From the President

“You will not be able to stay home, brother…”

Those of you who were in Denver may remember the poem I read at the end of the Annual Business Meeting. (If you missed my rendition of “The 2013 Annual Meeting Will Not Be Televised,” you can click to listen here: http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1618/m/502). Having just been passed the presidential gavel and sharing the excitement over President Wendy Simond’s fantastic “The Art of Activism” presentation, I could not resist exerting some poetic license of my own. I’m sure you can appreciate the difficult task of trying to say something memorable when given just 4mins or less to introduce the following year’s annual meeting theme!

I also mentioned in Denver that one artist powerfully capable of moving people within a four minute time frame was the late and “last poet” Gil Scott-Heron who became world famous with his early 1970’s cut “The Revolution will not be Televised” (for those under the age of 50, visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnJFHuOWgXg&feature=g-vrec). Although he self-identified as a “Blues-ologist” and a whole generation of Black rap artists dub him the “godfather of hip hop,” I have always been deeply inspired by the thickly-textured sociology woven through all of his artistic works. In the end, my own act of poetic piracy and transmutation of his most famous work was the way I chose to introduce the 2013 SSSP Meeting theme.

Having seen Gil Scott perform in 2010 at one of his last performances down at the Blue Note Jazz Club, 3rd St. and 6th Ave., I am also reminded here of the tremendous lure that New York City offers as our upcoming meeting site. The whole range of things to see, feel, touch, listen to and taste absolutely defies description. I do certainly understand that my greatest challenge as your president will be to organize a program that can entice your fellow members to remain at the conference during their visit! Fortunately, I am riding the high speed rail of an experienced and high-energy program committee, chaired by Bronx native David Fasenfest of Wayne State University. They are all busily working to transform this goal into reality.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello all and welcome back to the fall semester. As always, this fall’s issue is chock full of important societal business. I hope that you have already taken the time to read this issue’s feature article by our SSSP President, Ricardo A. Dello Buono. It is based on the stimulating and thought-provoking speech he gave to introduce the NYC meeting’s theme, at the 2012 Business Meeting. In case you were not there, we have included a link to a recording of his speech. Please make sure you have a listen! If you were not in Denver, this is a sample of what you are missing! Please make plans to be at the NYC meetings, as they promise to be just as filled with interesting sessions! Check out our Executive Officer’s column for updates on important societal business, like the search for a new publisher of Social Problems. In this issue, please also check out the call for a new editor of Social Problems and consider nominating yourself or a colleague for this prestigious position.

Best,
Brent Teasdale, Ph.D.
Editor – Social Problems Forum

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The deadline for submitting material for the next issue is February 1, 2013.

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I want to begin this column by thanking all of you for making our 62nd annual meeting in Denver, with the theme of “The Art of Activism,” the fourth best attended meeting in our history, and Wendy Simonds and Program Chairs Heather Dalmage and Tanya Saunders and the rest of the Committee for all of their work in pulling it together -- and Michele Koontz and the rest of the Administrative Office and volunteers for their support. Wendy’s presidential address was wonderful, and now we’re looking forward to next year’s presidential address by Ricardo A. Dello Buono, and a meeting that we believe will be one of the best attended in the history of the SSSP. Not only is it New York City, where attendance is normally very good, but Ricardo and the Program Committee, chaired by David Fasenfest, have been working very hard, and very closely with Michele Koontz and the Administrative Office, to put together a great program and to get the word out as widely as possible. The theme of next year’s meeting is “Re-imagining Social Problems: Moving Beyond Social Constructionism.” The call for papers is up on our website and ready to receive submissions. And while I have your attention, please make sure to renew your membership, if you have yet to do so; and when the time comes to register for the meeting, please stay at our hotel, The Westin New York at Times Square, http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/516/Hotel_Reservation_Information/. It’s a beautiful hotel and the location could not be better.

Newsletter

In Denver, the Board made the decision to recommend discontinuing the publication of Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter at the end of 2013. The Administrative Office concurs with the recommendation. The membership will be asked to vote on this recommendation in the spring of 2013. In our estimation, the cost of putting out the newsletter simply does not justify it, especially given the fact that much of what goes into the newsletter appears (or can and will appear) on our website; and if there are pressing matters, it is rare that members are notified via the newsletter in any event. In those instances we send out e-mail blasts to the membership (and we promise to keep those to a minimum as we have in the past). In one sense it was an easy decision, since it saves the Society $12,000. In another sense, it was a very difficult decision because it would spell the end of a tradition. But organizations change, and we’re always looking for ways to cut costs. We hope and trust members understand.

Social Problems: New Editor Search

This coming year we will be doing two very important things related to Social Problems. First, we will be conducting a search for a new editor. We want to thank Becky Pettit and her team for the extraordinary work they have done with the journal to date. The journal continues to be one of the premier journals in the discipline and that will not change because David A. Smith, the Chair of the Editorial and Publications Committee, and the other members of the committee, will do everything in their power to find someone as competent as Becky and the editors that preceded her. We have indeed been fortunate to have superb editors. Please encourage people you know, including yourself, who you believe will make a great editor to apply for the position. The qualifications for the position appear in this newsletter and the position will be advertised widely.

Social Problems: New Publisher Search

We will also be taking bids from publishers to publish Social Problems. Our contract with the University of California Press expires December 31, 2014. Soon we will put out a call for bids, and the University of California Press, Sage, Blackwell, and Oxford have already expressed interest and are likely to submit bids, as no doubt others will. The search committee will be headed by our Treasurer, Susan Carlson, and she will be joined by David A. Smith and me. I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. David Hartmann, the chair of Susan’s department at Western Michigan University, for giving Susan release time to work on this task. This is the kind of support organizations like ours hope for and when we receive it, we’re most appreciative. In a nutshell, what we’re looking for is a publisher that will increase the revenue we receive from the journal and the journal’s visibility internationally. The two are of course related, but are worthwhile endeavors independent of each other. We rely heavily on the journal for our general operating costs and we’d like our authors’ work to have the widest exposure possible.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

I’m looking forward to seeing all of you in NYC. There is no city quite like it. The President, the Program Committee, and the Administrative Office can build a great program, but you have to come! Ricardo, David, Michele, and others are doing their part, and then some, but in the end it is up to you to make it a success. See you in the Big Apple!
Returning to my lyrics, we are determined to show once more in NYC why the SSSP remains a different kind of annual meeting. Indeed, one of the major innovations at NYC2013 will be the expansion of our newest session format that we aptly refer to as “Critical Dialogue.” These sessions consist of 5 minute presentations by 8 authors followed by an engaged dialogue that critically explores issues and connections among the papers. Since the SSSP is a member-driven association, we have been listening to those who seek deeper and more political discussions about emerging new directions in social problems investigation. In the critical dialogue sessions, the audience enjoys a special opportunity to more directly participate in the collective dialogue. To encourage this initiative, participants will have the option of being included on a panel as well as a critical dialogue. We invite all NYC2013 participants to take part in discussions utilizing this bold new format as we engage the kinds of issues that sets the SSSP apart from the other conferences going on around us. And if you couldn’t tell by the conference theme, we aim to shake up the paradigmatic comfort zones and stir up some lively off-Broadway discussions about where the next stop may be for a new generation of scholar-activists.

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Make no mistake about it: New York is a wonderful place to shop. It’s true that NYC merchants, especially fashion and clothing stores, do tend to offer more bargains in August when compared with other times of the year. But unless you are planning on buying a new camera, we want to encourage you to remain conscientious and committed to participating in our sessions. If your family comes along, we can help point them to some of the world’s best museums. You can compare notes with them over dinner on one of the city’s fine eatery strips that if well-selected can be surprisingly affordable, just like your airfare or train ride into one of NYC’s hubs.

“The Presidential Address will not be written by CNN, the CIA or Catholic Relief Services, or featured by Seth Meyers, SNL, or Conan O’Brien stretching his nose. The annual meeting, and this is real news, will be serenaded on the first conference evening by the legendary rock group, The Maul Girls.”

Needless to say, there is plenty of nighttime summer entertainment within walking distance of the Westin Times Square Hotel, including of course just gawking around the Square at the other gawkers. But to sweeten the pot (absolutely no pun intended), we are making arrangements to get you started by providing our own entertainment on the first evening of the conference. The iconic all-female 90’s band “The Maul Girls” will be coming into NYC from various locations, including London, and have agreed to offer a dedicated performance for the SSSP. The occasion will be to raise awareness (not funds) about the United Nations Secretary General’s UNITE Campaign against Violence against Women.
While there may be some local folks who would pay virtually any amount to gain admission to this intimate in-house performance, we will direct them down to the Village for another night. We intend to make this performance completely free for all registered SSSP conference participants. I do want to caution you that 2013 would not be the year to blow the first day of the conference.

