSP resolutions constitute an important opportunity for our scholar-activist membership to publicly declare their sentiments, thereby creating a channel for greater visibility and more direct influence upon a variety of “publics,” i.e., fellow activists, scholars, students, decision-makers, social action groups, voters, and others. Thus, as Vice-President this year, I am calling on the membership to submit resolutions for discussion, debate, and in some cases, passage. To do so, simply forward your resolution or your idea for a resolution to the appropriate SSSP Division Chair. When doing so, remember that proposed resolutions can serve as useful discussion points for SSSP members, helping to increase and enhance communication and activities during the long period between annual meetings.

Resolutions that are submitted to Division Chairs should contain a concise position statement concerning a social problem of urgent concern to the Division. In most cases, the resolution should include some sort of call for viable action on the part of the SSSP. This typically has involved a letter from the Board directed to some public entity, expressing concern, support, or protest. Feel free, however, to propose other forms of appropriate action.

It is the SSSP Vice-President’s responsibility to serve as the facilitator for resolutions being sponsored by the Divisions as well as from individual Society members, making them available to the membership at the annual business meeting. This year in Boston, the resolutions process will be organized in a manner that promotes wider discussion prior to formal consideration at the 2008 Business Meeting. The process is as follows:

- On the first day of the meetings an open forum of discussion will be held, which is designed to encourage a political discussion of concerned members. At this meeting, each proposed resolution should be presented for membership discussion by the sponsoring Division’s Chairperson (or designated representative) and adequate time for discussion will be properly allotted to each. To facilitate this process, all proposed resolutions should be made available to the SSSP Vice-President well in advance of the meetings such that the membership can be provided a print copy with their registration packet.
- Modifications and revisions will be considered during the open discussion forum that will meet in place of the annual meeting of the Resolutions Committee. All Division Chairs should plan to participate in this session or designate a proxy from their division if unable to attend. It is essential that someone be present who can speak to the substance of the proposed resolution.
- During the 2008 Annual Business meeting, the resolutions will be presented (including any modifications or revisions) by the Vice-President as a package for approval for action by the attending membership. The membership will vote on proposed resolutions that were discussed and revised on the first day of the meeting. Experience shows that the Annual Business meeting fails to provide sufficient time for a detailed discussion of resolutions. If objections from the floor are raised to any specific resolution at this year’s Business meeting, that resolution can, by majority vote of those present, be singled out from the package, and voted on separately. Those present can either support the resolution for approval as proposed or decide to table the resolution for further discussion at the subsequent year’s annual meeting.
- We will attempt to make approved resolutions immediately available to the press. In addition, all approved resolutions will be submitted for publication in the fall issue of the *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*.

Members who wish to propose resolutions for consideration of the SSSP should submit them to a Division Chairperson (see <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/21> for current contact information) or directly to the SSSP Vice-President at costello@uwm.edu. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

Carrie Yang Costello, SSSP Vice-President 2007-2008

STUDENT COLUMN:

Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Left Graduate School

BODEAPCEO Volunteer Collective

At the 2007 annual meeting *SPF* asked members of the Board of Directors, the Editorial and Publications committee, and elected officers if they would be willing to participate in an unscientific survey that might serve as the basis for a future Student Column and or Job Talk column. A good number of those solicited, but not all, chose to participate in the survey. Participants were encouraged to respond with the first thing that came to mind, and not to put a lot of thought into their responses. However, participants whose responses were included were given the chance to revisit and alter their responses if they chose. Some did. Most did not.

What follows are selected responses to four of the survey items. The responses are presented in no particular order. To protect the identity of the respondents, some responses were not included and some were slightly altered. While the responses invite thoughtful consideration and interpretation, we leave it to readers to analyze and or use as they will.

If you could have known one thing in advance of accepting your first-post graduate degree job, what would it have been?

- ◆ It's never too early to establish effective work-family balance, even before tenure. This is something I've worked very hard to do, in hopes of serving as a role model for junior colleagues and students.
- ◆ The lack of opportunity to move. I promised I would move closer to my family as soon as my son graduated from the high school. That was in 1987. While opportunities came up, after balancing each location with my circumstances, I decided to stay, and stay, and stay.
- ◆ I wish I would have known that the workload INCREASES after graduate school. While I knew I would be expected to publish and teach classes, I had no idea about the service work component of being a professor.
- ◆ How isolating these jobs can be compared to the "we're all in this together" attitude of graduate school.
- ◆ I wish I had known more about the importance and availability of post-doctoral training. A post doc would have been enormously helpful in broadening my research skills and allowing me to publish more research after completing the Ph.D.
- ◆ Don't accept a position until you have finished all requirements for the degree.
- ◆ Expect nasty and off-target rejections from journal reviewers but keep pushing!
- ◆ I think most of us have so few choices in that job. I still remember feeling so totally lucky to have landed a full-time, tenure track assistant professorship. Like winning the lottery.
- ◆ That your first job potentially defines you for ever-after, and delimits your future choices. It seems difficult to switch from a teaching college or community college to a Research I university or from a Research I university to a teaching or community college or from an interme-

diante institution (say a Research II university or branch campus of a Research I aspiring to be a Research I) to any other kind of institution given what you need to do to keep that first job. For example, a heavy teaching and advising load with little institutional support for research and grant-writing may get in the way of publishing. Or achieving an impressive publication and or grant writing record probably means skimping on teaching and a lighter teaching load which may be translated into a disinterest in teaching.

- ◆ How much work being a junior faculty member is, and how to know what tasks to accept and what not to.
- ◆ University politics are tougher than politics in the political world.
- ◆ How to negotiate salary and the like; the nuts-and-bolts.

What's the one piece of advice you wish your thesis or dissertation adviser had given you?

- ◆ That it's okay to say "no" when people ask you to do all sorts of tasks that make their work life more meaningful and manageable.
- ◆ That it is not easy to change jobs after a year or two.
- ◆ Study and write about something that you are truly passionate about. A dissertation is a lot of work and really should launch one's career rather than be simply an academic exercise.
- ◆ Actually, I thought mine gave me all the advice I needed.
- ◆ I would have benefited from additional course work in quantitative methods. Although I was well trained in the basics of multivariate analysis, more advanced training in statistical methods for longitudinal analysis would have been useful in several projects early in my career.
- ◆ Give yourself a year at your job before you start making lots of suggestions for changes. Listen to everything. Sociologists know that understanding institutional culture is really important in order to effect change. In other words, allow time to familiarize yourself with your workplace

culture, and then try to fix it (if it needs fixing).

- ◆ A position at a research one institution requires that you develop a research agenda preferably related to work that you have been doing in completing your dissertation.
- ◆ My thesis advisor gave me wonderful adviser, particularly about publishing, so I don't think she left anything out.
- ◆ Once you're an academic, you give up certain opportunities, for mobility, for example; and the opportunity to be close to family. My advisor told me: "go where the job is" and his focus was exclusively on work. I don't think I made a well-rounded decision.
- ◆ I was lucky to have an advisor who was an extremely good mentor. However, I see a lot of advisors who offer little in the way of advice to their students. The one thing I can think of is that she might have told me to be very perceptive about what is not said and to read between the lines.

Upon reflection, what was the most surprising thing about being a graduate student?

- ◆ How much I loved it. I loved the friends I made both in and out of my program; the freedom to pursue knowledge and big philosophical questions no matter where they lead without worrying about whether or not what I was doing was practical; the unrealistic demands of professors that my friends and I somehow managed to meet; the protection from the demands of the work-a-day "real" world. It was a great time, and a great privilege too.
- ◆ The informality.
- ◆ How alienating and isolating a process taking comprehensive exams and then writing a dissertation can be.
- ◆ How incredibly enjoyable it is to do empirical research! I was fortunate to collaborate with several talented faculty members in designing and executing new research projects while pursuing my doctoral degree.
- ◆ I worked full-time while in graduate school, as did many of the other students in the program. Thus, we had a rather different experience than people at most institutions. Among other things, we were forced to manage our time carefully. I was surprised that given all this, I completed an MA and PhD as quickly as I did.
- ◆ Explaining to other people who are not very familiar with academia (family, friends, etc.) that graduate study is work.
- ◆ I was unprepared for the overwhelming amount of work that characterized the first couple of years, yet how easily the course work was completed. The real work was not in what was required to understand sampling theory or the literature on life course perspectives. It was in becoming an instant teaching assistant and finding myself grading instead of taking a day off; becoming an instant research

assistant, and finding myself glued to my computer at 5:00 AM.

