

# Teaching Social Problems

## A Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

### Newsletter

### Summer 2005

#### From the Division Chair

Dear members of the Teaching Social Problems Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems:

The purpose of this Summer 2005 newsletter is invite you to attend the up-coming annual meetings of the SSSP in Philadelphia, and to inform the TSP Division members of news relevant to teaching social problems. In a nutshell, the newsletter contains information about the following:

- The 3 sessions sponsored by the TSP Div.
- The 2005 TSP Div. business meeting.
- The winners of the 2005 TSP Div. graduate student paper award.
- The TSP Div. reception at the 2005 annual meetings.
- Call for nominations for the TSP Div. Committee.
- Call for nominations for editor of the TSP Div. newsletter.

I invite you all to attend the 2005 SSSP annual meetings, and especially to take part in the activities/meetings sponsored by the Teaching Social Problems Division. I look forward to seeing you all in Philadelphia.

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#### Sessions Sponsored by the TSP Div.

I am happy to announce that the Division will be sponsoring three panels in Philadelphia. I have enjoyed corresponding with organizers to put these sessions together, and I particularly would like to recognize Will Holton, Northeastern University, for his role in organization. I am looking forward to attending each of these sessions, each of which promises to be interesting.

#### *Session 2: Strategies for Teaching Against the Conservative Tide*

Date: Friday, August 12, 2005  
Time: 8:30am – 10:10am  
Place: Independence Room A

Organizer & Presider: Will Holton, Northeastern University

#### Papers:

“It’s the Word of God: Students’ Resistance to Questioning and Overcoming Heterosexism,”  
Natalia Deeb-Sossa and Heather Kane, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Teaching against the Conservative Tide by Showing how Sociology can Save Democracy,”  
Kathleen Odell Korgen and Howard Lune, William Patterson University

“Full Disclosure by the Professor or Testing Several Political Ideologies Regarding Poverty,”  
Will Holton, Northeastern University

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**Sessions Sponsored by the TSP Div., Continued**

*Session 94: Teaching about Unintended Consequences of Solutions to Social Problems*

Date: Sunday, August 14, 2005

Time: 10:30am – 12:10am

Place: Freedom Room

Organizer & Presider: Will Holton, Northeastern University

Papers:

“The Unintended and Unexamined Consequences of Religious Belief on Social Solutions to Racism,”  
Jeanette Baust, University of Denver

“Dropping a BB in a Boxcar: Overcoming the Negativity in the Social Problems Classroom,”  
Susan Warner, Cedarville University

“Understanding Domestic Violence and Understanding Research Methods through Service-Learning,” Laurie L. Gordy, Daniel Webster University

“Unintended Consequences of Fighting School Violence: School Exclusion and Zero-Tolerance Policies,” Gordana Rabrenovic, Northeastern University

*Session 102: Service Learning and Teaching Social Problems*

Date: Sunday, August 14, 2005

Time: 12:30pm – 2:10pm

Place: Freedom Room

Organizers: Chris Baker, Walters State Community College and Glenn Johnson, Clark Atlanta University

Presider: Glenn Johnson, Clark Atlanta University

Papers:

“Environmental Justice and Service Learning,”  
Glenn Johnson, Clark Atlanta University

“The DUSK Project: A Multidisciplinary, Multi-level Service Learning Approach to Assessing and Addressing Teen Homelessness,” Kathryn Hausbeck, University of Nevada Las Vegas

**TSP Division Business Meeting**

The TSP Divisional Business meeting will occur on Sunday, August 14, 2005 from 8:30am to 10:10am in the Constitution Room. Division members are encouraged to attend to discuss business matters. The business meeting agenda has not yet been finalized. Those wishing to add items to the agenda, may forward proposals to the division chair until July 15, 2005. Please plan to attend, in order to discuss issues relevant to the TSP Div., including future sessions, divisional resolutions, the divisional budget, and other activities.

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**Announcing the Winners of the Teaching Social Problems Division 2005 Student Paper Award**

The Student Paper Award Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the TSP Div. 2005 Graduate Student Paper Award. Alicia Suarez and Alexandra Berkowitz of Indiana University were selected for their submission "The Forbidden Chapter: Representations of Sexuality in Introductory Sociology Textbooks." The competition committee, consisting of Glenn W. Muschert (chair) at Miami University, Patrick F. Gillham at the University of Alaska, and Stacy K. McGoldrick at Miami University, reviewed the submissions, and determined that this paper was of a particularly high quality. The winners will be recognized at the SSSP banquet, and receive prize a cash prize of \$100.00. TSP division members are especially invited to see our Graduate Student Paper Competition winners present their paper at the Special Session #48 *Student Award Winning Papers*, which will take place on Friday, August 12, 2005 from 4:30pm – 6:10pm in the Manayunk Room.

**Call for Nominations for Editor of the TSP Division Newsletter**

The TSP Committee welcomes applications and nominations for the position of editor of the TSP Division Newsletter.

**Call for Submissions to TSP Division Newsletter**

The editor of the division newsletter welcomes essays, reviews, and announcements. Please submit suggestions and materials for future TSP Division Newsletters to: Glenn W. Muschert, Department of Sociology & Gerontology, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 45056-1879, Phone: 513-529-1812, Fax: 513-529-8525. ([muschegw@muohio.edu](mailto:muschegw@muohio.edu)).