“and people will not care if moral entrepreneurs finally got approved their own special division because Wall Street will still be occupied and so then will be you.”

Whether you choose to visit Zuccotti Park, home of the Occupy Wall Street Movement, or to visit the site of the infamous Triangle Fire at NYU that helped transform US labor law, Union Square down around 14th St., or maybe up to Harlem where Malcolm X once delivered his fiery speeches of Black liberation, NYC is a paradise for scholar-activists. The choice of engaging in direct, unobtrusive or participant observation is exclusively up to you, but rest assured that there is always something happening in this town. Our Local Arrangements Committee being chaired by Dr. Angie Beeman of Baruch College-CUNY will be working to provide you with the inside scoop and useful tips to make your visit to the Big Apple a memorable one.

Stay tuned for more soon… but like I mentioned in Denver, one thing is certain:

“The annual meeting will be no previously recorded program, people… 
The 2013 Times Square meeting will be live!”

R.A. Dello Buono, 2012-13 SSSP President
Manhattan College, NYC
September 30, 2012

NEW BOOK!!!!

Social Problems: Continuity and Change  by Steve Barkan

It's a peer-reviewed "open" textbook that is available free online and via inexpensive alternatives, including $35 for a print copy. Please see:
http://catalog6.flatworldknowledge.com/catalog/editions/5247
Review of “Between Feminism and Islam” by Sadia Saeed


The place of women in Muslim societies, especially with respect to sharia law, has been central to public discussions about Islam in the post 9/11 period. Tendencies to generalize about (lack of) rights of women in Islam abound, especially in the West. An underlying assumption of much of this discussion is that conceptions of rights in Islam emerge ahistorically from readily knowable archaic religious texts. This consequently has the effect of stripping what are in fact highly variable “Islamic” laws governing women’s rights across diverse Muslim societies of human agency. Salime’s Between Feminism and Islam stands as a corrective to these tendencies. It provides a sophisticated and engaging discussion of the historical contingencies and concrete institutional, political and cultural processes through which different interpretations of women’s rights in one Muslim society, Morocco, have been articulated, contested and institutionalized over time.

Drawing on literatures on social movements, postcolonial theory, and women’s movements in Muslim societies, Salime captures these dynamics through the notion of “gender as a field” (p. xxvii). This conceptualization depicts how discourses about gender have been pivotal in struggles over political legitimacy and access to political power. Any institutionalization of gender rights is ultimately contingent on how these contestations among a diverse range of actors have played out within the opportunities and constraints defined by global and national contexts. Chapter 1 introduces these main players in the gender field in Morocco – the ‘ulama (traditional religious authorities), the monarchy, the Islamists (religious actors and political parties that espouse a greater role of Islam within formal state structures), traditional political parties (nationalist and socialist), and various women’s’ groups, both Islamist and liberal feminist.

It is within this analytical framework that Salime situates her empirical study that examines how two vocal women’s movements in Morocco have engaged in, and responded to, calls to transform Morocco’s family code. The reader thus begins an exciting journey to understand postcolonial contestations over the mudawwana, the family code based on sharia law regulating domestic relations between men and women. Promulgated immediately after independence in 1958 through a royal decree by the Moroccan King, the mudawwana was based on a highly patriarchal interpretation of sharia that gave men considerable rights and authority over women in areas of marriage, divorce, etc. It was subsequently reformed in 2003 in the aftermath of the May 2003 “terrorist” attacks in Casablanca. Renamed the Code of the Family, the reformed code is based on liberal feminist demands and considerably enhances gender equality in domestic relations.

Through a careful sociological and ethnographic lens, Salime examines how both Islamist women’s movement and liberal feminist movement articulated and responded to demands to transform the mudawwana at key historical moments, in the process engaging with each other’s discursive narratives and mobilization strategies. Through such relational “entanglements” and concrete interactions, Salime argues, both movements became pivotal in shaping public debates, influencing state polices, and transforming their own movements over time. These changes are described in terms of “feminization of Islamist women” and “Islamization of the feminist movement”. By depicting these mutual engagements and dynamic transformations, Salime makes a key contribution to the literature on women’s movements in Muslim societies.

Salime analyzes transformations and dynamic reconfigurations of both movements through three “movement moments”, that is, “significant time-events” in which women’s mobilization interacted with changing sociopolitical contexts to reveal the “tensions, contradictions, and negotiations” taking places among the various players in the gender field (p. xvii). Through participant observation, in-depth interviews, archival research, and discourse analysis, Salime analyzes the discourses, politics and movement strategies of both women’s movements.

Chapter 2 analyzes the first movement moment, the One Million Signature Campaign launched by the liberal feminist organization Union of Women’s Action (UAF) in 1992. Inspired by United Nations Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the campaign aimed at collecting one million signatures against the mudawwana and proposed an alternative egalitarian code. Salime contextualizes the campaign within the larger process of ongoing political liberalization and depicts its immense mobilizing capacities. At the same time, by implicitly claiming to speak in name of all Moroccan women, it led to counter-mobilization by Islamist women, who entered the public debate with their own discourses about the relationship between women’s rights and Islam. Salime argues that although the
Islamist women ultimately remained committed to sharia as the legitimate source for transforming gender relations in society, the UAF’s campaign resulted in significant feminization of the Islamist women’s discourses and strategies. For example, Islamist women repositioned themselves as women advocates of an alternative Islamist discourse, thereby placing themselves alongside the feminist movement. They highlighted the specific perspective that they, as women sharing the Islamist agenda, could bring to public understandings about women’s rights. As opposed to the legal arguments put forth by the feminist actors, the Islamist women advocated cultural arguments that proposed a “duty-bound approach that consists of endorsing mutual obligations in order to turn them into mutual rights” (p. 52). In the end, feminists were unable to make any significant gains in face of this vigorous opposition by Islamists.

Chapter 3 takes us to the next significant movement-moment, the Islamist rally of 2000, organized as a reaction to the openings made available to liberal feminists to participate in reforming the mudawwana. The political liberalization of Morocco through elections of 1997 brought nationalist and socialist parties into the office and essentially secured sympathetic secular voices for the feminist cause within the formal political structure. In 1999, the government proposed the National Plan of Action for Integrating Women into Development (NPA) that promised to reform the mudawwana. As liberal feminists became more active in writing the NPA, Islamists began to organize their opposition, ultimately achieving success when the government withdrew the NPA. Salime argues that this was a pivotal moment for the transformation of the feminist movement towards “Islamization”. The Islamist campaign revealed the centrality of grassroots mobilization – the “street” – within the political field. Liberal feminists came to understand that they could not rely solely on formal state apparatus and political parties constrained by popular public opinion for instituting changes within the family code. Mobilization strategies were changed to include direct engagement with grassroots politics, which necessarily entailed familiarizing, and in the process reinterpreting, Islamic sharia to fit feminist demands. However, just like the feminization of the Islamist movement did not foundationally shift the focus from sharia as the central resource for guiding cultural change, the Islamization of the feminist movement also did not lead to a turn away from the United Nation’s regime of rights as the framework for legal change.

In chapter 4, Salime examines the final movement moment, the Casablanca terrorist attacks of 2003 that severely undermined the legitimacy of political Islam in official discourse and provided an opening for liberal feminists to reposition themselves yet again as forces of democracy and moderation that can fight terrorism and archaic Islamist groups through liberal, state-centered feminism. In this new global context, Moroccan state strove to align itself with the U.S. War against terrorism. A new egalitarian code of the family became an attractive proposition with considerable normative force and symbolic potency. It is then not unsurprising that the mudawwana was finally reformed that same year. According to Salime, the revised code displayed both the agency of Islamist and feminist women – of the former through its political positioning as an outcome of consensus and sharia interpretation, or *ijtihad* (both sources of authority in Islamic legal methodology), and of the latter through a substantive endorsement of feminist rhetoric and demands.

It is a testimony to Salime’s careful research and sympathetic rendering that the reader is left with an acute appreciation of the life-worlds of both movements’ actors – the Islamists who seek to articulate alternative imaginaries in a global context defined by the cultural hegemony and imperialism of the West, and the feminists, struggling within social contexts in which histories of colonial and postcolonial encounters have resulted in deep entrenchments of gender inequality. On the whole, *Between Feminism and Islam* masterfully combines an analysis of global and structural changes, meso-level processes (social movements) and discourse analysis to present a unique account of mutual entanglements and interactions between two movements that are typically understood as radically polarized. This book is essential reading for students of social movements, critical theorists of gender, postcolonial theorists, and political and historical sociologists interested in Muslim societies.