- ◆ Now that I have a full-time job, I realize in retrospect that I had a lot more time flexibility as a graduate student.
- ◆ That while I thought that it was just so hard to be a graduate student that it was really one of the most wonderful periods of my life and that I took much of it for granted. I let too many opportunities slip through my fingers to learn.
- ◆ The lasting friendships I made. Everybody always talks about college as being the best years, but I think grad school was better. In recent years, I have only seen one person I went to college with, but I've been out of grad school for decades and I keep in pretty regular contact with most of the folks in my cohort.
- ◆ That my courses in statistics, totally unrelated to anything I wanted to do, coming out of a horrible series of math experiences, were like escapist puzzle-playing compared to my real work, my own research.
- ◆ I honestly don't recall what was surprising, but I can imagine it was having the degree of autonomy that I (now) see I had.

Would you recommend an academic career? If so, please explain why in a sentence or two.

- ◆ Absolutely! Where else can you be paid to follow your own interests, to do what you think is important for your own intellectual growth and for whatever contributions you can make in the world of ideas or for social justice and the causes you believe in?
- ◆ Only for those who have no choice. An academic career, if taken seriously, is at least two full time jobs. We do our scholarship and our teaching and that's full time. Then, we do our department's work, our community work, and all that makes the academic work itself attractive. That's at least a second full time job. Women cannot avoid the question: "A child now or later?" I had a child early on, and I've watched some of my colleagues postpone children until after tenure (and struggle to get pregnant) or (in) voluntarily decide not to have children.
- ◆ Absolutely, positively.

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- ◆ Yes, without reservation. We have more flexibility in our work than any other profession I can think of.
- ◆ Definitely yes, because of the autonomy with respect to teaching and research. Nothing beats the intellectual life and the university life-style.
- ◆ In general, no, but perhaps for a particular individual with the right attitude about the work and the unlikelihood of finding a job that is a good fit, I might. It seems more and more tenure track positions are not being filled but instead being met by hiring faculty adjuncts, and there are relatively few positions available at Research I institutions like the ones minting new Ph.D.s, so I fear many job candidates are likely to be disappointed.
- ◆ Yes. Despite all the complaints you hear about it, it's still the best gig in town. Getting paid to do research on things that interest you and teach courses on topics of importance is wonderful.
- ◆ You bet! I can't imagine a better way to spend one's adult life. I feel I have had a positive impact on the world around me through my work with students and through my research and professional activity. I've been fortunate to work with wonderful colleagues in my department and in SSSP who are concerned with social problems and whose research has made a difference in our understanding of those issues. What more could one ask?
- ◆ Yes. I live and work in an amazingly supportive community, both in terms of professional development, and in terms of being able to spend time with my family. It helps to have a child care center on campus. Essentially, the days that are the most stressful are the ones where I feel pressed for time because I've spent so much time talking with people about really interesting things.
- ◆ I am torn about whether I would recommend an academic-career or not. On the one hand it provides an opportunity for autonomy while on the other higher education is the target of many attacks by the outside world creating a situation where universities must always struggle for resources and academics find themselves pitted against one another for resources. Further, with emphasis on objective standardized accountability testing in the K-12 system, students do not always enter Higher Ed institutions with the skills they need to be successful. It is not the world that I had envisioned.

Donations for Endowed Chair Honoring SSSP Member Doris Wilkinson Sought

To honor the career of Professor Doris Wilkinson, the University of Kentucky Department of Sociology is establishing the **Doris Wilkinson Distinguished Professorship in Sociology and the Humanities**. While at UK, Wilkinson founded the first social club for black women and was appointed as the first director of "Black Studies," which she re-named the African American Studies and Research Program. She established the Forum for Black Faculty, the Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series for untenured faculty and the long-running Black Women's Conference. Wilkinson also created the African-American Heritage Trail in Downtown Lexington, an educational tour popular with local tourists. Wilkinson is perhaps best known for her pioneering work on Critical Race Theory and the sociology of health and illness. She served as president of SSSP during the 1987-1988 academic year.

This endowment would fund a senior faculty position devoted to research and instruction in the **Sociology of Race and Ethnicity** with emphasis on a Humanities-oriented, cultural and historical approach to the field. To donate, send a check payable to the University of Kentucky, note "D. Wilkinson Professorship in Sociology" to: Arts and Sciences Development Office, 231 Patterson Office Tower, Lexington, KY 40506-0027



2008 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

sponsored by the
Society for the Study of Social Problems

The Special Problems Divisions are pleased to announce the 2008 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. Included are division announcements that have not expired. Please note each division has a unique deadline and submission process. For a complete listing, go to <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/296>

CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE DIVISION, Deadline: 5/1/08

The Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division encourages graduate students to submit theoretical or empirical papers that address some aspect of the interrelation of conflict, social action, and change. The winner will be offered the opportunity to present the winning paper at the SSSP 2008 meeting in Boston, in addition to receiving a monetary prize of \$100, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. The paper should be sole-authored and not exceed 30 double-spaced pages in length (including all notes, tables, and references). Please send an electronic copy of the paper prepared for blind review and a cover letter to: Suzanne Kurth, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996-0490, skurth@utk.edu.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DIVISION, Deadline: 3/15/08

The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division announces its 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of crime, deviance, and/or social control. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2007, and it may not be published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers which have been presented at a professional meeting or accepted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; they can be single-authored or co-authored by students, but may not be co-authored with a faculty member or other non student. There is a 25-page limit, including all notes, references, and tables. Send papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the SSSP Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Anthony A. Peguero, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Gerontology, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056-1879, pegueraa@muohio.edu. Include a letter from your advisor certifying your graduate student status and incorporating some comments about the paper. The winner(s) will be announced in Spring 2008, will receive a \$300 stipend, and is eligible to present the paper at the 2008 SSSP Annual Meeting.

DISABILITIES DIVISION, Deadline: 4/15/08

The Disabilities Division is pleased to announce its 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. An important goal of the Disabilities Division is to encourage, recognize, and reward the work of graduate students. Papers may be empirical or theoretical and may concern any aspect of disability. Papers must have been written in 2007 or 2008, and neither published nor under review, although they may have been presented. A paper must be co-authored only by a student or students, not by a faculty member or other non-student; the student must be currently enrolled in a graduate program; the

student must be sponsored by a current faculty member of the Disabilities Division who submits a cover letter of sponsorship attesting to the student's eligibility and the paper's originality. The paper must be no longer than 40 pages, including title page, notes, references, tables, and figures, and written in 12-point Times New Roman type. Five copies of the paper, written without identifying information of any kind, should be sent to Carol Brooks Gardner, Department of Sociology, IUPUI, 425 University Blvd, Cavanaugh 303E, Indianapolis, IN 46202, cgardne@sbcglobal.net; in addition to the sponsor's letter, the student should include a cover letter of submission, requesting acknowledgment of receipt. Papers that do not meet the criteria will not be read. Papers will be evaluated by a committee of at least three Disabilities Division scholars. Those who submit papers should be prepared to attend the conference. The winner will be announced in Spring 2008 and will receive a modest cash stipend and a ticket to the 2008 SSSP awards banquet.

DRINKING AND DRUGS DIVISION, Deadline: 3/15/08

The Drinking and Drugs Division is holding its 2008 Student Paper Competition. First place winner will receive a \$100 stipend and be recognized at the 2008 meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. The division reserves the right to identify additional prizes or to not award a first place winner at its discretion. Papers must present original research (empirical and/or theoretical) related to drinking and/or drugs from a social problems perspective. To be eligible, participants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program and have not yet received a Ph.D., J.D., or M.D. degree at the time of submission. Participants must have had primary responsibility for preparation of the paper and should be no longer than 30 pages in length. All entries must be endorsed by a sponsor who is a current (2008) member of the division. Send three copies of the paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program and signed by your sponsor to: Andrew L. Golub, 47 Prospect Pkwy, Burlington, VT 05401, andrew.golub@uvm.edu, W: 802-862-6717.

