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## Message from the Chair

## Dear Friends & Colleagues

We have Just *One Life to Live*. So, as we end another year, sitting in our respective lives, looking out on the world, we might be wondering what we can do to achieve better employment numbers, less poverty and inequality, less austerity measures worldwide, better chances for peace, and more prosperity.

We, the members of the Sociology and Social Welfare Division, serious-minded as we are, do tend to worry about such large matters and whether we can play a role in fixing them. However, first things first; let's begin our preparation for the New Year by renewing our SSSP and Sociology and Social Welfare Division memberships. If you are wondering why please see my article on page 2 describing how our members are unique within SSSP.

#### In addition:

- 1. I wish to thank those of you who voted for the 2013-2015 Division Chair. The winner is Heather MacIndoe. See page 2 for a message from Heather.
- The list of Division sole and joint sessions appears on page 3.
- 3. On the column to the right you will see a few resources for our community.

Resources that tell us why we need better social welfare policies and programs



"We've developed a set of facts and figures on 14 domains of inequality (debt, income, education, etc.), presented them in a clear and visually pleasing format, and hosted them in a central location. We hope the resulting compilation will be an important resource for educators, journalists, and policymakers who haven't always been able to find high quality and informative facts and figure on inequality. This is an extraordinary compilation of some of the best research in the country on inequality at a time when inequality is on the nation's radar like never before" (Owens, 2012)

2. And on the **wealth and health of nations** from Hans Rosling's Gapminder

http://www.gapminder.o





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# The Unique Members of SSSP's Sociology and Social Welfare Division and Why We Need to Work to Keep this Division Large, Bold, and Active

As you know, SSSP is an organization with a history of both scholarship and social activism. Within this organization the Sociology and Social Welfare Division has a membership that participates in both academia and the world stage on behalf of social welfare. This division tends to have among its members social workers, who have a background in social welfare administration and activism who teach social welfare history and policy. (Of course we also have members who are not social workers.)

Moreover, we in this division are likely to take part in SSSP-sponsored social activism. For 2012 we proposed two resolutions related to social welfare, specifically one concerning African American men, criminal justice, and education, and the other concerning Wildfires. At the 2012 conference, the resolution committee voted to drop the Wildfire and Global Warming resolution on the grounds that this organization of social scientists would not be a particularly credible source about the dangers of global warming. However, the resolution committee voted to develop the proposed resolution about African American men into two or three separate resolutions that SSSP would consider in 2013. We have work to do as a division on this resolution revision.

Also, at the 2012 conference a few of us participated in SSSP's new Social Action Committee. Heather MacIndoe, our 2013-2015 chair, prepared the minutes for the August 17 meeting. <a href="http://www.sssp1.org/file/2012CommitteeReports/2012%20Report%20from%20the%20Social%20Action%20C">http://www.sssp1.org/file/2012CommitteeReports/2012%20Report%20from%20the%20Social%20Action%20C</a> ommittee.pdf. Heather and I encourage more of you to join this committee.

At the 2012 conference, division chairs were asked to consider merging with other similar divisions. This presumably would save SSSP money. I propose that a better way to deal with budget issues is for each of us to actively recruit members to SSSP (while we encourage them to join the Sociology and Social Welfare Division.) Let's work to keep this division large, bold, and active. Let's reach out to colleagues and students about joining SSSP. Let's tell them about the history of this organization and the great members of this division. Let's show them this division's exciting list of session topics and encourage them to propose excellent papers for these sessions.

Sincerely, Joyce Bialik, Ph. D.

#### **Message from the Chair-Elect**

I'm looking forward to working with members of the SSW division as chair next year. The SSW Division has a great slate of papers already planned for the 2013 conference. Please consider submitting to next year's conference (deadline January 31,2013). If you haven't already, also take some time to tell your students about SSSP and the Sociology and Social Welfare Division!

Joyce and I will send a reminder next summer about our division business meeting during the annual conference. We'd really like to see as much of the membership there as possible to brainstorm about paper sessions (for 2014 – which seems so far away right now!), and plan for division events like the Graduate Student Paper Competition.