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The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is soliciting applications for the position of Editor of the Society’s journal, *Social Problems*.

The Editor’s three-year term will begin with the operation of the new editorial office at mid-year 2014. The new editor will be responsible for editing Volumes 62-64 (years 2015-2017). Applicants must be members or become members of the SSSP by the time of their application and for the duration of their tenure as editor.

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Please direct all questions, inquiries, nominations, expressions of interest, and application materials to: David A. Smith, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, Department of Sociology, University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA 92697-5100. (949) 824-7292. Email: dasmith@uci.edu.

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For those of us teaching social policy and social change this highly readable book fills a huge gap. I have looked for a book like this for years. Students will love it for the stories it tells of real people making real change. Teachers will love it for the lessons it teaches about how to bridge research and advocacy. Street Practice both inspires and edifies.
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Correctional Boot Camps and Other Failures in Research-Based Policymaking
Tiffany Bergin, University of Cambridge, UK

Why do policymakers sometimes adopt policies that are not supported by evidence? How can scholars and practitioners encourage policymakers to listen to research? This book explores these questions, presenting a fascinating case study of a policy that did not work, yet spread rapidly to almost every state in the United States: the policy of correctional boot camps. Examining the claims on which the implementation of the policy were based, including the assertions that such boot camps would reduce reoffending, save public money and ease overcrowding - none of which proved to be universally accurate. The Evidence Enigma also investigates the political, economic, cultural, and other factors which encouraged the spread of this policy. Both qualitative and quantitative methods are used to test hypotheses, as the author draws rich comparisons with other policies, including Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), at-risk-only sex education programs, and the electronic monitoring or tagging of offenders in England and Wales.

Presenting important lessons for guarding against the proliferation of policies that don’t work in future, this groundbreaking and accessible book will be of interest to those working in the fields of criminology, sociology and social and public policy.

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Contingent upon final funding authorization, the Department of Sociology at Northern Illinois University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position to begin in August 2013. We seek candidates with primary expertise and teaching interests in Criminology.

PhD in sociology or related field required; ABD will be considered, but the PhD must be completed by the starting date of the appointment. We seek a well-rounded scholar; the successful candidate will demonstrate a strong record of or potential for scholarly research, teaching excellence, and the ability to work with diverse student populations. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Candidates who possess research and teaching strengths related to Formal Social Control may be given priority. Interests in other areas of sociology are also desirable and will be considered with respect to the candidate’s fit with departmental strengths and needs.

The department and the university are committed to the principle of diversity and encourage applications from candidates who can contribute to this objective. Applicants must send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a sample of scholarly writing, teaching evaluations (if available), and three letters of recommendation to Kirk Miller, Chair, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115 by October 15, 2012. NIU is located in DeKalb, a growing suburb 65 miles west of downtown Chicago and 25 miles west of the suburban outer ring. NIU is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Institution. A pre-employment criminal background check is required. A conviction will not necessarily prohibit an offer of employment.

Here is the announcement
[http://www.hr.niu.edu/employment/JobDetail.cfm?Job=8038]
Crime & Justice Summer Research Institute: Broadening Perspectives & Participation
July 8 – 26, 2013, Ohio State University

Faculty pursuing tenure and career success in research-intensive institutions, academics transitioning from teaching to research institutions, and faculty members carrying out research in teaching contexts will be interested in this Summer Research Institute. Funded by the National Science Foundation, the institute is designed to promote successful research projects and careers among faculty from underrepresented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice. During the institute, participants work to complete an ongoing project (either a research paper or grant proposal) in preparation for journal submission or agency funding review. In addition, participants gain information that serves as a tool-kit tailored to successful navigation of the academic setting. To achieve these goals the Summer Research Institute provides participants with:

- Resources for completing their research projects;
- Senior faculty mentors in their areas of study;
- Opportunities to network with junior and senior scholars;
- Workshops addressing topics related to publishing, professionalization, and career planning;
- Travel expenses to Ohio, housing in Columbus, and living expenses.

The institute culminates in a research symposium where participants present their completed research before a national audience.

Dr. Ruth D. Peterson directs the Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute, which is held at Ohio State University’s Criminal Justice Research Center (Dr. Dana Haynie, Director) in Columbus, Ohio.

Completed applications must be sent electronically by Friday, February 15, 2013. To download the application form, please see our web site (http://cjrc.osu.edu/rdcjn/summerinstitute). Once completed, submit all requested application materials to kennedy.312@sociology.osu.edu. All applicants must hold regular tenure-track positions in U.S. institutions and demonstrate how their participation broadens participation of underrepresented groups in crime and justice research. Graduate students without tenure track appointments are not eligible for this program. Please direct all inquiries to kennedy.312@sociology.osu.edu.
FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

August 9–11, 2013
The Westin New York at Times Square
New York, NY

August 15–17, 2014
The San Francisco Marriott Marquis
San Francisco, CA

August 21–23, 2015
The Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel
Chicago, IL

SSSP Reports


Minutes of the 2012 Board of Directors Meetings and Business Meeting: http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1601/m/459
Winner of the 2011 C. Wright Mills Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Privilege
The Making of an Adolescent Elite at St. Paul’s School
Shamus Rahman Khan

“[A)n exemplary ethnographic investigation. . . . [T]his book is beautifully written and filled with important insights into processes of socialization among the elite.”
—Wendy Leo Moore, American Journal of Sociology

“[T]he elites in Britain and in America have changed. They now appear more open. More worldly. More meritocratic. For a description of how that process works, look at [Privilege].”
—Aditya Chakrabortty, Guardian

“Privilege is superb. Khan skillfully narrates from the perspective of both teacher and researcher, and the personal portraits are very well-rounded. This important book is a masterly look at a disturbing current in the formation of elite American society.”
—Richard Sennett, author of The Corrosion of Character
Member in the News

Sam Friedman of the National Development and Research Institutes has been awarded the 2012 NIDA Avant-Garde Award. Dr. Friedman is the first sociologist to receive this prestigious award for prevention in the spread of HIV. Here is a description of Dr. Friedman's research from the NIDA website: "Dr. Friedman’s research team plans to identify people newly infected with HIV and link them to care, since the first few months of infection represent a period of high infectivity and risk behavior. Novel interventions that include community alerts and education within affected drug using and other social networks and venues, and efforts to prevent stigmatization of the newly-infected, will be developed and tested to prevent further spread within the community."

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Established in 1981, this award is made in recognition of significant achievements that, over a distinguished career, have demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideas of the founders of the Society for the Study of Social Problems and especially to the humanist tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Betty Briant Lee.
**CALL FOR PAPERS**

2013 JSA CONFERENCE

“Family and Community in a Fractured World: Rooting for Justice, Restoring the Roots”

Arcadia University, Glenside, PA, May 30-June 1, 2013

The 15th annual meeting of the Justice Studies Association will focus on family and community in our world. The conference is interdisciplinary and so is our understanding of family and community. The Justice Studies Association welcomes any research, experiences, activism, teaching, and reflections on the justice issues related to families and communities.

Presenters might address the following themes, questions or issues:

- How do we define family and/or community?
- How do we build community?
- What are some of issues undermining families - childcare, nutrition, healthcare etc.?
- What are some model programs for families and communities?
- How has mass incarceration undermined families and communities?
- How do we restore broken communities?
- What is the role of restorative justice and reintegration in fractured communities?
- Where can you find community – on campus, in prison, on-line etc.?
- How reflective of justice are gated communities?
- What are the characteristics of a healing community?
- What is the restorative role of gardens for families and communities?
- What is the role of the arts in building community and strengthening families?
- How has recent legislation and government policies affected families and communities?
- What are the realities and promises of restorative justice in intimate partner violence?
- How does the educational system address family and community issues?
- What is the future promise for families and communities in a world of increasing inequality?
- What is the reality of community policing today?
- Is grassroots justice the answer?

You may submit a paper abstract or propose an entire panel session. JSA encourages your creative modes of presentation, including but not limited to video, photography, and interactive sessions.

Please send your presentation or session title with a 200 word abstract electronically to Program Co-Chair, Sara Ellen Kitchen, kitchens@che.edu by March 1, 2013.
The Special Problems Divisions are pleased to announce the 2013 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. Please note each division has its own deadline and submission process.

**COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**
**Deadline: 1/31/13**

The Community Research and Development Division announces its 2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage scholarly endeavors which enhance our understanding of issues affecting the community. Papers topics can focus on various aspects of the community, including its capacity, development, renewal, and its relationship with other social issues or problems. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication. Papers must be student-authored; they may be authored by a single student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Papers must not exceed 25 double-spaced pages (including all notes, references, and tables), and should include a brief abstract. To be eligible for the award, the author(s) must make a commitment to present the paper at a session during the 2013 SSSP Annual Meeting in New York City. To be considered, submit (a) a copy of the manuscript, (b) a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Community Research and Development Division Graduate Student Paper Competition, and (c) a letter from each author’s advisor certifying the person’s status as a student and including some brief comments about the research. All materials must be submitted electronically by January 31, 2013 to Dr. Andrea Leverenz at Andrea.Leverenz@umb.edu. The winner will receive a $125 cash award, a one-year membership to SSSP, and conference registration fees for the 2013 SSSP Annual Meeting.

**CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY**
**Deadline: 1/31/13**

Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and may address any aspect of crime or delinquency, including related issues of social control. Eligible papers must have been written during 2012 or later, and at the time of submission may not be published already. Papers must be student-authored; in the case of co-authorship, all authors must be students. Recommended length is under thirty pages, in total; longer papers will be considered but length is one criterion of evaluation. Submissions should use 12-point font, one inch margins, and double spacing. Send paper and a cover letter confirming eligibility and nominating the paper to Prof. Tim Berard: tiberard@alumni.reed.edu by e-mail attachment in MS Word. Early submissions welcome (eligibility is relative to time of submission). Winner will receive a plaque and compensation covering membership dues and conference registration, will be recognized at the Division awards session and the Society awards ceremony and can receive assistance scheduling the paper in the SSSP program.

**DISABILITIES**
**Deadline: 1/31/13**

The Disabilities Division is pleased to announce its 2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, may concern any social aspect of disability, and should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages. They should be prepared for anonymous review. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after December 2012) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. 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 2013 SSSP Annual Meeting in New York. Thus it is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to a Disabilities Division session by the January 31st deadline.

**CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE**
**Deadline: 1/31/13**

The Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division announces its 2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Students are encouraged to submit theoretical or empirical papers that address some aspect of the interrelate of conflict, social action, and change. The winner of the competition will receive a $150 cash award, a one-year membership to SSSP, conference registration fees to the 2013 SSSP meeting in New York City and a ticket to the SSSP Awards Banquet. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication. Also, papers must be authored by a current graduate student (either solely or co-authored by more than one student) and may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. The winning author is required to present the paper at a Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division session during the 2013 SSSP meeting in New York City, August 9-11, 2013. Papers must not exceed 30 pages including all notes, references, and tables. Please send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter to Maralee Mayberry at mayberry@usf.edu with the subject line: SSSP-CSAC Student Paper Competition.

**CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
**Deadline: 12/5/12**

The Lifetime Achievement Award is intended to honor individuals for their distinguished scholarship in the fields of crime & delinquency and/or for the positive impact of their actions/activism addressing problems of crime, delinquency and justice. Please provide a statement surveying the nominee’s relevant contributions, and the nominee’s vitae (short version preferred). Please submit nomination and supporting materials electronically to Tim Berard at tiberard@alumni.reed.edu, using MS Word of PDF attachments. Typically recipients attend the CJD Division Awards Session, which features a collegial panel discussion of the recipient’s contributions to date.
The recipient will receive a monetary prize of $50, student membership in SSSP ($30), SSSP conference registration ($60), and recognition at the conference awards ceremony. Send an electronic copy of the paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Laura Lorenz at llorenz@brandeis.edu.

**DRINKING AND DRUGS**
*Deadline: 1/31/13*

The Drinking and Drugs Division invites graduate students to apply for the 2013 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award. The First Place Winner will receive a $100 stipend and be recognized at the 2013 meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Papers under consideration must present original research (empirical and/or theoretical) related to drinking and/or drugs. To be eligible, entrants 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 sole responsibility for preparation of the paper. Self-nominations are permitted. The paper should be no longer than 30 pages. The division reserves the right to identify additional prizes or to not award a first place winner at its discretion. Applicants should send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter identifying the matriculated graduate program by 1/31/13 to: Dina Perrone, Criminal Justice Department, Cal State Long Beach, dina.perrone@csulb.edu.

**EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS**
*Deadline: 1/31/13*

The Educational Problems Division announces its 2013 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 2013. 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 stipend, student membership in the SSSP, conference registration to the 2013 SSSP annual meeting, and a complimentary ticket to the awards banquet at which all winners will be recognized. The recipient will also have the opportunity to present the paper at the 2013 SSSP conference held in New York, NY. All papers must be submitted electronically (as an attachment) to the Division Chair, Dr. Leslie R. Hinkson at lrh27@georgetown.edu, with subject line: SSSP-Edu. Probs. Div. Student Paper Competition. Please include your name, institutional affiliation and contact information in the body of your email. The paper should be submitted no later than 11:59pm (EST), January 31, 2013.

**ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**
*Deadline: 1/31/13*

The Environment and Technology Division is pleased to announce its 2013 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award. This award honors the late Brent Marshall’s (1965-2008) personal and professional commitment to the Division and encouragement of student engagement in academic scholarship and research. Papers will be considered in the areas of environmental sociology including, but not limited to political economy of the environment, global environmental issues, social movements and the environment, technology and society, natural disasters and society, and risk perception. The winner will receive a $120 cash award, membership dues, annual meeting registration, and a ticket to the annual SSSP awards banquet or reception where the winner will be acknowledged. The winner will also be offered the opportunity to present this paper at one of the sessions held at the 2013 SSSP meeting in New York, NY. To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written during 2012; 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 work for The Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award (formerly the Environment and Technology Division Graduate Student Paper Competition). Students should send one copy of the paper accompanied by a letter of support to: Lisa-Jo van den Scott, Sociology Department, Northwestern University, 1810 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL 60208 or by e-mail to ljvandenscott@u.northwestern.edu. Electronic submissions are preferred. Submissions must be received no later than midnight on January 31, 2013.

**FAMILY**
*Deadline: 1/31/13*

The Family Division announces its 2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should be of a professional quality and may relate to any aspect of the sociology of the family. Authors should be currently enrolled as graduate students, or individuals who will receive their PhDs in May 2012 or later. To be eligible, a paper may not be published, accepted, or under review for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or submitted for presentation at a professional conference are eligible. Papers must be student authored; they can be authored by one or more students, but may not be co-authored with a faculty member or non-student. Papers should be no more than 25 pages in length, including all notes, references, and tables. Please e-mail papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Megan Reid, reid@ndri.org. The winner and any runners-up will be announced in Spring 2013. The winner(s) will receive a modest cash stipend, registration fees, and an opportunity to present her/his paper at the upcoming SSSP meetings in New York, NY. Please include your name, institutional affiliation and contact information in the body of your e-mail. Also indicate that your paper is being submitted for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition in the subject line of your e-mail.

**GLOBAL**
*Deadline: 1/31/13*

The Global Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in cooperation with the Sage journal Critical Sociology announces its 2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global or transnational studies and social problems. Suggested paper topics include but are not limited to the following themes:

- Transnational Public Sociology;
- Knowledge Production about Globalization;
- Democratizing Globalization;
- The Politics of Human Rights;
- Re-imagining Community;
- Critical and/or Institutional Ethnography and Global Governance;
- Transnational Corporate Accountability;
- Immigration, Citizenship, and

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Global Justice; • Globalization and Environmental Justice; • Transnational Movements; • Transnational Organizing within the Global South; • Gender Issues in Globalization; and • Transnational Families.

Jointly-authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current graduate students or have graduated not prior to January 1, 2013. The award recipient will receive student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2013 Annual SSSP Meeting in New York, a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet and a $400 prize (this award has been made possible in part by support from the Sage Journal Critical Sociology). Award recipients are expected to present their paper at the 2013 Annual Meeting. Winning papers will be invited to submit their paper for publication in Critical Sociology. 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. Note: Previous winners of this award are ineligible to compete. Papers should be double-spaced and not exceed 10,000 words including citations. Submissions must be sent by January 31, 2013 to Dr. Tony Samara at tsamara@gmu.edu.

GLOBAL OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD
Deadline: 4/1/13
The Global Division is pleased to announce its 2013 Outstanding Book Award. Given the massive growth of interest and research in the areas of global studies and social problems over the last decade, the Award is intended to recognize published work of exceptional quality in these areas and to encourage further critical scholarship about them. Accordingly, books on a variety of topics and themes will be considered for the Award, including but not limited to the following: alternative models of globalization; global dynamics and forms of resistance to neoliberalism (including the post-Washington Consensus era in Latin America, Asia, Africa, or the Middle East); transnational social movements; human rights struggles and global activism (around gender, indigeneity, migration, peace, social justice, etc.); transnational communities and cultural politics; global cities. We are particularly interested in books that link critical politics and activism with analytical and theoretical rigor.

