



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings! I hope this finds you well. The Social Problems Theory has been very active this year in preparation for the upcoming meetings in New York City in 2013. This newsletter highlights key division issues and events.

In this issue of Social Problems Theory News you will find several items of note, including:

- Information about our 'Each One Reach One' Campaign
- A call for submissions to the division's 2013 Student Paper Competition
- A call for nominations for the division's Outstanding Article Award
- Information about how you can become a "Meeting Mentor"
- Information about how to submit to division sessions at the Annual meetings in NYC

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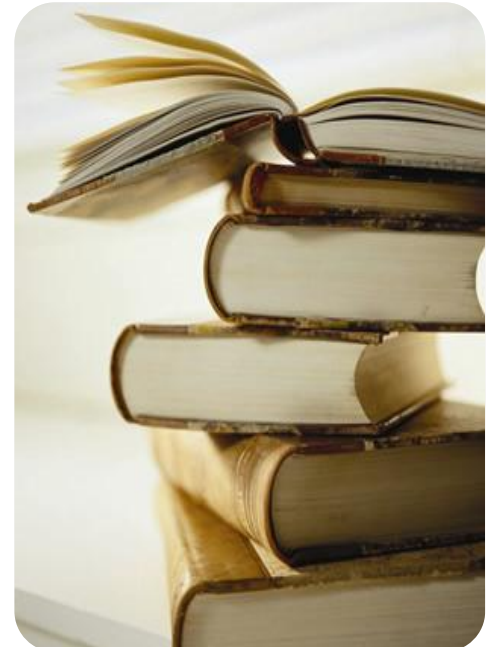
## AWARDS - CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS

### Outstanding Article Award

Deadline: 2/15/13

The Social Problems Theory Division requests nominations for its Outstanding Article Award. Social Problems Theory welcomes papers that critique or advance the ongoing scholarly dialogue about the constructionist approach to social problems theorizing. Eligible articles 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 Committee Chair:

**Mitch Berbrier (University of Alabama-Huntsville) at [Mitch.Berbrier@uah.edu](mailto:Mitch.Berbrier@uah.edu)**



### Student Paper Competition

Deadline 1/30/13

The Social Problems Theory Division invites papers for its annual Student Paper Award Competition. To be eligible, papers must be authored or co-authored by students, have relevance to social problems theory, and cannot have been accepted for publication. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible. Self-nominations are welcome. 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 Competition Committee Chair:

**Lynn Letukas (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse) at [lletukas@uwlax.edu](mailto:lletukas@uwlax.edu)**



## INTERESTED IN BEING A MENTOR?

The Meeting Mentor Program seeks experienced mentors who can spend a few minutes at the annual meetings speaking with a student or newcomer, making them feel welcome, and offering suggestions to help newer members get the most out of their conference experience. In recent years there has been a high level of interest in this program from students and new members seeking mentors, but a considerably lower response from members volunteering to serve in this role. If you are interested in serving as a Meeting Mentor for future meetings, please take a few minutes to complete the online application for 2013. The deadline is June 30, 2013 (<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageId/1092>).

## TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN DIVISION AFFAIRS

We are always interested in identifying division members who are willing to participate in the administrative operation of the division and help to shape its future directions. There are a variety of ways to become more actively involved including:

### **Attend the division business meeting**

This is a great way to have a direct voice in division affairs. The meeting provides an opportunity to suggest sessions for next year, volunteer to serve on an awards committee, or network with other scholars who share your interest in social problems theory.

### **Volunteer or nominate a colleague to serve on a committee or in an administrative position**

This can be done by attending the division business meeting or by sending me an e-mail with nominating information ([barnshaw@usf.edu](mailto:barnshaw@usf.edu)). We have two annual award committees: one for graduate student papers and one for published journal articles/books. Please do not hesitate to contact me or a former Division Chair if you have any questions about these roles.

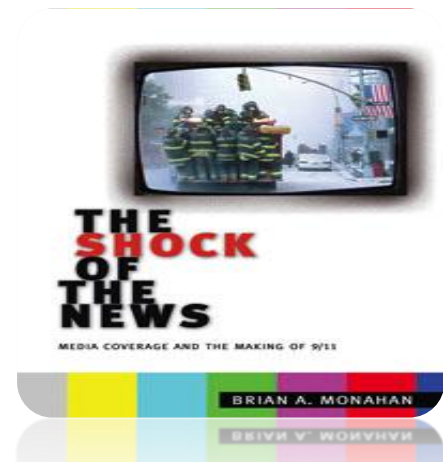
### **Submit content for future newsletters**

Submissions of all sorts are welcome! From comments and calls for papers, to brief analyses and critiques related to Social Problems Theory. Let us know your reactions to this newsletter, the events at the annual meetings, or inform us of your new work so we can help spread the word. Send submissions to: John Barnshaw at [barnshaw@usf.edu](mailto:barnshaw@usf.edu)

## EACH ONE REACH ONE CAMPAIGN

This year the Social Problems Theory Division is initiating an active recruitment campaign to increase its membership and offset the potential loss of members from the new SSSP policy of reducing the number of sections that each member can join for free. We encourage each member to reach out to one other graduate student or colleague and encourage them to join the Social Problems Theory section. As a small reward for your recruitment efforts, your name will be entered into a drawing for a free copy of one of the books listed below. To be eligible for the free book, please email me at [barnshaw@usf.edu](mailto:barnshaw@usf.edu) with the names of each member you recruited to join our section.

Monahan, Brian. 2010. *Shock of the News: Media and the Making of 9/11*. New York: New York University Press.



Best, Joel. 2011. *Everyone's A Winner: Life in our Congratulatory Culture*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.



## 2013 SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION SESSIONS and CO- SPONSORED SESSION

### **Moving Beyond Ignoring Social Constructionism**

Organizer:  
Mitch Berbrier  
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### **Critical Dialogs in Social Problems Theory**

Organizer:  
Joel Best  
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### **Theorizing Scandal in Social Problems**

Organizer:  
John Barnshaw  
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### **The Social Construction of Educational Merit: Linking Theory and Practice**

Co-Sponsored with Educational Problems

Organizer:  
Margaret A. Austin Smith  
margaretaustinamith@gmail.com

### **Papers in the Round: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to Studying Health and Inequality**

Co-Sponsored with Health, Health Policy, and  
Health Services and Poverty, Class, and Inequality

Organizer:  
Shannon M. Monnat  
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### **Knowledge, Power and the Politics of Reality**

Co-Sponsored with Institutional Ethnography

Organizer:  
Jared Del Rosso  
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# 2013 SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION SPONSORED AND CO- SPONSORED SESSIONS

## **Re-Imagining Social Constructionism: Moving Beyond Western, Capitalist, Individualist Biases**

Co-Sponsored with Conflict, Social Action and Change

Organizer:  
Donileen Loseke  
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## **Teaching Theory in Social Problems**

Co-Sponsored with Teaching Social Problems

Organizer:  
Kathleen Lowney  
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## **Drugs, Addiction, and Social Constructionism**

Co-Sponsored with Drinking and Drugs

Organizer:  
Rebecca Tiger  
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## **New Strategies in Online Constructionism**

Co-Sponsored with Environment and Technology

Organizer:  
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## **Media, Social Problems and Social Change**

Co-Sponsored with Conflict, Social Action, and  
Change

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