



SSSP-Sociology, Social Work & Social Welfare Division

Summer Newsletter
2025

*Featuring SSSP's
75th Annual Meeting
in Chicago, Illinois
and
new Resource Section*

HAPPY SUMMER!

We hope that your summers have started off well and continue to do so < :

At this difficult time, when many research and social service organizations are struggling, unity and engagement are commonly emerging themes. With this in mind, this newsletter hopes to provide you with some networking opportunities and other helpful resources.

'With hopes that you can squeeze in a break before the end of the season!

Thank you all for being a member of our division!
There is no us without u!

Erica & Miriam
Co-chairs and Newsletter
Editors

TIME-SENSITIVE GRANT ITEM I. Investigator-Initiated Health Care Research Grant Program

- National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation (NICHM) to award a total of \$500,000 to support innovative, independent, investigator-initiated research with potential to inform managed care organizations, policymakers, and related stakeholders to improve the affordability and quality of U.S. health care.
- *Research Areas of Interest:* drug pricing & affordability, provider consolidation & market power, health care delivery, chronic disease management, and artificial intelligence.
- **Letters of inquiry** electronically submitted **due 7/18/25, 5pm EDT**.
- Full proposals will be invited from selected applicants in August.
- Funded projects would begin January 1, 2026.
- For more information go to:
NICHM Foundation's
website: <https://nihcm.org/grants/research-grants>

Update:

Our division has grown since last year!

Here are some ways you can maximize the usefulness of your division membership:

- Attend division paper sessions at the annual meeting.
- Attend the division workshop on Family Caregiving at the annual meeting.
- Attend the SSWSW Division Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting.
- Volunteer to serve as a (Co-)Chair, Newsletter or Social Media (Facebook) Editor

**Sociology,
Social Work
and
Social Welfare Division
Society for the Study of Social
Problems
2025
75th Annual Meeting
Sessions
and
Presenters**



**Friday, August 8, 8:30am
(Central Time)**

**Session 006: The Impact of
Trauma on Mental Health
Mental Illness and Disability**

Room: Grant Park Parlor

Sponsors: Disability, Mental

Wellness, and Social Justice
Sociology, Social Work, and
Social Welfare

Organizers: Erica FS Jablonski,
University of New Hampshire
Rebecca Siqi Qin, University of
British Columbia

Presider: Rebecca Siqi Qin,

University of British Columbia

Papers:

“Insecure: An Autoethnographic
Study of Financial Insecurity
and Mental Health Issues in
Graduate Students,” Erika
Houston Brown, Texas

Woman's University

"Is Climate Change Anxiety or Experience of Climate Change a Better Predictor of the Climate Change Behavioral Engagement of Emerging Adults?" M. E. Betsy Garrison, University of Arkansas

"Sexual Violence: Effects on Victim Emotional Wellbeing and Sense of Self," Jacob V. Silva, University of Miami

"The Association between Perceptions of Policing and African American Mental Health and Well-being," Robert L. Peralta, The University of Akron

"Understanding the Role of Cultural Stress in the Lives of Latino Immigrant Parents in the USA: A Qualitative Study," Esme Ramirez, The University of Texas

Friday, August 8, 12:30pm (Central Time)
SPECIAL
Session 018: Workshop: Strategy Session for Current and Future Family Caregivers

Room: Hancock Parlor

Sponsors: Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare Family, Aging, and Youth

Organizer: Erica FS Jablonski, University of New Hampshire

Facilitators: Alicia M. Gomez, Boston Senior Home Care Erica FS Jablonski, University of New Hampshire

Description: The special workshop will allow for

discussion with SSSP members to better understand: the likelihood of becoming an informal caregiver the current and expected demands for caregiving in the U.S., signs that you may be embarking on a caregiving journey, tasks associated with caregiving, potential benefits of caregiving, potential challenges of caregiving (e.g., emotional impact of caregiving), as well as, caregiver coping strategies.

The hope is that members will then be able to consider how they might incorporate this information into their own lives and communities. SSSP members are expected to bring their own experiences in this arena to have an informed discussion about different scenarios and potential responses within different contexts (e.g., the family, the workplace).

Friday, August 8, 2:30pm – 4:10pm (Central Time)
Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare Divisional Meeting

Room: Water Tower Parlor

Description: Division updates and voting on a number of proposals, including allocation of Division funds, and open forum on member initiatives, such as posting on the job market profiles on our Division's Facebook page or newsletter, or using our listserv for request for advice, which could be anonymous.

Saturday, August 9, 10:30am (Central Time)
THEMATIC

Session 041: Insurgent Sociology in Health Care

Room: Buckingham Room

Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare

Organizer: William Cabin, New York University Silver School of Social Work Presider &

Discussant: Loretta E. Bass, The University of Oklahoma

Description: The session focuses on new views on health care policy and social policy that appear insurgent in their direction.