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS DIVISION, Deadline: 5/14/08

The Educational Problems Division announces its 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers must address a contemporary educational problem and may be empirical or theoretical in nature. Authors must be current graduate students or recent graduates with conferral dates no earlier than January 2008. Only unpublished, single-author papers will be considered. Papers must not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (excluding notes, references, tables, and figures). All papers must include a 150-200 word abstract and be prepared for anonymous review with the author's name and institutional affiliation appearing only on the title page. Winners will receive a small monetary prize and a complimentary ticket to the awards banquet at which all winners will be recognized. All papers must

be submitted electronically (as an attachment) to the Division Chair, Otis Grant, ogrant@iusb.edu, by the above deadline. Please include your name, institutional affiliation, and contact information in the body of your email.

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, Deadline: 4/1/08

The Environment and Technology Division is pleased to announce its 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be theoretical and/or empirical and may be on a topic relevant to environment and technology, including environmental movements, technology and risk, political economy and the environment, or environmental justice, among others. The winner will receive a \$200 cash award and a ticket to the annual SSSP awards banquet. The winner will also be offered the opportunity to present this paper at one of the Environment and Technology sessions held at the 2008 SSSP meetings. To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written between January 2007 and April 2008; 2) the paper may not have been submitted for publication (papers presented at other professional meetings or that have been submitted for presentation at other meetings are eligible); 3) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) the paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the paper for the Environment and Technology Division Graduate Student Paper Competition. Students should send 1 copy of the paper accompanied by a letter of support via snail mail or e-mail with attachment to: Steven Lang, Social Science Department, LaGuardia Community College, 31-10 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101, slang@lagcc.cuny.edu.

GLOBAL DIVISION GRADUATE STUDENT COMPETITION, Deadline: 5/5/08

The Global Division announces its 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global studies and social problems. Suggested paper topics include but are not limited to the following themes being featured at the 2008 Annual SSSP meetings: Neoliberalism and Global Conflict; Globalization and Transitional Politics; Alternative Forms/Models of Globalization; and/or the Post-Washington Consensus Era in Latin America. Jointly-authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current graduate students or have graduated not prior to January 1, 2008. The award recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$250, student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2008 Annual SSSP Meeting in Boston, MA, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Award recipients will be expected to present their paper at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Papers must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with MS WORD and authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. Although faculty sponsorship is not formally required to enter the competition, participants are invited to request a note from a faculty member or independent scholar that speaks to the academic quality of the submission and they should be emailed directly to the addresses below. Papers of up to a maximum length of 30 double-spaced pages may be sent beginning on January 31, 2008 but no later than May 5, 2008 to both Co-Chairs of the 2008 SSSP Global Division Graduate Student Award Committee: Dr. Jon Shefner, jshfner@utk.edu and Dr. David A. Smith, dasmith@orion.oac.uci.edu.

GLOBAL DIVISION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMPETITION, Deadline: 5/5/08

The Global Division announces its 2008 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global studies and social problems. Suggested paper topics include but are not limited to the following themes being featured at the 2008 Annual SSSP meetings: Neoliberalism and Global Conflict; Globalization and Transitional Politics; Alternative Forms/Models of Globalization; and/or the Post-Washington Consensus Era in Latin America. Jointly-authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current undergraduate students or have graduated not prior to January 1, 2008. The award recipient will receive a \$100 prize, student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2008 Annual SSSP Meeting in Boston, MA, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Award recipients will be expected to present their paper at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Papers must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with MS WORD and authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. Papers of up to a maximum length of 30 double-spaced pages may be sent beginning on January 31, 2008 but no later than May 5, 2008 to both Co-Chairs of the 2008 SSSP Global Division Undergraduate Student Award Committee: Dr. John Dale, jdale@gnu.edu and Dr. Daniel Egan, daniel_egan@uml.edu.

GLOBAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD, Deadline: 4/5/08

The Global Division announces its 2008 Outstanding Book Award. The goal of this award is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global studies and social problems. Books on a variety of topics and themes will be reviewed, including but not limited to the following themes being featured at the 2008 Annual SSSP meetings: Neoliberalism and Global Conflict; Globalization and Transitional Politics; Alternative Forms/Models of Globalization; the Post-Washington Consensus Era in Latin America; Global Cities; Transnational Communities; and Transnational Social Movements. Eligible books must have been published within 3 years of the meeting (2005-2008 for this year's award). Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted; however, at least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP. The award recipient(s) will receive two tickets to the SSSP awards banquet so as to bring along a guest for the honors. Award recipients are not required to present a paper at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Boston, MA in order to qualify for this award. Authors are encouraged to nominate their own work. Nominations may also be made by other members of the Global Division however nominations from publishers will not be accepted. Nominees should send full publication information and a paragraph explaining why this book is recommended. Contact information for the author should be included if available. Authors will be requested to facilitate with their publishers that copies of the nominated book be sent to each of the Award Committee co-chairs. Nominations are now being accepted but must be received no later than April 5, 2008. To nominate a book for this award, please copy your message to both Co-Chairs of the 2008 SSSP Global Division Outstanding Book Award Committee: Dr. Howard Lune, luneh@wpunj.edu and Dr. John Dale, jdale@gnu.edu.

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, Deadline: 5/1/08

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for this annual paper award competition. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest, including health and illness, health policy, and health services. The paper submission should not

exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified on a title page but not referred to in other parts of the text). Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2007) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. (Please do not submit the thesis or dissertation itself.) Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2008 SSSP Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Thus it is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to any Health Division session organizer or the roundtable organizer by the January 31st deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Send an electronic copy of the paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Professor Elizabeth Ettore, e.ettore@liverpool.ac.uk.

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY DIVISION, Deadline: 5/1/08

The Institutional Ethnography Division solicits papers for its 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should advance institutional ethnography scholarship either methodologically or through a substantive contribution. Authors must currently be enrolled graduate students or have completed the Ph.D. by March 2007 or later. Prizes include a \$100 cash award, registration fees and an opportunity to present the paper at the 2008 SSSP meetings, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Students who submit papers should be prepared to attend the conference. Send one copy each to: Peter Grahame (1009 Kent Drive, Hampden Twp, PA 17050) and Michael Corman, mkcorman@ucalgary.ca.

LABOR STUDIES DIVISION, Deadline: 6/1/08

One of the most important activities of the Labor Studies Division is to recognize the work of graduate students. As in the past, the division is soliciting graduate student papers that build on the legacy of the late Harry Braverman. The Award consists of a \$200 cash prize and a ticket to the annual SSSP awards banquet. The Braverman tradition includes work in a variety of areas, including (but not limited to): labor process studies, critical organization studies, research on the intersections of gender, race, and class at work, technical and organizational change and its impact on work culture, labor movements and resistance in the workplace, critical perspectives on labor markets and occupational transformation. Papers co-authored with faculty members will not be accepted. Single authored papers by graduate students and papers co-authored by graduate students are welcome. All papers will be evaluated by a committee composed of at least three Labor Studies Division faculty scholars. E-mail your paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program to: Dr. Chris Baker, chris.baker@wsu.edu or 'snail-mail' to Dr. Chris Baker, Professor of Sociology, Walters State Community College, Morris-town, TN 37813.

LAW AND SOCIETY DIVISION, Deadline: 4/1/08

The Alfred R. Lindesmith Award is annually given to the best paper presented at the previous year's (2007) SSSP Annual Meeting that is law-related and written by one or more untenured faculty and/or graduate students(s) and has not been accepted for publication prior to presentation at the SSSP meeting. If your paper or that of a friend meets these criteria, please submit via hard copy and email to: Emily Horowitz, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, St. Francis College,

180 Remsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11201, chorowitz@stfranciscollege.edu. The winner will receive a plaque and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet.

