

# Addendum

## Social Problems Theory News

### Spring 2008

Greetings,

Herein is the long awaited Addendum to our Division's Spring 2008 newsletter. It figures that I would omit the Announcements section just when everyone has one to make. I'm guessing that we haven't had so many announcements since Jimmy Carter was President.

My sincere apologies for the oversight.

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Call for Papers

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## Social Problems, Social Constructions

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How and why do some issues become social problems? How does media coverage shape our understanding of social issues? How do particular social policies emerge, and once they are in place, how are they implemented? Books in this new series will critically examine the subjective processes that turn social conditions into social problems. Collectively, the series will reflect the ability of the constructionist approach to transform the sociological study of social problems.

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### Call for Papers

In a separate .pdf on the Social Problems Theory website you will find a call for papers (in Spanish) regarding a meeting that will take place in Chile with the theme Science, Technologies and Culture, submitted by Silvana Figueroa.

### **Announcing the Publication of the *Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008***

The SSSP is pleased to offer you the *Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008*, which represents an effort by our professional association to nourish a more "public sociology" that will be easily accessible and useful to policy makers. It is also a way to give something back to the people and institutions that support our scholarly endeavors. We hope that you find it helpful in your challenging work of crafting successful solutions to contemporary social problems. In all, it contains 11 pieces by SSSP members, covering a variety of social problems in three sections: global issues, Americans at risk, and health & welfare. This is an effort on the part of scholars at the Society for the Study of Social Problems to disseminate the findings in social problems research as freely and as widely as possible. The web page for the project is located here: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323>. On that page, you can download the full version, and you can link directly to the one-page briefs and individual chapters. The chapters are available for free download, and may be suitable as cost-effective supplementary readings in many social problems-related courses.

## **Member Publications**

**Berry, Bonnie.** 2008. *The Power of Looks: Social Stratification of Physical Appearance*, Ashgate Publishing, 2008.

**Deflem, Mathieu.** 2008. *Sociology of Law: Visions of a Scholarly Tradition*. Cambridge University Press.

ISBN: 978-0-521-67392-1 (paperback) / 978-0-521-85725-3 (hardback) 376 pages.

*Sociology of Law: Visions of a Scholarly Tradition* presents a theoretically driven and research oriented vision of the sociology of law on the basis of a discussion of the specialty's major achievements. Drawing together both theoretical and empirical themes, the work reveals the value of the ways in which sociologists study the social structures and processes of law. Chapters include discussions of classical contributions in the sociology of law, a variety of modern and contemporary perspectives, and a range of empirical themes, including the role of law in relation to economy, politics, culture, the legal profession, social

control, and the globalization of law. An accompanying website has been set up by the author: <http://www.socoflaw.net/>

**Gubrium, Jaber F. and James A. Holstein.** *Analyzing Narrative Reality*. Sage Publications <http://www.sagepub.com/booksProdDesc.nav?prodId=Book230870>

**Juette, Melvin and Ronald J. Berger,** *Wheelchair Warrior: Gangs, Disability, and Basketball*, Temple University Press.

**Hesse-Biber, Sharlene, and Patricia Leavy** (Eds), 2008, *Handbook of Emergent Methods*. Guilford Publications

**Leavy, Patricia.** 2008. *Method Meets Art: Arts-Based Research Practices*, Guilford Publications.

Shelton, Allen. 2007. *Dreamworlds of Alabama*. University of Minnesota Press.

### **Member Awards and Milestones**

**Bonnie Berry**, Social Problems Research Group, has won the 2008 Herbert Bloch award for distinguished service to the discipline of criminology and to the American Society of Criminology.

**Paul Lachelier** finished his PhD in August 2007 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The dissertation is called *Democracy, Individualism and the Civil-Civic Citizen: Young American Professionals Talk about Community, Politics and Citizenship*. This August, Paul will become Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Stetson University in Deland, Florida. Paul can be reached at [placheli@stetson.edu](mailto:placheli@stetson.edu).