To be eligible for consideration, books must have been published within 3 years of the meeting (2010-2013 for this year’s award). Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the Award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2013 Annual Meeting. The award recipient(s) will receive one or two tickets to the SSSP awards banquet, at which the Award will be announced. Nominations can be made by members of the Global Division as well as from publishers; self-nominations are also welcomed.

Nominees should send full publication information and a paragraph explaining why this book is recommended. If available, contact information for the author should be included. 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 must be received no later than April 1, 2013. To nominate a book for this award, please send your message to the Co-Chairs of the 2013 Global Division Outstanding Book Award Committee, Paul Dean (psdean@owu.edu) and Cheriesh Chan (cherisch@hku.hk).

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division invites all graduate students 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. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2012) may submit a paper if it was written while a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors were graduate students at the time the paper was written. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will disqualify the submission. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2013 SSSP Annual Meeting in New York, NY. Thus, the paper also should be submitted to any Health Division meeting 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 ceremony. Send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Miranda Waggoner, PhD. waggoner@princeton.edu. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (including references) and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified only on the cover page).

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Institutional Ethnography Division solicits papers for its 2013 George W. Smith Graduate Student Paper Competition. To be considered, papers should advance institutional ethnography scholarship either methodologically or through a substantive contribution. For an overview of institutional ethnography and the purposes of the IE Division, see http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1236/m/464. Authors must be currently enrolled graduate students or have graduated within the last 12 months. Submissions are to be 25 pages long or less, excluding notes, references and tables, and be submitted in Word-compatible format, in 12-point Times New Roman font. An electronic letter from the student’s supervisor attesting to the lead author’s student status must accompany the submission. Prizes include a $100 cash award, registration fees, an opportunity to present the winning paper at the (2013) SSSP meetings and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. The winner of the 2013 paper will be invited to sit on the adjudicating panel for the 2014 paper submissions. Send submission to ALL of the following members of the 2013 review committee: Marjorie DeVault mdevault@maxwell.syr.edu; Lauren Eastwood eastwole@plattsburgh.edu and Faezeh Bahreini fbahreimi@mail.usf.edu.

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY: DOROTHY E. SMITH AWARD FOR SCHOLAR-ACTIVISM
Deadline: 5/1/13
The Institutional Ethnography Division is pleased to solicit to solicit nominations for the 2013 Dorothy E. Smith Award for Scholar-Activism. This award recognizes the activities of an
individual or group who has made substantial contributions to institutional ethnographic scholar-activism in either a single project or some longer trajectory of work. The contributions may involve IE research conducted and used for activist ends, or it may involve activist efforts which have drawn upon or contributed to IE scholarship. The award committee invites members of the division to send a one-page statement describing the contributions of the nominee to Suzanne Vaughan at svaughan@asu.edu by May 1, 2013.

LABOR STUDIES
Deadline 1/31/13
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, payment of membership dues, and conference registration. 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: Ted Brimeyer, tbrimeyer@georgiasouthern.edu.

LAW AND SOCIETY
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Law and Society Division announces its 2013 Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of law and society. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2012, and at the time of submission, 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 by a faculty member or other non-student. Please submit in MS Word. There is a 25-page limit, including all notes, references, and tables. Submissions should use 12-size font, one inch margins, and double space throughout. Send papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the SSSP Law and Society Division Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition to Dr. Lloyd Klein. Submissions should be submitted electronically to: lklein@sfc.edu. The winner(s) will be announced in Spring 2013, will receive a $200 stipend, and is eligible to present the paper at the 2013 annual meeting in New York.

LAW AND SOCIETY: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Law and Society Division announces the 2013 William J. Chambliss Lifetime Achievement Award. The primary purpose of this award is to recognize career-spanning excellence and achievement in the area of law and society. The committee will consider the applicant’s strength of publications and overall contribution to the study of law and society. Please send electronic copies of a nomination letter and the individual’s CV to: Tim Berard tiberard@alumni.reed.edu. The winner will be announced in Spring 2013, receive a $100 award, and be recognized at the 2013 annual meeting in New York.

MENTAL HEALTH
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Mental Health Division announces the 2013 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 2012 or 2013, 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 nonstudent. Paper must not exceed 28 pages including all notes, references, and tables. To submit your paper for consideration, send two online copies to: Helen Rosenburg, Ph.D. at rosenbeh@uwp.edu. 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 2013 Annual Meeting and will receive a $150 cash award, plus a ticket to the SSSP banquet where the award will be presented, conference registration and student membership.

MENTAL HEALTH: JAMES R. GREENLEY AWARD
Deadline: 5/1/13
The Mental Health Division invites nominations for the 2013 James R. Greenley Award for distinguished contributions to the sociology of mental health. With this award, the Division seeks to recognize individuals who have distinguished careers and made a significant impact on the field through their scholarship, teaching, and community involvement. Previous award winners include Jerome Myers, Bruce Link, Thomas Scheff, Walter Gove, R. Jay Turner, Bruce Dohrenwend, Bill Avison, Virginia Hiday, Eric Wright, and Jo Phelan. Nominations, including a letter of nomination and a copy of the nominees CV, should be sent via email to Stephanie.hartwell@umb.edu or richard.carpiano@ubc.ca by May 1, 2013. The winner of the 2013 award will be notified in June and the award will be presented at the Mental Health Division’s annual Business Meeting in New York City.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Poverty, Class, and Inequality (PCI) Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) announces its 2013 Student Paper Competition. The PCI division would like to reward graduate student work that addresses issues related to poverty, class, and inequality. Papers should be unpublished, original empirical works of professional quality completed during students’ graduate or undergraduate studies. Papers must be student authored; they can be authored by one or more students, but may not be co-authored with faculty or non-students. The winner of the competition will receive a small cash award, complimentary annual dues for SSSP, and registration and a banquet ticket for the annual meeting. Papers should be no more than 30 pages in length, including notes, references, and tables. Self-
nominations are acceptable. Duplicate submissions to other SSSP student paper award competitions will be disqualified. Send blind papers, electronically, to: Yvonne Luna, Department of Sociology and Social Work, Northern Arizona University, yvonne.luna@nau.edu and Tracy Peressini, Department of Social Development Studies, Renison University College, University of Waterloo, peressini@uwaterloo.ca. Please specify that you are submitting a paper for the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division Student Paper Competition and include a cover and nomination letter including the students contact information.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY: MICHAEL HARRINGTON AWARD
Deadline: 4/1/13
The Poverty, Class, and Inequality (PCI) Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems invites nominations for the 2013 Michael Harrington Award. This award will be granted to an individual who, an organization, or academic/research that, by his/her/its actions advance our understanding of poverty, social class, and/or inequality, and/or proposes effective and practical ways to attend to the needs of the poor and reduce class inequalities. Self-nominations are acceptable. The award will be presented at the 2013 SSSP meetings in New York City. The winner will receive a plaque at a special session honoring the work of Michael Harrington. One-page nomination letters should be sent electronically to Yvonne Luna, Department of Sociology and Social Work, Northern Arizona University, yvonne.luna@nau.edu and Tracy Peressini, Department of Social Development Studies, Renison University College, University of Waterloo, peressini@uwaterloo.ca. Supplemental materials may be requested.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division invites graduate student papers that cover any aspect within the field of race and ethnic relations to be submitted for consideration for our Graduate Student paper award. Papers may be empirical or theoretical. To be eligible, a paper must have been written in 2012, may not have been accepted for publication, or currently under review. Papers which have been presented at previous meetings or conferences are eligible. Papers must be single authored by the student. Papers must not exceed 25 pages, including notes, tables, and references. Papers should be accompanied by a cover letter specifying their submission as consideration for the graduate student paper competition to denbrie@luc.edu. The winner will be announced in early summer 2013 and will receive a $100 stipend and a ticket to attend the SSSP awards banquet.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division announces the 2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, and sexual communities. The winner will receive a one-year membership to SSSP, a waived conference registration fee to attend the 2013 meeting, and an additional cash prize of $100. The winner will be expected to present their winning paper as part of the 2013 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2012 and January 2013; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must not exceed 30 pages including notes, references, and tables; 5) The paper must be double-spaced and typed using 12 point font; 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 submit the paper via email, with no identifying information on any part of the paper, and the letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Dawn Baunach, Ph.D., Email: dbaunach@gsu.edu, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Social Problems Theory Division invites papers for its annual Student Paper Award. 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 at the time of submission. Social Problems Theory welcomes papers that critique or advance the ongoing scholarly dialogue about the constructionist approach to social problems theorizing. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible. Self-nominations are welcome. Manuscripts should be limited to fewer than 10,000 words (not including references). Subject to budgetary approval, we anticipate that the winner will receive a monetary stipend, membership dues, meeting registration fees, and a ticket for the 2013 SSSP awards banquet. The winner will also be invited to present her or his paper at the 2013 SSSP meetings. Please send submissions as an e-mail attachment to the Student Paper Award Committee Chair: Lynn Letukas (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse) at lletukas@uwlaux.edu.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY: OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD
Deadline: 2/15/13
The Social Problems Theory Division requests nominations for its Outstanding Paper Award. The goal of this award is to encourage and recognize scholarship in the area of social problems theory. Social Problems Theory welcomes papers that critique or advance the ongoing scholarly dialogue about the constructionist approach to social problems theorizing. Eligible papers must have been published between August 1, 2010 and February 15, 2013. Single or multiple-authored articles will be accepted. Authors are encouraged to nominate their own work. Nominees must be members of SSSP. Please send a brief nomination letter and arrange to have a copy of the article sent to the Outstanding Paper Award Committee Chair: Mitch Berbrier (University of Alabama-Huntsville) at Mitch.Berbrier@uah.edu.