LAW AND SOCIETY DIVISION OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD, Deadline: 4/1/08

The Law and Society Division is initiating an annual Outstanding Scholarship Award. This award will go to an author whose work makes a significant contribution to the sociological understanding of issues related to law and society. If you know of a published book within the last year (2007) that you feel should be considered for this award, please mail or email the nomination to Bruce Arrigo, Department of Criminal Justice, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 28223-0001, barrigo@email.uncc.edu. Please follow e-mailed nominations with a mailed hard copy. Nominations must be for treatises; the committee will not consider textbooks, edited volumes or articles for this award. Please include the author(s), the title of the book, the publisher, the publication date, and a brief statement of why you believe that work deserves the outstanding scholarship award. The winner will receive a plaque and recognition at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION, Deadline: 5/15/08

The Mental Health Division announces the 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should involve an empirical analysis, either qualitative or quantitative, dealing with any aspect of the sociology of mental health. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2007 or 2008, and it may not be published or accepted for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting, submitted for presentation at a professional conference, or are under review for publication are eligible. Papers must be student-authored. They may be single-authored by the student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Paper must not exceed 28 pages including all notes, references, and tables. To submit your paper for consideration, send two paper copies OR an electronic copy to: Dr. Richard Carpiano, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia, 6303 NW Marine Drive, Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1Z1, carpiano@interchange.ubc.ca. Please include 1) a cover letter indicating that you are submitting your paper for the competition; and 2) a letter from your advisor that certifies your graduate-student status and offers some brief comments about your work. The winner will be announced at the 2008 Annual Meeting and will receive a \$150 cash award, plus a ticket to the SSSP banquet where the award will be presented.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES DIVISION, Deadline: 6/1/08

The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division announces the 2008 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, or sexual communities. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100, payment of the winner's SSSP registration fee for the 2008 SSSP meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a ticket to the awards banquet. The winner will be expected to present their winning paper at one of the SBPC sessions being held as part of the 2008 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2007 and March 2008; 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 35 pages including notes, references, and tables; 5) The paper must be typed using 12 point font in either Times New Roman or Courier; and 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. Students should send five copies of their paper, with no identifying information on any part of the paper; and a letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Dr. Elisabeth Sheff, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University, PO Box 5020, 1064 General Classroom Building, Atlanta, GA 30302-5020, W: 404-413-6522, F: 404-413-6505, esheff@gsu.edu.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION,

Deadline: 4/1/08

The Social Problems Theory Division invites papers for its annual Student Paper Award Competition. To be eligible, papers must be authored or co-authored by students, have relevance to social problems theory, and cannot have been accepted for publication. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible. Self-nominations are welcome. Please limit manuscripts to 25 double-spaced pages (not including references). Subject to budgetary approval, we anticipate that the 1st prize winner will receive \$150, and the 2nd prize winner will receive \$100. Both winners will also have their meeting registration fees paid and receive a banquet ticket for the 2008 Annual Meeting. Please send submissions as email attachments to the Student Paper Competition Committee Chair, Wayne Brekhuis (U Missouri), brekhuisw@missouri.edu. The other members of the committee are Donileen Loseke (U South Florida) and Frank Young (Cornell U).

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION,

Deadline: 4/4/08

The Sociology and Social Welfare Division announces its 2008 Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage scholastic endeavors that enhance our understanding of issues related to sociology and social welfare. Relevant papers might focus on social activism, social justice, empowerment, policy or any welfare-related issues. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, papers must be: 1) written between January 2007 and April 2008 and not published or submitted for scholarly review; 2) authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 3) 25 pages or fewer, including references and tables; 4) accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the paper for the competition. To be considered for the award, the author must make a commitment to present the paper at a SSWD session during the 2008 SSSP meeting. Send two copies of the paper along with the letter of support to either Richard K. Caputo, Wurzweller School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, Wilf Campus, 2495 Amsterdam Ave., Belfer Hall, Rm 907, New York, NY 10033, caputo@yu.edu; or Sondra Fogel, School of Social Work, University of South Florida, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620, sfogel@cas.usf.edu. The SSWD competition winner receives a cash prize of \$150 plus 2008 SSSP conference registration and a banquet ticket.

TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS DIVISION,

Deadline: 3/15/08

The Teaching Social Problems Division announces its 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be on any aspect of teaching about social problems. Topics for papers

can include "best practices" in the classroom, service-learning courses, using technology, using media, assessment of learning, and other areas. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100 plus a ticket to the 2008 SSSP awards banquet. The winner will be offered an opportunity to present this paper at one of the Teaching Social Problems Division sessions being held as part of the 2008 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2007 and March 2008; 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 be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's college/university nominating the paper for the Teaching Social Problems Division Student Paper Competition. Students should send three copies of their paper, accompanied by a letter of nomination from a faculty member to the Student Paper Competition Chair: Dr. Susan Warner, Cedarville University, Department of Social Work, Criminal Justice, and Sociology, 251 N. Main Street, Cedarville, OH, 45314, W: 937-766-7632, warners@cedarville.edu. The winner will be announced prior to the 2008 SSSP Annual Meeting.

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Call for SSSP Nominations

This year, we will be electing a President-Elect, a Vice-President Elect, regular and student members of the Board of Directors, members of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, Committee on Committee, and the Editorial and Publications Committee. Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these offices. To complete an online nomination form for elected offices, go to <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1082/>.

Nominations should include a brief description of the nominee's SSSP involvement and other relevant experiences. The Nominations Committee will meet at the Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. All nominations should be submitted prior to July 15, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Mezey, Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions, nmezey@monmouth.edu.

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

**2008 Critical Sociology Conference
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The 21st Century was greeted by an explosive "blowback" on September 11, 2001, shaking the forward operating base of global capital and triggering alarms of an accumulated crisis that was well underway and continues to simmer across the globe. With the post-WW II social pact all but abandoned in the U.S., a growing financial crisis, and the stagnating social democracies of old Europe backing into recurrent, post-Fordist crises, the spotlight has shifted. An era of newly emerging geo-economic centers of gravity, symbolized by a barely controllable expansion in China, threatens to intensify energy and environmental crises worldwide. The expressions of this 21st Century crisis can be seen in efforts to criminalize waves of immigration generated by neoliberal capitalist expansion, in recurrent outbreaks of racist and sexist victimization, in systematic expansion of policies of neglect within a class stratified system of social service, in intensifying social control packaged as national defense against manufactured "enemies," and in the development and employment of multiple technologies of genocide. Both inside and outside of centers of power, the rise of new fundamentalisms worldwide under Judeo-Christian and Moslem labels are working in clumsy concert to smother and overwhelm the growing global demands for expanded social, political and human rights.

In addition to invited speakers, we are asking for proposals for

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panels or papers for this conference. Paper proposals should include contact information for the author/s and a short abstract. Panel proposals should include a title and theme of the panel and a list of papers and authors. Please send all proposals to the organizers at critical.sociology@gmail.com no later than **MARCH 15, 2008** for full consideration. The organizers will invite all contributors to this conference to collaborate with the journal and contribute to a special issue of *Critical Sociology*, and perhaps an edited volume, on the conference themes.

Tentative Panel Themes Include:

- I: Critical Institutionalism and the Changing Political Economy**
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 - VII: Neoliberal Crises and the Leftist Resurgence in Latin America**
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Conference Organizers:

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Dear Annual Meeting Presenters and Organizers:

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) has arranged with The Scholar's Choice to manage the combined book exhibit for our 58th Annual Meeting taking place July 31-August 2, 2008, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers in Boston, MA. It will be possible for your recently-published books to be included in their display. Please refer to the guidelines below:

Any members interested in having their book displayed at the upcoming SSSP meeting should contact their publisher after February 28th. Please keep in mind that the publishers pay a fee to display with The Scholar's Choice and may not have the marketing budget necessary to honor all requests, particularly for older titles. We ask that books be appropriate to the meeting and published recently. Reservations from the publishers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis so reserving early is highly recommended. Please note that The Scholar's Choice displays on behalf of the publishers and *ALL requests must come from them, not the author*. Therefore, please contact your publisher (do not call The Scholar's Choice directly) as soon as possible to see whether or not they will reserve your title. The person who handles publisher reservations at The Scholar's Choice is Debby Pitts. She can be reached at djpitts@scholarschoice.com or at 585-262-2048 x.108.

The Scholar's Choice has a long and successful history of managing academic book exhibits and we welcome them to our meeting.

Most sincerely,
Nancy A. Naples, SSSP President

Walking Up-right but not Alright: The Trivialization of Discrimination and Identity Politics in ABC's *Cavemen*

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In 1918 Vladimir Lenin published *State and Revolution* in which he wrote:

During the lifetime of great revolutionaries, oppressing classes constantly hounded them, received their theories with the most savage malice, the most furious hatred and the most unscrupulous campaigns of lies and slander. After their death, attempts are made to convert them into harmless icons, to canonize them, so to say, and to hallow their names to a certain extent for the 'consolation' of the oppressed classes and with the object of duping the latter, while at the same time robbing the revolutionary theory of its substance, blunting its revolutionary edge and vulgarizing it (1932, p. 1).

