



SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION

of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Social Problems Theory Division Members,

This issue is a call to serve and participate in division group life.

We invite members to submit papers to our annual Student Paper Award Competition and to nominate books for our Outstanding Book Award. We also encourage you to participate in the important task of recognizing the work of our members and indicating the trajectory of our division by joining the division award committees. It is the continued involvement of members in division activities that sustains the theory division as a going concern.

The theory division is also seeking nominations for the next division chair (2020-2022). Consider nominating a division member or pursuing a self-nomination.

Submit a paper to one of the theory division sponsored sessions by January 31st:
<https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/788/fuseaction/ssspsession2.publicView>

Also in this issue, we recognize the contributions of four division members, including the publication of two peer-reviewed articles, one by Paul Joosse, and the other by Holly Campeau and Ron Levi, a book on narrative analysis by Donileen Loseke, past president of SSSP. We are also pleased to announce that Matthew H. McLeskey received an Advanced Ph.D. Fellowship from the University at Buffalo's Humanities Institute.



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THEORY DIVISION CALLS 2019

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION—DIVISION AWARD COMMITTEES

Social Problems Theory Division Members, awards are an important means of recognizing the work of our members and indicating the trajectory of our division. Your participation in the process is appreciated. If you are willing to serve on either the Outstanding Book Award Committee or the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, please contact Arthur McLuhan (arthur.mcluhan@utoronto.ca).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS—DIVISION CHAIR (2020-2022)

The theory division is seeking nominations for the next division chair (2020-2022). Contact Arthur McLuhan (arthur.mcluhan@utoronto.ca) to begin the nomination process.

See Division Roles and Responsibilities for more information on the position and nomination eligibility:

[Roles and Responsibilities of Division Chairs 2019-20.pdf](#)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS—OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Each year, the division invites its members to submit papers for its annual Student Paper Award Competition, and requests nominations for its Outstanding Book Award.



SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY: ANNUAL STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Social Problems Theory Division invites papers for its annual Student Paper Award Competition. To be eligible, papers must (a) be authored or co-authored by students, (b) make an original and innovative contribution to the theoretical understanding of social problems, (c) not have been accepted for publication, and (d) be submitted through the annual meeting Call for Papers process as a condition for consideration, preferably to a Social Problems Theory Division session. 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). The winner will receive membership dues, annual meeting registration, a plaque, and \$200 honorarium. The winner will also be invited to present their paper at the 2020 SSSP meetings. Please also note that students may only submit a paper for consideration to one SSSP division. A paper submitted to multiple divisions will not receive consideration for the Social Problems Theory Division Award. Please send the submission as an e-mail attachment to the Student Paper Competition Committee Chair: Arthur McLuhan, arthur.mcluhan@utoronto.ca.

Deadline: 1/31/20



SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY: OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD

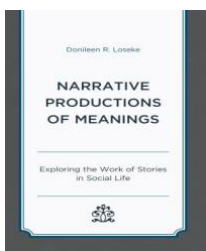
The Social Problems Theory Division requests nominations for its Outstanding Book Award. The Division welcomes books that critique or advance the ongoing scholarly and public dialogue about social problems theorizing.

More information regarding the Division's vision can be accessed through our **Mission Statement**. Eligible books must have been published between 2018-2019. Single or multiple-authored books 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 three copies of the book sent directly to the Outstanding Book Award Committee Chair: Keith Johnson, keithjohnson101@gmail.com.
Deadline: 2/15/20

PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS 2019

PUBLICATIONS



Loseke, Donileen R. 2019. *Narrative Productions of Meanings: Exploring the Work of Stories in Social Life*. Rowman & Littlefield.

Loseke examines the importance of stories in an anti-science, anti-fact era where a multitude of personal, social, and political problems surround meaning. In such a world, narrative productions of meaning are particularly important because stories can appeal simultaneously to thinking, feeling, and moral evaluation, and because they can do this in ways that have cultural, interactional, and personal dimensions.



Campeau, Holly and Ron Levi. 2019. "Neoliberal Legality as Dual Process: Embeddedness, Courts and Crime Prevention in the United States." *British Journal of Criminology* 59: 334-353.

This article advances research on 'neoliberal legality' to focus on the role of courts in response to neoliberal crime prevention approaches. Drawing on Karl Polanyi's analysis of embeddedness in market capitalism, along with criminological research on the penal state, we analyse three case studies reflecting central crime prevention approaches of the neoliberal era in the United States.



Joose, Paul. 2019. "Narratives of Rebellion." *European Journal of Criminology*. doi: 10.1177/1477370819874426

Working from a narrative criminological framework, this article distinguishes and describes the 'narrative of rebellion' as a generic form that can be encountered widely in situations of asymmetrical struggle. Because narratives of rebellion furnish their tellers with agentic potential across various stages of the 'rebellious career' (from contemplation, to participation, to capture, and ultimately to peril), they are desirable cultural accoutrements for bringing into seditious struggle.

AWARDS



Matthew H. McLeskey, University at Buffalo, SUNY, was awarded an Advanced Ph.D. Fellowship from the University at Buffalo's Humanities Institute for his dissertation project, "Life in a Leaded Landscape: Understanding Housing, Stigma, and Struggle in the Rust Belt." Lead exposure entails more than physiological and material consequences. Consequently, this dissertation documents the material and cultural processes defining the threat of lead exposure for tenants and landlords in disinvested communities to grasp how this urban epidemic further stigmatizes marginalized neighborhoods in post-industrial cities and contributes to debates on place-based stigmatization processes. Using Buffalo as a case of urban decline, multiple qualitative methods – semi-structured interviews, ethnographic observation, and archival research – are employed to capture the lived experience of "leaded life" in relegated areas. Matthew was the first graduate student from the Department of Sociology to earn the dissertation fellowship.