Papers:

"'The Proof is in the Pudding': A Qualitative Examination of the Weight-inclusive Healthcare Delivery from the Perspective of Weight-inclusive Healthcare Practitioners," Gabby Gomez, Oklahoma State University, Winner of the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division's Student Paper Competition

"Architecture of Care: The Value of Studying Hospitals as Walk Through Machines," Joseph Renow, Illinois Institute of Technology

"DIY HRT Usage Among Transgender And Non-Binary Young Adults In a Restrictive Climate," Shannon K. Carter, University of Central Florida

"Recovery Capitalism: How Does Alberta's Recovery Model Put Together the Social Problem of Drug Use and its

Solutions?” Graham George Macdonald, University of Toronto, Humber River Health and Leigha Comer, Western University

“Revolutionizing Heart Health: Applying Insurgent Sociological Approaches to Understand Black Men Perceptions on Cardiovascular Health Risk Reduction,” Carlos N. Chapman II, Junior R. Hopwood, Grambling State University

**Saturday, August 9, 12:30pm
(Central Time)
Session 050: Racial
Disparities in CJ/CL System**

Room: Buckingham Room

Sponsors: Crime and Justice Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare

Organizer: Christopher Dum, Kent State University

Presider & Discussant: Miltonette Olivia Craig, Sam Houston State University

Description:
This session examines issues of racial disparities in the criminal justice and criminal legal system.

Papers:
“The Way This System Is’: Exploring the Sources of Racial Disparities in Drug Courts in Ohio,” Additti Munshi, Tasha Perdue, The Ohio State University

“Black Women’s Experiences with State Violence: An Analysis of Complaints against Police,” Miltonette Olivia Craig, Sam Houston State University

“Race, Racism, and Racial Systems: Assessing the Cost of the Cradle to Prison Pipeline,” Rodney D. Coates, Miami University
“Racial Alienation and the U.S. Carceral State: A Structural Public Health Critique,” Redha Qabazard, Columbia University

**Saturday, August 9, 2:30pm
(Central Time)
THEMATIC
Session 057: Issues in
Caretaking and Care Work**

Room: Buckingham Room

Sponsors: Family, Aging, and Youth Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Ami MH Frost, The University of Oklahoma

Description: This session is focused on the multiple caregiving crises that are currently occurring, different responses to them, as well as evaluations of their success. Qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods research or evaluation-related abstracts are welcome. They may pertain to paid or unpaid care to recipients of any age or condition (e.g., eldercare, childcare, care for people with disabilities, injuries, or chronic conditions).

Papers:
“Women’s Oppressed Reproductive Labor and Marxist Feminism’s Solutions: Challenges to Achieving Gender Equity,” Ziding Shen, University of Georgia

“Housewives’ Invisible Contributions and Labor: The

Caregiving Crisis Embedded in Domestic Work,” Biyang Chen, The George Washington University

“Working Together for the Kids: Egalitarianism, Maternal Employment, and Adolescent Life Satisfaction,” Ami MH Frost, The University of Oklahoma

“Balancing Public and Private Care: An Analysis of Taiwan’s Longterm Care Legal Framework,” Bi-Chu Tsai, University of Tokyo Faculty of Law and Graduate Schools for Law and Politics

“Bipartisanship amid Polarization? The Curious Case of Elder Care in Connecticut,” Christina Barmon, Central Connecticut State University

**Sunday, August 10, 8:30am
(Central Time)
THEMATIC
Session 068: Sociology, Social
Work, and Social Welfare
Institution Perspectives in
Response to Recent or
Current Crises I**

Room: Buckingham Room

Sponsor: Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare

Organizers: Miriam J. Landsman, The University of Iowa
Erica FS Jablonski, University of New Hampshire

Presider: Miriam J. Landsman, The University of Iowa

Description: This is the first of a two-part session. Social Work, and Social Welfare Institution Perspectives in Response to

Crises Session I will focus on responses to work, the workforce and financial challenges.

Papers:

“Confronting Crisis in the Rural Social Work Workforce,”
Miriam J. Landsman, The University of Iowa

“Medical Praxis: Strategies for Reforming Racial-ethnic and Gender Disparities in American Patient Care,” Taylor D. Sumpter, University of Miami

“On Plastic and Paternalism: How People Who Use Drugs Negotiate Electronic Benefit Transfer Systems in Los Angeles,” Allison Laing, The University of British Columbia, Anthony DiMario, University of California, San Francisco

“Tangible and Intangible Informal Welfare and Psychological Well-being amidst Precarious Retirement Plans among Low-income Informal Workers in Ghana,” Padmore Adusei Amoah, Lingnan University, Hong Kong

**Sunday, August 10, 10:30am
(Central Time)
THEMATIC
Session 074: Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare Institution Perspectives in Response to Recent or Current Crises II**

Room: Buckingham Room

Sponsor: Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare

Organizers: Erica FS Jablonski, University of New Hampshire
Miriam J. Landsman, The University of Iowa

Presider: Erica FS Jablonski, University of New Hampshire

Description: This second session of Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare Institution Perspectives in Response to Recent or Current Crises will focus on nonprofit organizations as well as responses to housing challenges.