In our "post-Civil Rights" era, our collective memory of the 1960s is doted with the imagery of "identity politics": from Black Panthers in their full regalia of berets and leather jackets, to the teaching of "consciousness-raising" classes by radical feminists, to the post-stonewall rainbow flags of the Gay Liberation Front. These symbols are now the chief idols in our cult of celebration over that romanticized decade. Every so often we come together to invoke these images. We collectively remember such identity politics, hollow their names, and transform them into specters of a once powerful and captivating revolutionary resistance. Identity politics, we tell ourselves, was a useful tool to empower the socially marginalized to articulate their oppression in terms of their own group experience—a process that is distinguished from the liberal conception of individual self-interest politics. Now in 2008, 90 years since Lenin penned the aforementioned prescient words, the specter of identity politics has been conjured up again, but this time by the television network ABC in the form of a new situation-comedy entitled *Cavemen*.

The cavemen first entered popular culture in the fall of 2004 via a new advertising campaign from the insurance company "Geico" (owned by Berkshire Hathaway, whose CEO is Warren E. Buffett, the second richest person in the world according to *Forbes*, see Kroll and Fass, 2007). In the Geico advertisement (itself a parody of an insurance commercial) a white male spokesman recites his lines for a short TV spot: "It's so easy to use Geico.com, a caveman could do it." Suddenly we hear, "What? Not cool!" from an off-camera, boom-operating caveman, who then angrily storms off the set. The spokesman awkwardly yells back, "I did not know you were there!" Geico commercials of this ilk proved to be extremely successful and popular. Now three years later, the cavemen have evolved into a prime-time sit-com. The show's producers state of the three main cavemen characters:

They have been around since the dawn of time, survived the Ice Age and witnessed the evolution of the Homo

sapiens, making them one of the world's oldest minorities. Keeping mostly to themselves over the millennia and living in remote communities ...[they] have been slowly migrating from these sub-societies and attempting to acclimate themselves to the Homo Sapien world. ...Joel, Nick and Andy have to overcome prejudice from most of the Homo sapien [sic] world and the misconceptions that modern society has of its earliest ancestors. In order for these cavemen to survive in the 21st century, they must work together to render those misconceptions extinct (ABC Medianet 2007).

Accordingly, the show attempts to satirize race relations and identity politics of the marginalized. For instance, those cavemen that attempt to "pass" for Homo Sapien or imitate Homo Sapien beauty standards are known as "shavers" because they remove their long, excess body hair that marks them as different and less attractive. "Inter-species" dating is a frequent plot-driving debacle on the show that parodies the modern taboos and tensions of interracial dating. Also, cavemen are stereotyped as aggressive, hyper-violent, and stupid by humans. The cavemen's attempts to debunk negative conceptions are used as comedic device, and they are frequently placed in situations in which they must resolve the tension between assimilation and ethnic nationalism; as they are caught between the desire to unify under a banner of protective Cavemen identity politics versus leaving their "savage" pre-historic identity behind in order to assimilate into Homo Sapien "civilization."

Since the introduction of the show, quite a few culture critics have weighed in: Seth Stevenson (2007) of *Slate Magazine* called the show, "Lighthearted satire of interest-group pique" with "Neanderthals as urbane sophisticates." Stevenson later dismissed the identity politics hook of the show, stating, "the cavemen will need to branch out from their eternally aggrieved-victims shtick." The consummate critic Stanley Fish (2007) wrote that "Of course it's a show about minorities and racism" [but that we should] "bring on the cavemen" because they aren't the real issue (which to him is class, not race).

In such a politically correct culture, I am sure it is to no one's surprise that the show has captured a great deal of attention. However, what is surprising is the relative dismissal of the show's troubling import. That is, it is neither that the show makes light of, or critiques the problems with, identity politics – these arguments have been well rehearsed. Nor is it that the show is obviously a satire and ironic parody of discrimination in today's world – satire is bound to be lost on some. Rather, the troubling import of this show is that it minimizes, commercializes, and makes comedic fodder out of, *modern* discrimination and inequality, as well as the tactic of "identity politics" that is *still* used to combat it.

No matter how it is spun, *Cavemen* is a proxy for race.



The "Cavemen" (Copyright ©2007 ABC Studios)

(The screening of the pilot episode was accused of being racially insulting towards black people. Since then, ABC “retooled” the series and never broadcast the original pilot). Because of this just-beneath-the-surface racial allegory, the show affords a safe place to laugh at inequality, discrimination, and modern identity politics that are constantly defamed for “playing the race card.” Because the characters are a fictional minority, we are told it is OK to laugh as the characters are denied jobs because they are “too aggressive,” jeer as they struggle with the decision to vote for either a cavemen or a Homo Sapien political candidate, laugh at the lunacy of a caveman’s decision to shave their hair so that they can pass as human, and snicker as cavemen are told that if they don’t like society the way it is, that they can stop complaining and “go back to their cave.” Such references to political candidates, race-species “passing,” and xenophobic social conformity carry quite volatile messages given the nation’s contemporary fixation on racial and gender identity via Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, the historical legacy of Madam C. J. Walkers skin-bleaching cream that assisted Black women to more closely resemble Eurocentric beauty standards of whiter skin¹, and heated battles over immigration, war, and white nationalism that fosters an über-patriotic “love it or leave it” attitude.

Cavemen activates racialized comedic discourse and allows the viewer enjoyment without the danger of being called insensitive, politically incorrect, or a racist. After all, you can’t be called a racist if you’re laughing at cavemen because it’s not *really* about race. Even better, one can always dismiss such claims of racism as: “It’s just a joke, don’t take it so seriously,” “They’re not even real people,” or even better, one can evoke the claim that the show itself is antiracist, written for the “consolation of the oppressed classes,” able to “canonize” the issue of prejudice within the scope of prime-time television. In this sense, *Cavemen* is particularly double-edged: While it employs over-the-top parodies of race relations and oppressed identities in order to illuminate discrimination, it also fails horribly. Instead, it reproduces the constraints that some might argue it is attempting to displace. Rather than satirizing racism, this show impersonates it in a kind of creepy, adoring homage that all too quickly can morph into a kind of dormant nihilism. It facilitates an understanding of racial identity politics as “vulgar,” “blunted,” and “harmless” television iconography, and portrays racism as a funny inconvenience rather than as a social force that enables some to walk upright while it constrains others to their knees.

END NOTE

¹I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that today skin-bleaching cream is one of the most popular skincare products on the shelves all over the globe. In the U.S., China, India, and many sub-Saharan nations in Africa, women are buying products produced by Avon, L’Oréal, Ponds, Garnier, the Body Shop and Jolen, in order to make their skins lighter and whiter. Even more disturbing, they are often advertised with a message about getting ahead in life with whiter skin. “Fair and Lovely,” a Unilever product that has dominated the market for decades, has packaging that shows a dark-skinned unhappy woman morphing into a light-skinned smiling one. The company once focused its advertising on the problems a dark-skinned woman might face finding romance. Such parallels in the television show *Cavemen* makes the television show all the more troubling. For more on the commercialism of modern skin-lightening see Timmons (2007).

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR, CONTINUED:

been very accommodating in this regard. Accordingly, if you have photographs you would like us to run with your work and have already secured permission to use them, or else have clues as to the copyright owner of the picture/s in question, please let us know at the time when you submit the photograph.

Second, as you may have noticed, we have not managed to run both a Student Column and a Job Talk feature in every issue as was originally planned. Instead we have fallen into a pattern of running one or the other in every issue – so far in an alternating sequence. It is still our goal to run each feature every issue, but to do this we need your help. Toward this end, we have run a number of announcements soliciting contributions on various topics that might be appropriate for such features, and we will continue to do so in the future. However, we are open to suggestions for other Student Column and Job Talk features. Please share your ideas with us.

All right. Keep those letters to the editor and unsolicited essays coming. Your contributions are what makes *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter* interesting and enjoyable. Let me end by thanking you for your contributions and for your readership.

Ciao . . .
Ken Kyle, Editor

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2008 JOSEPH B. GITTTLER AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2008 Joseph B. Gittler Award. **Members of the Society are urged to submit the names of nominees.**

Established in 2007 at the bequest of Joseph B. Gittler, this award is made in recognition of the significant scholarly achievements that a SSSP member has made in contributing to the ethical resolution of social problems.