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE
Deadline: 1/31/13
The Sociology and Social Welfare Division announces its 2013 Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage scholastic endeavors that enhance our understanding of issues related to sociology and social welfare. Papers may explore and analyze any social welfare policy or institution along any dimension of interest. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and
theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, papers must be: 1) written between January 1, 2012 and January 31, 2013 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 less, 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 during the 2013 SSSP conference. Send a copy of your paper and the faculty nomination letter as email attachments to Richard K. Caputo (caputo@yu.edu), Chair, SSWD Student Paper Competition, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, Wilf Campus, 2495 Amsterdam Ave., Belfer Hall, Rm 907, New York, NY 10033. The SSSW competition winner receives a cash prize of $200 plus 2013 SSSP membership, and the annual conference registration.

**SPORT, LEISURE, AND THE BODY**
**Deadline: 1/31/13**
The Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division announces the 2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and may be on any aspect of sport or sporting culture, leisure, and/or sporting bodies broadly defined. The winner will receive a stipend of $100, student membership in SSSP for 2013, complimentary registration for the 2013 annual meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a complimentary ticket to the 2013 SSSP awards banquet. The winner will also be invited to present the winning paper at one of the Sport, Leisure, and the Body sessions at the 2013 annual meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the applicant must be a graduate student at the time of the SSSP annual meeting in August 9-11, 2013, 2) the applicant must be the first (lead) author on the paper, 3) the paper must not be co-authored with a faculty member or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 5) the paper must not exceed 30 pages including notes, references, and tables; 6) the paper must be typed using 12 point font in either Times New Roman or Courier; and 7) the paper must be accompanied by a nominating letter from a faculty member at the student’s college or university. Please submit your paper electronically as a Microsoft Word and PDF file to ccook0@purdue.edu. The faculty letter of nomination may be sent electronically or as a hard copy to: Dr. Cheryl Cooky, Department of Health & Kinesiology, Purdue University, 800 W. Stadium Ave. West Lafayette, IN 47907-2046. Paper submission must be dated (via electronic time/date stamp and post-mark) on or before 1/31/13.

**TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS**
**Deadline: 1/31/13**
The Teaching Social Problems Division announces its 2013 Outstanding Paper Competition. Papers may be on any aspect of teaching about social problems, but does not have to derive from teaching a social problems course. Topics for papers can include “best practices” in the classroom, service-learning courses, using technology, using media, assessing learning, and other areas. The winner will receive a cash award of $100, a ticket to the 2013 SSSP awards banquet, and a one year membership to SSSP. The winner also receives an opportunity to present this paper at the 2013 SSSP meeting.

To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: (1) The paper must have been completed between January 2012 and January 2013; (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 30 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables.

Self nominations are welcome and highly encouraged. Please submit the paper electronically as a Word-compatible file, along with a letter of nomination, to the Outstanding Paper Competition committee chair: Dr. Corey Dolgon, Director of Community Based Learning, Stonehill College, 320 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02357, 508-565-1904, cdolgon@stonehill.edu. The winner will be announced prior to the 2013 SSSP Annual Meeting in New York, NY.

**YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE**
**Deadline: 1/31/13**
The Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division invites all graduate students to apply for this annual paper award competition. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest of youth, aging, and the life course. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2012) may submit a paper if it was written while a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors were graduate students at the time the paper was written. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will disqualify the submission. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2013 SSSP Annual Meeting in New York, NY. Thus, the paper also should be submitted to any Youth, Aging, and the Life Course meeting 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 ceremony. Send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Mary Byrnes, Ph.D., mbyrnes4404@marygrove.edu. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (including references) and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified only on the cover page).

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:**
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Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
W: 865-689-1531; F: 865-689-1534; mkoontz3@utk.edu
http://www.sssp1.org
THE 2013 BETH B. HESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an advanced sociology Ph.D. student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school. A student advanced to candidacy (ABD status) in an accredited Ph.D. program in sociology in the U.S. is eligible to apply if she or he studied at a U.S. two-year college either part-time or full-time for the equivalent of at least one full academic year that was not part of a high-school dual-enrollment program.

The Scholarship carries a stipend to be used to support the pursuit of a Ph.D. in the amount of $15,000 from Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) and an additional $300 from the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), as well as a one-year membership in SWS (including a subscription to Gender & Society) and SSSP (including a subscription to Social Problems). The Scholarship will be awarded at the summer meetings of SWS and SSSP. Recognizing Beth Hess’s significant contributions to the American Sociological Association (ASA), ASA joins SWS and SSSP in supporting and celebrating the awardee at their Annual Meetings, August 10-13, 2013 in New York City. The awardee’s economy-class airfare, train fare or driving mileage/tolls will be paid by SWS. Each association will also waive its meeting registration and provide complementary banquet and/or reception tickets for the awardee.

To honor Beth Hess’s career, the committee will be looking for:
- High quality research and writing in the proposal and letter of application.
- Commitment to teaching, especially at a community college or other institution serving less-privileged students.
- Research and 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 and activism.

Applications for the award should be sent electronically as a single Word or RTF file via e-mail attachment to: dcopelto@brockport.edu. Applications must contain in the following order:
1. A cover sheet with:
   - Name and full contact information, including phone and email
   - Current academic affiliation, with years in attendance
   - Community college or technical school attended, with years of attendance and number of credits completed
   - Name and contact information for graduate faculty reference
   - If included, name of honored community or technical college faculty member
2. A letter of application (no more than 2 pages) describing the student's decision to study sociology, commitment to teaching, career goals, research agenda, service and activism that would help the committee to see how the Scholarship would be a fitting honor
3. Full curriculum vitae, including all schools, degrees awarded, years of study, and full or part-time status in each
4. (Optional) A one-page letter describing a community/technical college faculty member who contributed in a significant way to the decision to study sociology or pursue higher education

Applicants should also arrange for the following to be sent directly either electronically via e-mail attachment or in a hard copy:
1. A letter confirming advancement to candidacy (ABD status) in a sociology Ph.D. program and aid award, if any
2. A letter of recommendation from a sociologist
3. Transcript (official or unofficial) from the community or technical college attended

Only the enrollment confirmation, letter of recommendation, and transcript will be accepted in hard copy. Electronic copies of these materials are preferred and should be sent directly by the individual or institution supplying them. Hard copies can be mailed directly to:

Dr. Denise Copelton
Department of Sociology
The College at Brockport, State University of NY
350 New Campus Dr.
Brockport, NY 14420

To be considered, all application materials (electronic and hard copy) must be received by midnight on April 1, 2013.

For further information contact Denise Copelton at: dcopelto@brockport.edu
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2013 RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2013 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. Members of the Society should urge qualified candidates to apply for this award. **Applications are due by and must be received on February 1, 2013.** Applicants will be notified of the results by July 15, 2013. All applicants must be current SSSP members when applying.

**SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE**

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), in keeping with its philosophy of active engagement with social problems, participation in social problem solutions, and advancement of knowledge through study, service and critical analysis, established the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship at its annual meeting in August 1993. The purpose of the scholarship is:

- To identify and support developing minority scholars who exemplify and give fresh voice to the SSSP history and commitment to scholar activism
- To give renewed energy and wider lenses to diversity in scholarship
- To increase the pool of minority social and behavioral scientists
- To establish a formal commitment to diversity through support of a minority doctoral student in the social and/or behavioral sciences inclusive of course work or dissertation research support who demonstrates a commitment, through his or her scholarly examination, of any aspect of inequality, injustice and oppression

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

- A person identified as either Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Asian-American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or American Indian or Alaska Native accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences so as to expand their perspectives in the pursuit and investigations into social problems
- Submission of a dissertation proposal of 15 or more double spaced pages. The student’s dissertation advisor’s letter should note that s/he expects the student to have defended the dissertation proposal and have achieved advanced status in the doctoral program (completed course work, examinations, and approval of their dissertation prospectus) by the end of the Spring 2013 academic year.
- A grade point average or equivalent of at least 3.25 in one’s current graduate program [of study]
- Evidence, through scholarly work and/or commitment to a career of scholar activism as demonstrated by: course work and research, activism in school and/or community, and career plans
- Statement of financial need as expressed by the applicant and Graduate Program Director or Advisor
- Applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States

**FUNDING**

A $12,000 scholarship will be funded to one student with an additional $500 awarded for attendance at the annual meeting. Payments will be made in equal installments in September 2013 and January 2014. SSSP believes that the support of students will foster the commitment required to enable the student to fund living arrangements as well as academic or research costs.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECIPIENT**

- Attend the annual meeting to receive the award. A $500 stipend will be available to the winner for this purpose.
- Submit a brief final report (three pages maximum) on the work sponsored through the award, at the end of the award year.
- Following year, present work (described above) at an appropriate division session. A $500 stipend will be available to the winner for this purpose.
- Serve on the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee after completing graduate school, and attend the scheduled meeting of the committee.

**STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS**

Complete application packets should be sent to the SSSP Administrative Office. INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. Each packet must include the following:

1) Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Application (complete and print the application and send it in with the rest of your application);
2) an Official Transcript with seal from the student’s Graduate Program Registrar;
3) Resume or Curriculum Vitae;
4) Three letters of recommendation addressing the student’s work and progress in program, including one from the student’s dissertation Advisor. The letter from the Advisor should address the financial need of the applicant, and should also note that the student will have defended the dissertation proposal and have achieved advanced status in the doctoral program (completed course work, examinations, and approval of their dissertation prospectus) by the end of the Spring 2013 academic year.
5) Each letter should be placed in a sealed envelope with author’s signature over the seal. Letters not included in the packet will not be accepted.
6) Personal statement of commitment to a career of scholar activism;
7) Fifteen or more double spaced pages of your dissertation proposal

Contact Dr. Alfonso R. Latoni, Chair, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee with all questions (W: 301-402-7702 or e-mail alfonso.latoni@nih.gov).

Click on the following link to [download an application](#). Complete application packets should be sent to:

The Society for the Study of Social Problems
University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
W: 865-689-1531; F: 865-689-1534; sssp@utk.edu
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2012 C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2012 C. Wright Mills Award. Members of the Society are encouraged to submit letters of nomination for this prestigious annual award. Self nominations are acceptable. Edited volumes, textbooks, fiction and self-published works are not eligible. Eligible books must be first edition (not a reprint or later edition) and published in 2012.

The C. Wright Mills Award, established in 1964, is made annually and carries with it a stipend of $500 for the author(s) of the winning book. The deadline for the 2012 award nominations is December 15, 2012. The 2012 award will be presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting in New York City, NY, August 9-11, 2013.

C. Wright Mills wrote in The Power Elite that: “Only when mind has an autonomous basis, independent of power, but powerfully related to it, can mind exert its force in the shaping of human affairs. This is democratically possible only when there exists a free and knowledgeable public, to which [people] of knowledge may address themselves, and to which [people] of power are truly responsible.” Consistent with Mills’ dedication to a search for a sophisticated understanding of the individual and society, the award will be given for that book published in 2012 that most effectively:

1) critically addresses an issue of contemporary public importance,
2) brings to the topic a fresh, imaginative perspective,
3) advances social scientific understanding of the topic,
4) displays a theoretically informed view and empirical orientation,
5) evinces quality in style of writing,
6) explicitly or implicitly contains implications for courses of action.

To nominate a book for the 2012 C. Wright Mills Award, click the following nomination form link: 2012 C. Wright Mills Award Nomination Form. All nominations, including a cover letter explaining how the nominated book addresses each of the criteria for the award, must be submitted by December 15, 2012. Click the following link for information on where to send books.

Please address all questions to:

Professor Raymond J. Michalowski, Chair
C. Wright Mills Award Committee
E-mail: raymond.michalowski@nau.edu

For further information, contact:

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager
Work: (865) 689-1531; Fax: (865) 689-1534; E-mail: mkoontz3@utk.edu
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2013 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2013 Lee Founders Award. Members of the Society are urged to nominate one or more persons for the award. The deadline for the 2013 award nominations is April 15, 2013.

Established in 1981, this award is made in recognition of significant lifetime achievements demonstrating a devotion to the SSSP and to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanistic tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee. Past winners have included Thomas C. Hood, Irving Kenneth Zola, Valerie Jenness, Evelyn Nakano Glenn, and Elliot Liebow.

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE

2012  Evelyn Nakano Glenn, University of California, Berkeley
2011  Claire M. Renzetti, University of Kentucky
2010  Thomas C. Hood, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2009  John F. Galliher, University of Missouri
2008  David A. Snow, University of California, Irvine
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
2002  Thomas J. Scheff, University of California, Santa Barbara
2001  Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine
2000  Beth B. Hess, County College of Morris
1999  Norma Williams, University of Texas at Arlington
1998  Gary L. Albrecht, University of Illinois, Chicago
1997  John I. Kitsuse, University of California, Santa Cruz
1996  Irwin Deutscher, University of Akron
1995  No Winner Chosen
1994  Gideon Sjoberg, University of Texas
1993  Joyce A. Lader, Howard University
1992  Irving Kenneth Zola, Brandeis University
1991  Marvin B. Sussman, University of Delaware
1990  Richard Cloward, Columbia University
1989  Francis Fox Piven, CUNY, Graduate Center
1988  Louis Kriesberg, Syracuse University
1987  Arlene Kaplan Daniels, Northwestern University
1986  James E. Blackwell, University of Massachusetts, Boston
1985  John Useem, SSSP Life Member
1984  Ruth Hill Useem, SSSP Life Member
1983  S. M. Miller, Boston University
1982  Joan Moore, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

CRITERIA FOR THE LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

1. The nominee must have been an active SSSP member who has made significant contributions to the Society.

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.

NOMINATION 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 online 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.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

To nominate a person for the 2013 Lee Founders Award, click the following nomination form link: 2013 Lee Founders Award Nomination Form. All nominations must be submitted online no later than April 15, 2013. The 2013 award will be presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting in New York City, NY, August 9-11, 2013.

Please address all questions to:

Dr. Nancy C. Jurik, Chair
Lee Founders Award Committee
E-mail: nancy.jurik@asu.edu
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2013 THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

Nominations are open for the 2013 Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award. Members of the Society are urged to nominate organizations for the award. The deadline for the 2013 award nominations is April 1, 2013.

The Thomas C. Hood 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 New York City 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.

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

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Nominations are now open for the 2013 Joseph B. Gittler Award. Members of the Society are urged to nominate one or more persons for the award. The deadline for the 2013 award nominations is April 15, 2013. 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.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

2012 Nancy A. Wonders, Northern Arizona University
2011 Frances Fox Piven, Graduate Center, City University of New York
2010 Ellen Pence, Praxis International
2009 Gregory D. Squires, George Washington University
2008 Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine

CRITERIA FOR THE JOSEPH B. GITTLER AWARD
for the most scholarly contributions in the area of “Ethical Components in the Resolution 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 online 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 grassroots 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 of the committee or include letters of support with your nomination.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

To nominate a person for the 2013 Joseph B. Gittler Award, click the following nomination form link: [2013 Joseph B. Gittler Award Nomination Form](#). All nominations must be submitted online no later than April 15, 2013. The 2013 award will be presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting in New York City, NY, August 9-11, 2013.

**TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee announces funds available for Unemployed and Underemployed Sociologists to participate in the 2013 Annual Meeting, August 9-11, New York City, NY.

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 Fund 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.