Papers:

“Change a Tire, Change a Life: The Impact of Bicycle Ownership on the Lives of People Experiencing Housing Insecurity,” Deborah McCarthy Auriffeille, College of Charleston and Sylvie Baele, Second Chance Bikes, College of Charleston

“Medicalization of Homelessness among Social Welfare Service Providers,” Trey Santorine, University of Miami

“Racial Philanthropy: Charting Racial Capitalism Relations in Civil Society,” Snehalatha Gantla, Brandeis University

“Feminist Collective Action and Institutional Change: A Case Study of Women against Rape,” Navada M. Hessler, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

“Model of Leadership in Welfare Industry: Abdul Sattar Edhi a Successful Role Model,” Faryal Razzaq, Karachi School of Business & Leadership

“Non-profit Organization Responses to Crisis,”
Erica FS Jablonski, University of New Hampshire



JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

[The Society for the Study of Social Problems | Job Opportunities](#) webpage

[Southern Poverty Law Center Current Job Openings](#)

Call for Publication Submission

edited volume on strained family caregiving

Complex Care: Stories from Fractured, Fraught, or Strained Family Relationships

Edited by Hannah Radcliff-Hoy (Minnesota State University, Mankato) and Aaron Hoy (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

Abstracts due: August 15, 2025

This edited volume seeks to showcase stories of caregiving shaped by fractured, fraught, or strained family relationships—contexts marked by rupture, silence, estrangement, and harm. Chapter proposals that explore caregiving in families affected by trauma, addiction, incarceration, identity-based rejection, and more, are invited to submit.

Traditional narratives as well as creative, multimodal approaches, grounded in autoethnography or similar forms of personal storytelling are welcome.



Abstracts (max 500 words) are due by August 15 and should describe the proposed chapter's focus, approach, and contribution to the volume's themes. For more the full call—including details regarding the submission process and review timeline—please visit: <https://link.mnsu.edu/cccall>

For questions, please email hannah.radcliff-hoy.2@mnsu.edu and/or aaron.hoy@mnsu.edu.

Call for Conference Submission

Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association to be held October 15-18, 2025, in North Augusta, SC. The meeting will be in-person, with a virtual option for a limited number of sessions. **Deadline** for submission: **September 1, 2025**. <https://mssa.meetingsavvy.net/login>.

2025 Theme: *Disasters: Understanding the Textures of Loss, Love, and Recovery Amidst Forced Social Change.*

For this conference, you are encouraged to submit papers around the theme of disaster with a focus on the humanistic impacts, to understand the texture of loss, the emergence of care and love amidst such devastation, and the process of recovery in a myriad of social and cultural contexts. Also of interest are ways disaster concepts and theorization can apply to new social contexts, expanding understanding of theories and bridging the gap between disciplines and perspectives. Sociological work in any area of expertise is welcome. Whether you submit a panel, paper, roundtable, or workshop.

Presidential Sessions include:

- Internal Disaster Displacement
- Lived Experiences of Displaced Scholars-Indigenous Frameworks of Disaster Knowledge
- Universities Facing Disaster

Indicate whether you plan to present in-person or virtually and presenting authors. For help with submissions, go to <https://www.midsouthsoc.org>.



Other Opportunities

Peer reviewer for the journal **Educational Studies**

Deadline: September 4, 2025

See details on our [SSSP-Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare](#) Facebook page.

POTENTIALLY RELEVANT & USEFUL RESOURCES

Research Publication Websites

Free US government resource

[PubMed](#) is a free U.S. government resource, available since 1996. Citations in PubMed primarily stem from the biomedicine and health fields, and related disciplines such as life sciences, behavioral sciences, chemical sciences, and bioengineering.

It does not include full text journal articles; however, links to the full text are often present when available from other sources, such as the publisher's website or [PubMed Central \(PMC\)](#).

Commercial websites

[Academia.edu](#)

[ResearchGate](#)

Caveat: Shared publications are not necessarily peer-reviewed or in their final form.

Enhancing Quantitative Skills:

[Stata \(software\) Learning Webpage](#)

Enhancing Qualitative Skills

[Lumivero](#) (software) Provides

free webinars

For Postdoctoral Fellows:

[National Postdoctoral Association](#) (offers webinars and other resources)

For Poster Presentations:

[Better Posters](#) blog



Don't forget the division's [Facebook page](#). Please click on this [link](#) for access if you have not already joined < : This will hopefully be a good place *for all of us* to post job, paper, and conference announcements, as well as other resource recommendations between newsletters < ;

Because we are always interested in [spreading the word](#) about our division, here are ways you can help us thrive and grow:

- Tell friends and colleagues about us;
- Participate in division award competitions and conference session submissions;
- Invite others to check out our division webpage and/or social media page!
- Submit contributions or ideas for newsletters, surveys, and divisional meeting topics (e.g., awards, presentations, grant announcements, calls for study participants).

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