The 2008 award will be presented at the 58th Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, July 31-August 2, 2008. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 15, 2008 to the SSSP Executive Office until an award committee is formed.

The SSSP Executive Office
901 McClung Tower, University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
Work: (865) -689-1531; Fax: (865) -689-1534
Email: mkoontz3@utk.edu

CRITERIA FOR THE JOSEPH B. GITTTLER AWARD for the most scholarly contributions in the area of “Ethical Components in the Reso- lution of Social Problems”

1. The nominee must have been an active member of the Society for the Study of Social Problems for at least three years prior to receiving the award.
2. The nominee must have produced and disseminated scholarship promoting ethical solutions to social problems over the preceding three or more calendar years. *Ethical solutions* entail scholarship that promotes awareness and/or activism to increase public recognition that social problems and social injustices are ethical issues; and/or scholarship that identifies and promotes societal level responses to social problems and injustices. *Scholarship* may be undertaken from a wide variety of perspectives, including both applied research (qualitative or quantitative research) and normative work (e.g., argumentative, historical, philosophical, textual or theoretical analyses).

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Any member of the Society may nominate one or more persons for the award. Members of the Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee are encouraged to nominate.
2. All nominations must be accompanied by supporting evidence sufficiently detailed for the committee to render a decision (e.g., a resume; media accounts of activist activities inspired by the nominee’s scholarly efforts, testimonials from grass roots organizations or advocacy agencies; or additional supporting description of the nominee’s work, demonstrating that the contributions meet the criteria for nomination). Please include supporting information not covered in a resume. List names of colleagues who would be willing and able to write supporting letters upon the request.

THE 2008 BETH B. HESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a new or continuing graduate student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school. A student accepted in an accredited PhD program in sociology in the United States is eligible to apply if she or he studied for at least one full academic year at a two-year college in the US before transferring to complete a BA.

The Scholarship carries a stipend of \$3500 from Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) to be used to support the pursuit of graduate studies, as well as a one-year student membership in SWS (including a subscription to *Gender & Society*), Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) and the American Sociological Association (ASA). The Scholarship will be awarded at the Annual Meetings of SWS, ASA, and SSSP in Boston, MA, August 1-4, 2008. The awardee's economy class airfare, train fare or driving mileage/tolls will be paid by SSSP, SWS and ASA (applicants for this award should also apply for an ASA student travel award; more than one such award may be given). Each association will also waive meeting registration, and provide complementary banquet or reception tickets for the awardee.

To honor Beth Hess's career, the committee will be looking for:

- Commitment to teaching, especially at a community college or other institution serving less-privileged students.
- Research and/or activism in social inequality, social justice, or social problems, with a focus on gender and/or gerontology being especially positive.
- Service to the academic and/or local community, including mentoring.
- High quality research and writing in the proposal and letter of application.

An application for the award should contain:

1. a letter of application (no more than 2 pages) that describes the student's decision to study sociology, career goals, research, activism and service that would help the committee to see how the Scholarship would be a fitting honor
2. a letter confirming enrollment in or admission to a sociology Ph.D. program (and aid award if any)
3. a letter of recommendation from a sociologist (in a sealed envelope, signed on the seal)
4. full curriculum vitae, including all schools, degrees awarded, years of study, and full or part-time
5. (Optional) a one-page letter describing a community college faculty member who particularly contributed in a significant way to the decision to study sociology or pursue higher education
6. A cover sheet with:
 - Name and full contact information, including phone and email
 - Current academic or organizational affiliation, with years
 - If not currently enrolled, future Ph.D. program and date of entry
 - Community college attended, with years and credits taken OR transcript
 - Name and contact information for references
 - If included, name of honored faculty member

Six complete copies of the application should be submitted to:

Prof. Myra Marx Ferree
Department of Sociology
University of Wisconsin-Madison
1180 Observatory Drive
Madison, WI 53706

To be considered applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2008

For further information contact Myra Marx Ferree — mferree@ssc.wisc.edu

TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee announces funds available for Foreign Scholar-Activists to participate in the 2008 Annual Meeting, July 31-August 2, Boston, MA.

The Society for the Study Social Problems established the Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund to help bring foreign scholar-activists to the Annual Meeting. The specific purpose is to facilitate scholarly participation by persons engaged in research related to labor, gender, race-ethnicity, less advantaged countries, and other struggles. More generally, the purpose of this fund is to foster cooperative relations among persons and organizations engaged in applying sociological findings to confront social problems and create social change. Consistent with past practice, some preference may be given to applicants from less advantaged countries where access to foreign exchange is often more limited.

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2008 to:

Luis Fernandez
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Northern Arizona University, P.O. Box 15005
Flagstaff, AZ 86001-5005
W: (928) 523-5673; F: (928) 523-8011; Email: luis.fernandez@nau.edu

Other Committee Members:

Lisa Anne Zilney, Chair-Elect, Montclair State University
Madelaine Adelman, Arizona State University
Richard A. Dello Buono, PCS

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**The Lee Student Support Fund Committee announces
 funds available for Undergraduate and Graduate Students to participate in the 2008 Annual Meeting,
 July 31-August 2, Boston, MA.**

In recognition of Al Lee's commitment to social justice and his history of critical contributions to the Society for the Study of Social Problems, SSSP established the Lee Student Support Fund to facilitate conference participation by undergraduate and graduate students. For the 2008 Annual Meeting, the fund has resources which it can allocate in order to help defray the costs of meeting participation for those in need of financial assistance.

The applications will be reviewed by the committee charged with determining the amount and allocation of the awards. In making its decision, the committee may recognize among other factors, the Society's commitment to diversity, to a tradition of scholar-activism, and to interdisciplinary work.

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2008 to:

Kamani Maraj Grahame
Department of Behavioral Sciences
Penn State University, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057
W: (717) 948-6038; F: (717) 948-6519; Email: kmg16@psu.edu

Other Committee Members:

Phoebe Morgan, Chair-Elect, Northern Arizona University
LaDawn Haglund, Arizona State University

Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund or the Lee Student Support Fund Application

APPLICATION DEADLINE—MIDNIGHT (EST) MARCH 15, 2008

(Applications postmarked/faxed/emailed after March 15 are ineligible for consideration.)

Please indicate which fund you are requesting assistance from: (You can only choose **ONE**. If you are an undergraduate or graduate student, you must apply for the Lee Student Support Fund.) **All applicants must be current SSSP members when applying for assistance.**

_____ Lee Student Support Fund **(In order to be considered, you must provide a photocopy of your current student ID.)** The award amounts depend on the number of applications received.

_____ Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund **(In what way do you consider yourself not only a scholar but also an activist?)**

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Current Mailing Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Phone: _____ Email: _____
(include area code (Home) (Work)
And country code, if applicable)

Address where you can be reached after the May 15 announcement date:

_____ (Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Please indicate how you plan to travel to the meeting: _____
SSSP will support estimated air coach fare; auto travel at \$.46 per mile; and travel by bus or train **ONLY**.

Please provide a breakdown of your anticipated costs to attend the meeting. Registration fees and dues will not be funded, and not all of the expenses for attending the meeting can be paid from these funds. **SSSP strongly suggests that other sources of funds be sought to supplement your participation.** Pre-registration for the meeting must be paid before funds will be disbursed to the applicant. Persons unable to attend the meetings **MUST** return all monies to SSSP.

Estimated Expenses:

Travel cost: _____
The committee will use the lowest available fare as the basis for its estimates of travel costs.

Room cost: _____
SSSP will support a shared room at the SSSP conference hotel (roommate matching service will be available). Our room rate is \$199 (U.S.) plus tax per night. Exceptions will be made if extraordinary personal circumstances justify an individual room.

Meal cost: _____
SSSP will support up to \$15 U.S./per day

Grand total: _____

State your accepted contributions to the meeting. **ONLY** SSSP members who have been accepted for program participation will be considered.

Applicants will receive an email confirming the receipt of their application. If you do *not* receive an email within two weeks of submitting your application, please contact the appropriate chair. Applicants will be notified by the chair if their application was accepted/rejected no later than May 15, 2008.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2008 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

Nominations are open for the 2008 Social Action Award. **Members of the Society are urged to submit names of organizations as nominees for this award.**

The Social Action Award, established in 1991, is awarded to a not-for-profit organization in the city/area hosting the annual meeting. The award carries a stipend of \$1,000.