In the meantime, if you have ideas for the division, please feel free to get in touch with me or Joyce. My email address is <a href="mailto:Heather.MacIndoe@umb.edu">Heather.MacIndoe@umb.edu</a> and Joyce's is <a href="mailto:bialik@yu.edu">bialik@yu.edu</a>.

Best wishes for the end of the semester and the new year--

Heather MacIndoe Ph. D.

#### 2013 Conference Sessions

The information below is copied from SSSP's webpage describing how to submit to the 2013 Annual Meeting. Although the session organizers' email addresses are listed below applicants should not respond directly to them, but rather to this website: http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/509/

"Each participant is permitted to submit one sole-authorship paper and one critical dialogue paper, but additional co-authored papers may be submitted. Critical Dialogue sessions include short (5 minute) presentations by 8 authors followed by an engaged dialogue that critically explores connections among the papers. The audience will have an opportunity to participate in the dialogue as well. Critical Dialogue sessions will not have audio-visual equipment.

<u>Click here</u> to submit an extended abstract and paper. NOTE: if you are already a SSSP member, please use your SSSP login information. If you are not a SSSP member, you will be asked to create an account. Your personal information will **not** be shared with any other organization without your consent. Please see the SSSP <u>Privacy Policy</u> for more information.

For assistance with the 2013 Call for Papers process, read our <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> (link will open in a new window).

All papers must be submitted by midnight (EST) on January 31, 2013 in order to be considered.

#### Filter Display:

You may filter the session display by selecting from this sponsor list." (*Please filter for Sociology and Social Welfare Division. See our sessions below*).

LIST OF SOLO AND JOINT SESSIONS 2013

**Session Sponsor(s)** 

Session Title 39 Urban Environmental Issues	<ol> <li>Community Research and Development</li> <li>Environment and Technology</li> <li>Sociology and Social Welfare</li> </ol>	Session Organizer(s)  Lang, Steven R. slang@lagcc.cuny.edu
Housing First: The Promise 83 and Practice of Homeless Service Provision	<ol> <li>Poverty, Class, and Inequality</li> <li>Sociology and Social Welfare</li> </ol>	Peressini, Tracy tperessini@uwaterloo.ca
85 Race, Racism, Incarceration, and Social Welfare	<ol> <li>Racial and Ethnic Minorities</li> <li>Soc and Social Welfare</li> </ol>	Miller, Reuben rmiller2@luc.edu

CRITICAL DIALOGUE: How Do You Make Claims for Social 101 Welfare in the Era of Neoliberalism? - THEMATIC	Sociology as     Welfare	nd Social	Bialik, Joyce <u>bialik@yu.edu</u>
New Public Management in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	Sociology as Welfare	nd Social	Bialik, Joyce <u>bialik@yu.edu</u>
Austerity vs. Stimulus: 103 International Challenges for Social Welfare	<ol> <li>Journal of S and Social V</li> <li>Sociology at Welfare</li> </ol>	Velfare 2.	Karger, Howard  h.karger@uq.edu.au  Midgley, James  midg@berkeley.edu  (co-organizers)
Promoting Social Welfare: Examples of Collaboration 104 between Academic and Grassroots Participants	<ol> <li>Conflict, So Action, and</li> <li>Sociology at Welfare</li> </ol>	Change 1.	Houser, Linda ldhouser@widener.edu
Social Welfare Policies in the Global South	<ol> <li>Global</li> <li>Sociology as Welfare</li> </ol>	nd Social <sup>1.</sup>	Safadi, Najwa Sado nsafadi@art.alquds.edu
Citizen Issues Including Voter 106 Suppression and Immigration Reform	<ol> <li>Community         Research ar         Developme</li> <li>Sociology ar         Welfare</li> </ol>	nd nt 1.	Selod, Saher saher.selod@simmons.edu
Human Rights and Global Inequality	<ol> <li>Global</li> <li>Sociology at Welfare</li> </ol>	nd Social <sup>1.</sup>	Safadi, Najwa Sado nsafadi@art.alquds.edu