Only complete online applications will be reviewed. An [online application](#) must be submitted no later than March 15, 2013 and will be automatically sent to:

Dr. John C. Alessio, Chair  
Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee  
E-mail: [jcalessio9@gmail.com](mailto:jcalessio9@gmail.com)

Other Committee Members:  
*Jennifer K. Wesely, Chair-Elect*  
*Ruth K. Thompson-Miller*

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The Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee announces funds available for Foreign Scholars to participate in the 2013 Annual Meeting, August 9-11, New York City, NY.

The Society for the Study Social Problems established the Lee Scholar Support Fund to help bring foreign scholars 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, preference will be given to applicants from economically disadvantaged countries who without these funds could not attend the Annual Meeting. Preference will be given to applicants who have not received support from the Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee before.

Only complete online applications will be reviewed. An online application must be submitted no later than March 15, 2013 and will be automatically sent to:

Dr. Jon Shefner, Chair
Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee
E-mail: jshefner@utk.edu

Other Committee Members:
Stephani Williams, Chair-Elect
Lois Andre-Bechely

The Lee Student Support Fund Committee announces funds available for Undergraduate and Graduate Students to participate in the 2013 Annual Meeting, August 9-11, New York City, NY.

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. The fund provides up to $500 in travel support (transportation costs only) for undergraduate and graduate student conference participants. Awards are allocated by the committee. In addition to need, the committee may recognize the Society’s commitment to diversity, the applicant’s commitment to scholar-activism, and interdisciplinary work among other factors.

Only complete online applications will be reviewed. An online application must be submitted no later than March 15, 2013 and will be automatically sent to:

Dr. Ruth K. Thompson-Miller, Chair
Lee Student Support Fund
E-mail: rthompsonmiller1@udayton.edu

Other Committee Members:
Sondra Fogel, Chair-Elect
Elizabeth Seton Mignacca
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SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Call For Papers

The unprecedented global crisis unfolding before us demands that we re-imagine the way we understand the very nature of social problems. Neoliberalism finds itself rife with contradictions as it seeks out a post-neoliberal path to global capitalist expansion. At the same time, social movements around the world are mounting resistance to this restructuring. From Occupy Wall Street and the anti-austerity trade union and student movements that stretch across the global North, to the Arab Spring and indigenous upsurges of Latin America, popular movements have engaged and impacted the structural path of global development.

In the SSSP, a wealth of ground-breaking work has begun to accumulate that can deepen our understanding of this raging dialectic. New approaches have progressively enriched social constructionism with social movement theory and other elements that help reconcile fluid social processes with critical political economy. Let us take up the challenge to push forward and preserve the critical leading edge of this theorizing. There is no better place to do this than in New York City, the former stomping grounds of C. Wright Mills and other insurgent sociologists who helped pioneer the sociological imagination. Our call is to move beyond the field’s aging paradigms and actively engage and "occupy" the academic, sociological complex.

We invite NYC 2013 participants to challenge established views and contemplate the limits of existing approaches to social problems, including those of social constructionism. It is time to explore alternative and more advanced ways to confront the exploitative structures of globalized capitalism that so insidiously shape our social problems. All of this requires a revitalized sociological imagination. It requires of us a renewed emphasis on collective response and strategy to complement critical analysis. The historical moment demands that we as academics and social practitioners work in better tandem with social movements to help concretize emerging visions of another possible world.

Pack your sociological imagination and come “occupy” your place in the Big Apple!

R.A. Dello Buono, SSSP President, Manhattan College

Graduate Student Awards

Graduate student paper awards will be given by each of the SSSP Special Problems Divisions: Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Disabilities; Drinking and Drugs; Educational Problems; Environment and Technology; Family, Global; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Institutional Ethnography; Labor Studies; Law and Society; Mental Health; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Social Problems Theory, Sociology and Social Welfare; Sport, Leisure, and the Body; Teaching Social Problems; and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course.

For more info, visit: www.sssp1.org

NYC 2013

The Westin New York at Times Square

RE-IMAGINING
SOCIAL PROBLEMS
MOVING BEYOND SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISM
GROUP: THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

GROUP CODE: SSSP

DATE: AUGUST 7-15, 2013

ROOM RATE: Single/Double - $230 / Night; Triple - $250 / Night; Quad - $270 / Night
*Rate is exclusive of 14.75% tax + $3.50 occupancy fee and subject to change without notice
*Rate includes complimentary internet in guest rooms

HOTEL: The Westin New York at Times Square stands at the heart of a vivid action-packed metropolis. From thrilling sights to gourmet restaurants to Broadway's glittering star-studded performances, New York delivers something unforgettable for everyone.

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- Electronic/magnetic keys
- Wireless Internet access (complimentary)
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- Daily housekeeping
- Window opens
- Clock radio
- Desk
- In-room safe

RESERVATIONS:
To book, modify or cancel a reservation go to: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/TheSocietyForTheStudyOfSocialProblems. If necessary, you can call the Central Reservations department at 1.888.627.7149. When you call to make your reservation please give the group name (The Society for the Study of Social Problems) to ensure you are given the correct room rate. Each reservation must be guaranteed with a credit card. Check in is at 3:00pm and check-out is at 12:00pm. There must be a 24 hour notice for cancellation prior to arrival. Any cancellation made after this will forfeit one night room and tax.

CUT-OFF DATE:
Reservation must be confirmed by Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 5:00pm (EST) to guarantee a room rate of $230/night. Reservations made after July 18th or after the room block is filled are subject to non-availability and rate increase.

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## Membership Renewal for the 2013 Calendar Year

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- **Personal Website**

**Affiliation:**
- **Affiliation Type**

**Privacy & Communication Preferences:**
- Yes, send me an e-mail link (preferred) for Social Problems.
- I do not want to receive any e-mails from SSSP including election notices, division newsletters, preliminary program, and other announcements.

**1. Choose your membership dues category.**
- Life Members, Emeriti ($50)
- Student ($30)
- Unemployed ($30)
- Retired Member ($45)
- First Time Professional Member ($45)
- $24,999 and under ($70)
- $25,000-$29,999 ($90)
- $30,000-$34,999 ($100)
- $35,000-$44,999 ($120)
- $45,000-$54,999 ($150)
- $55,000-$64,999 ($170)
- $65,000-$74,999 ($190)
- $85,000-$99,999 ($210)
- $100,000 and up ($250)
- Sustaining Membership ($1,700)
- **Departmental Membership ($85)**

**2. Choose which Special Problems Divisions you would like to join.** Each member will receive one FREE division membership and student members will receive two FREE division memberships. Members may choose additional divisions at $10 each.
- A. Community Research and Development
- B. Crime and Juvenile Delinquency
- C. Drinking and Drugs
- D. Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- E. Conflict, Social Action, and Change
- F. Family
- G. Poverty, Class, and Inequality
- H. Mental Health
- I. Social Problems Theory
- J. Sociology and Social Welfare
- K. Youth, Aging, and the Life Course
- L. Educational Problems
- M. Environment and Technology
- N. Labor Studies
- O. Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities
- P. Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
- Q. Law and Society
- R. Teaching Social Problems
- S. Institutional Ethnography
- T. Global
- U. Disabilities
- V. Sport, Leisure, and the Body

**3. Check if you would like to serve on any of the following elected positions.** The Administrative Office will give your name to the Nominations Committee.
- President Elect/President
- Vice-President Elect/Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Board of Directors/Student Board Representative
- Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee
- Committee on Committees
- Editorial and Publications Committee
- Membership and Outreach Committee

**4. Check if you would like to serve on any of the following appointed committees.** The Administrative Office will give your name to the Committee on Committees.
- Accessibility
- C. Wright Mills Award
- Elections
- Erwin O. Smigel Award
- Joseph B. Gitter Award
- Lee Founders Award
- Lee Scholar Support Fund
- Le Student Support Fund
- Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning
- Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship
- Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching
- Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award

**5. Decide if you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Society's awards and funds.**
- Accessibility Services
- C. Wright Mills Award
- Erwin O. Smigel Award
- Joseph B. Gitter Award
- Lee Founders Award
- Lee Scholar Support Fund
- Lee Student Support Fund
- Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship
- SSSP General Fund
- Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award

**6. Payment Amount**
- Membership Dues
- Additional Special Problems Division Fee
- Mailing Fee
- **Tax-Deductible Contributions**

**7. Choose your payment method.**
- a. Enclose check or money order, in U.S. currency, payable to: SSSP, 901 McClung Tower, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
- b. Provide credit card authorization below
- c. Fax this form to: (865) 689-1534
- d. Join online: www.sssp1.org

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- For SSSP members with a mailing address in Canada and Mexico, a mail fee of $20 will be applied.
- For all other mailing addresses outside the United States, the mail fee is $30. This fee is waived for members who opt out of the paper option in all categories.