The award is a fitting expression of the overall purpose of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, which is concerned with applying scientific methods and theories to the study of social problems. SSSP aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, and advocates to examine and understand social problems in order to further solutions and develop social policy based on knowledge.

When this award was established, SSSP described its purpose as follows:

The organization selected for this recognition should have a history of challenging social inequalities, promoting social change, and/or working toward the empowerment of marginalized peoples. Its work must demonstrate sensitivity to and respect for cultural diversity.

Preference is given to small, local agencies in the **Boston, MA area** rather than large organizations or chapters of nationally-based organizations. The main criterion is the extent to which the organization reaches out to the disadvantaged in the community and uses innovative means for dealing with local social conditions.

The award will be presented on August 1, 2008 at the SSSP Awards Banquet in New Boston, MA. **Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2008.**

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

2007	New York, NY	CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities
2006	Montréal, Québec, Canada	Action Réfugiés Montréal
2005	Philadelphia, PA	Alliance for a Clean Environment (ACE)
2004	San Francisco, CA	Free Battered Women
2003	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta Harm Reduction Center
2002	Chicago, IL	Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
2001	Anaheim, CA	Innecity Struggle
2000	Washington, DC	Council of Latino Agencies
1999	Chicago, IL	Rogers Park Community Action Network
1998	San Francisco, CA	People Organized to Win Employment Rights
1997	Toronto, Canada	Heritage Skills Development Center
1996	New York, NY	SAKHI
1995	Washington, DC	Foundation for Youth at Risk
		Friends and Jr. Friends of the Southwest Branch Library
1994	Los Angeles, CA	Coalition for Human Immigration Rights of Los Angeles
1993	Miami, FL	Women Will Rebuild P.A.C.E Center for Girls
		Haitian Refugee Center
1992	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh Jobs with Peace Campaign
1991	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio Welfare Rights Organization
		ReSTOC Inc.

2008 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Please include the following information when making a nomination.)

Your name, address, phone number, and email address.

The name and address of the organization you wish to nominate.

The name, address, phone number, and email address of the organizational contact person.

Give an overview of the organization's work.

Indicate why you believe that the nominee merits the award.

Please submit any supportive materials you believe would be helpful to the committee.

Nominations should be sent no later than April 1, 2008 to:

**Gordana Rabrenovic
Northeastern University, 571 Holmes Hall
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
W: (617) 373-4998; F: (617) 373-8646; Email: g.rabrenovic@neu.edu**

Other Committee Members:

*Kimberly Richman, Chair-Elect, University of San Francisco
Roland Chilton, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Silvia Dominguez, Northeastern University
Courtney Jackson, IBIS Reproductive Health
James Ptacek, Suffolk University
A. Javier Treviño, Wheaton College
Rebekah M. Zinzavage, Brandeis University*

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2008 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2008 Lee Founders Award. **Members of the Society are urged to submit the names of nominees.**

Established in 1981, this award is made in recognition of significant achievements that, over a distinguished career, have demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanist tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee.

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE

2007	Peter Conrad, Brandeis University
2006	Barbara Katz Rothman, Baruch College, CUNY Graduate Center
2005	Robert Perrucci, Purdue University
2004	Mary A. Romero, Arizona State University
2003	Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University and Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide, & Jerome Scott, Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide
2002	Thomas J. Scheff, University of California, Santa Barbara
2001	Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine
2000	Beth B. Hess, County College of Morris Norma, & Williams, University of Texas at Arlington
1999	Gary L. Albrecht, University of Illinois, Chicago
1998	John I. Kitsuse, University of California, Santa Cruz
1997	Irwin Deutscher, University of Akron
1996	No Winner Chosen
1995	Gideon Sjoberg, University of Texas
1994	Joyce A. Ladner, Howard University
1993	Irving Kenneth Zola, Brandeis University
1992	Marvin B. Sussman, University of Delaware
1991	Richard Cloward, Columbia University, & Francis Fox Piven, CUNY, Graduate Center
1990	Louis Kriesberg, Syracuse University
1989	Arlene Kaplan Daniels, Northwestern University
1988	James E. Blackwell, University of Massachusetts, Boston
1987	John Useem, SSSP Life Member, & Ruth Hill Useem, SSSP Life Member
1986	Jessie Bernard, Pennsylvania State University
1985	Butler Jones, Cleveland State University
1984	Elliot Liebow, National Institute of Mental Health
1983	Charles V. Willie, Harvard University
1982	S. M. Miller, Boston University, & Joan Moore, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

The 2008 award will be presented at the 58th Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, July 31-August 2, 2008. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 15, 2008 to:

Dr. Kathleen Ferraro
Sociology & Social Work, Box 15300
Northern Arizona University
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5300
Work: (928) 523-9412; Fax: (928) 523-5925
Email: kathleen.ferraro@nau.edu

CRITERIA FOR THE LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

1. The nominee must have been an active member of the Society for some years prior to receiving the award.
2. The nominee must have made significant achievements embodying the ideals of the founders of the Society. These achievements may be in the areas of scholarly research, teaching, or service leading to the betterment of human life. Nominees for the award must have demonstrated a commitment to social action programs that promote social justice.
3. The nominee's achievements should reflect the humanistic tradition of sociology, as exemplified in the contributions of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee, for whom the award is named.
4. The nominee's achievements may be expressed in a body of work that provides understanding and insight for practical application and the development of social conflict, including one or more of the following.
 - a. Studies of peace and war, ethnic and/or racial conflict and social movements.
 - b. The role of mass media as related to social problems.
 - c. The role of propaganda in the creation of and the persistence of social problems.
 - d. The systematic study of social inequality (for example, problems of poverty, discrimination, racism, sexism and unequal distribution of wealth).
5. The achievements should include substantial community service at the local, state and/or national level.
6. It is assumed that the above achievements will have been accomplished by the nominees over a distinguished career and that they will reflect a long-term commitment to the ideals of the Lees.

GUIDELINES

1. Any member of the Society may nominate one or more persons for the award. Members of the Lee Founders Award Committee are encouraged to nominate.
2. All nominations must be accompanied by supporting evidence sufficiently detailed for the committee to render a decision (e.g., a resume; additional supporting description of the nominee's work, demonstrating that the contributions meet the criteria for nomination). Please include supporting information not covered in a resume. List names of colleagues who would be willing and able to write supporting letters upon the request of the committee or include letters of support with your nomination.

TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee announces funds available for Unemployed and Underemployed Sociologists to participate in the 2008 Annual Meeting, July 31-August 2, Boston, MA.

The Erwin O. Smigel Award was established in 1975 to provide assistance to unemployed and underemployed sociologists. Applicants should be sociologists with an advanced degree who are not full-time students and who are not fully employed.

Erwin O. Smigel was a professor and Chair of Sociology at New York University, and the author of *THE WALL STREET LAWYER* as well as other works. He was the second editor of *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*; serving from 1958-61. He was also a friendly and good humored man who supported colleagues exceptionally well. The fund was established in Erwin's honor the year he passed away.

Erwin O. Smigel Award Guidelines: 1) the Smigel monies are to be used to help pay for three or four unemployed or severely underemployed sociologists' transportation to and registration fees for the SSSP meeting; 2) applicants must be SSSP members who are presenting a paper at the main SSSP meeting (rather than at an adjacent workshop or meeting) or participating as a SSSP elected or appointed officer or committee member; 3) a maximum of \$500 dollars is to be granted to any one recipient.

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2008 to:

Marlese Durr
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway
Dayton, OH 45435-0001
W: (937) 775-2275; F: (937) 775-4228
Email: Marlese.Durr@wright.edu

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
PJ McGann, Chair-Elect, University of Michigan

Announcing:

2008 CONFERENCE MENTORING PROGRAM

Are you a **new member** or **graduate student**? Sign up for the conference mentoring program! Learning to navigate meetings is not difficult, but a meeting mentor can make the process less awkward and lonely. SSSP will match you to a person who will meet with you and help orient you to the organization and meeting activities.

If you are a **meeting veteran**, would you be willing to help out a graduate student or new faculty member at the meetings as a mentor? Do you remember those awkward days when you were trying to meet people? Although the meetings are often too jam-packed with work and catching up with old friends, being a mentor is absolutely worthwhile. Mentoring a new member gives you a fresh perspective on the meetings and allows you to give something invaluable to them - a connection.

Whether you are an old hand or a newcomer (however you want to define that), please email your contact information (name, affiliation, address, email, and researching/teaching interest areas) before June 1 to Dr. Kamini Maraj Grahame, Chair, Lee Student Support Fund Committee (kmg16@psu.edu). Please indicate whether you are a newcomer or graduate student, or a returning SSSP member.

See you in Boston!



The Society for the Study of Social Problems

58th Annual Meeting Registration

July 31-August 2, 2008

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers, 64 Arlington Street, Boston, MA

(Program Participant Deadline: Program participants must preregister by May 31.)

Last Name: _____ First/Middle Name: _____

Work Affiliation(s) for name badge: _____

☐ Check here if you would like to be identified as working outside academia so that you may meet other engaged non-academics.

Preferred Mailing Address:

Work #: _____ Home #: _____ Mobile #: _____

E-mail: _____ Personal Website: _____

+REGISTRATION FEES (US DOLLARS): Check one

	<u>Preregistration (until June 30)</u>	<u>On-Site</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration Including Banquet*	\$170	\$185
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration	\$105	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Unemployed/Emeritus Member Registration Including Banquet*	\$90	\$110
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Unemployed/Emeritus Member Registration	\$25	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Registration (for non-exempt presenters who do not wish to become members)	\$155	\$170
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Student Registration (for non-exempt student presenters who do not wish to become members)	\$75	\$95

GUEST REGISTRATION: One guest registration is permitted with each full registration category above. Guest registration provides a name badge (name only, no affiliation). Any guest who wants full access to the program, including special events and a program packet, must register individually and pay the full registration fee and membership dues. Program participants are not eligible for the guest registration fee.

<input type="checkbox"/> Guest (name badge only)	\$10	\$20
Guest Badge:		

Last Name

First Name

ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKET/S: Friday, August 1, 8:00pm - 10:00pm, tickets \$65 each*

* A banquet ticket costs \$74. Thanks to the generosity of the University of Connecticut, a ticket will cost each attendee \$65.

Number of vegan entrees needed.

DONATE A BANQUET TICKET PROGRAM:

Donate a banquet ticket to a deserving graduate student, foreign scholar or scholar-activist, tickets \$65 each

8th ANNUAL AIDS FUNDRAISER: (students and new members will receive a complimentary ticket)

Thursday, July 31, 9:00pm - 11:00pm, tickets \$15 each

AIDS FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TICKET/S: tickets \$5 each

There will be a raffle for a **two-night hotel stay at The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers**, the 2008 SSSP conference hotel. The voucher can be applied to your 2008 conference stay. You do not have to be present to win. The winner will be announced at the AIDS Fundraiser.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: You must be a current member to attend the Annual Meeting unless you pay non-member registration. **If you are already a 2008 member, skip this section.**

___ Life Members, Emeriti before 1989	\$0	___ \$45,000-\$54,999	\$120
___ Students	\$30	___ \$55,000-\$64,999	\$150
___ Unemployed	\$30	___ \$65,000-\$74,999	\$170
___ New Emeriti/Retired Sociologist, beginning in 1989	\$45	___ \$75,000-\$84,999	\$190
___ First Time Professional Member	\$45	___ \$85,000 and up	\$210
___ \$24,999 and under	\$70	___ Sustaining Membership	\$1,700
___ \$25,000-\$34,999	\$90	___ Departmental Membership	\$85

WALKING TOUR OF BAY VILLAGE AND THE SOUTH END (limit 25):

Thursday, July 31, 4:00pm - 6:00pm, tickets \$15 each

Bay Village, tucked into a triangular area near the SSSP hotel, is a small, quaint neighborhood that was built on reclaimed land at the edge of the Back Bay former tidal marsh in the 1820s and 1830s. Most of the small brick rowhouses were built by and for the workmen who were building Beacon Hill mansions. In the 1860s the entire neighborhood was raised about 15 feet because water backed up from newly filled areas to the west; hundreds of homes were jacked up and land was filled around them. The South End was developed after about 1850 on both sides of the narrow "Neck" of land that originally connected Boston to the mainland in Roxbury. Wealthy Protestants bought houselots on "park streets" and built elegant townhouses between 1850 and 1870. In the 1870s conditions changed because a depression and the availability of more attractive land led families to move to the Back Bay and to the suburbs. For nearly 100 years the South End was a slum neighborhood with many ethnic groups, having thousands of rooming houses. In the 1960's "urban pioneers" sought out some of the elegant old buildings and renovated them, and starting in the 1970s gentrification followed with its condominium conversions and upscale businesses. Today the young professionals and gay community share the South End with a large Latino housing development, a hospital complex, and homeless shelters. The tour will begin at the Columbus Avenue entrance of The Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers.

TOUR OF DUDLEY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE AREA (limit 15):

Friday, August 1, 1:00pm - 4:00pm, tickets \$20 each

DSNI is well known for its successful development of housing and social services in one of Boston's poorest neighborhoods where many multifamily buildings had been burned down in the 1970s by their owners for the insurance money. Many participants will know the book about DSNI, *Streets of Hope*, and the video, "Holding Ground." Professor Will Holton of Northeastern University will drive a van from the conference site and lead a walking tour in the DSNI development area in Roxbury and Dorchester. A DSNI staff member will host the group, presenting on its successes and answering questions. The tour will begin at the Columbus Avenue entrance to The Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers.

WALKING TOUR OF THE FILLING OF BOSTON'S BACK BAY (limit 25):

Saturday, August 2, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, tickets \$15 each

A recent book has explored the social class motivations behind the planning of the massive urban development project that transformed a horribly polluted former tidal marsh into the wealthiest neighborhood in America. The tour covers the social motivations, powerful personalities, and technological innovations that made the project possible. Learn about the unique neighborhood where the conference is located. The tour guide, Will Holton, is an Associate Professor at Northeastern University and co-author of *Boston's Back Bay: The Story of America's Greatest 19th Century Landfill Project* (University Press of New England, 2006). The tour will begin at the front entrance to The Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers on Park Square at Arlington Street.

BASEBALL – RED SOX VS. OAKLAND A'S (limit 20): Lower Bleacher Section 38, Rows 3-6

Saturday, August 2, 7:05pm (start time is subject to change), tickets \$26 each

GRAND TOTAL (FROM ALL ABOVE SELECTIONS)Make check or money order payable, in **US DOLLARS** to SSSP or provide credit card authorization below.Credit Card Type: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number

Exp. Date

Signature (mandatory)

Office Use Only: Date

Initials

DEADLINE: Forms and payments must be postmarked by/faxed no later than June 30 to be eligible for the preregistration discount. Preregistration ends on June 30. Any forms received after June 30 will be processed at the on-site rate. **All program participants must preregister by May 31 in order to have their names listed in the online and final programs.**

REFUND POLICY: Registration fees will be refunded to persons who notify us prior to June 30. Once the final program is printed and participant packets have been prepared, the cost of processing the participant has occurred. Unfortunately, under no circumstances will SSSP issue refunds for no-shows.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES: Registrants with disabilities may request accessibility services such as sign language interpreters, sighted guides, accessible accommodations, etc., to facilitate their full participation in the Annual Meeting. If you need accessibility services, check the box below. The Administrative Officer will contact you about service arrangements.

☐ Accessible Services Request:

DONATE A BANQUET TICKET PROGRAM: Some members purchase extra banquet tickets for graduate students, foreign scholars and scholar-activists.

Check the box below if you are interested in applying for a complimentary ticket. Donated tickets will be distributed on a first come/first served basis. SSSP will notify all recipients no later than July 11.

☐ Consider me for a complimentary banquet ticket. Indicate your classification. Q Graduate Student Q Foreign Scholar Q Scholar-Activist

MEETING MENTOR PROGRAM: Would you like to participate in the meeting mentor program? If yes, submit your mentoring request no later than June 2.

The Lee Student Support Fund Committee will pair you with a mentor and provide you with his/her contact information no later than June 30.

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, list your areas of interest

WE NEED MENTORS. Would you be willing to serve as a mentor for a graduate student or new faculty member?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, list your areas of interest

ROOMMATE MATCHING SERVICE: Would you like to participate in the roommate matching service? If yes, the Executive Office will send you a list with contact information for those who are interested in sharing a room no later than June 30. Indicate your smoking preference.

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SSSP, University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower
& Meeting Manager
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
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