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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Members of the Youth, Aging, and Life Course Division,

Hello! I hope this fall semester is treating you all well.

I would like to introduce myself as the 2021-2023 YALC Chair. I graduated in May 2021 with my PhD in Sociology from West Virginia University. I am currently a Postdoctoral Fellow for Dr. Lynne Cossman at the University of Texas at San Antonio in the College for Health, Community and Policy. I am also a Fellow for the R&D League which is a research and development program for the City of San Antonio. My research is interdisciplinary (sociology, demography, geography, etc.) but broadly focuses on spatial differences in health and mortality as well as health disparities by sexual orientation.



I'm relatively new to SSSP, but I've felt incredibly welcomed since joining. Special thanks again to previous Chair Christina Barmon for the smooth transition. I'm eager to meet everyone at the conference and throughout the years!

Speaking of, plans for the **SSSP Annual Meeting (August 5-7, 2022)** are well underway with the theme "The Sociological Reimagination: From Moments to Momentum." I am excited for the TEN (10!) sessions that YALC will be sponsoring and co-sponsoring. Details on these and other sessions are available [online](#).

In addition to submitting abstracts for the meeting, please consider submitting nominations for YALC's two awards-- 1) the **Graduate Student Paper Award Competition** (committee: William Cabin, Perri Levis, Mikki Ruo-Fan Liu, and myself (chair)), and 2) the **Maggie Kuhn Award for Scholar-Activists** (committee: Harry Barbee, Jennifer Bulanda, and Chris Wellin (chair)). Thank you to those who volunteered to serve on the committees! Details on the awards and nomination processes can be found [here](#) or [here](#). Deadlines for all of the above are **January 15, 2022**.

Also, please send us your important news, announcements, and accomplishments! YALC has a newsletter we distribute three times a year, an active [Facebook](#) page, and a Twitter account [@ssspYALC](#). Thoughts of creating a website have also been voiced (please let me know if you're interested in getting involved!). Send your information to Isabel García Valdivia (isabel.garcia@berkeley.edu; newsletter) and/or Lea T. Marzo (Imarzo1@student.gsu.edu; social media).

Cheers, Julia Kay Wolf

2022 ANNUAL MEETING THE SOCIOLOGICAL REIMAGINATION: FROM MOMENTS TO MOMENTUM

We are pleased to announce that the [Call for Papers](#) for the 72nd Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA August 5-7, 2022 is now live! View the [Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards](#) announcement to submit a paper or nominate a book, article, or scholar. Papers/extended abstracts for presentations must be submitted via our online submission process no later than 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on **January 15, 2022** in order to be considered.

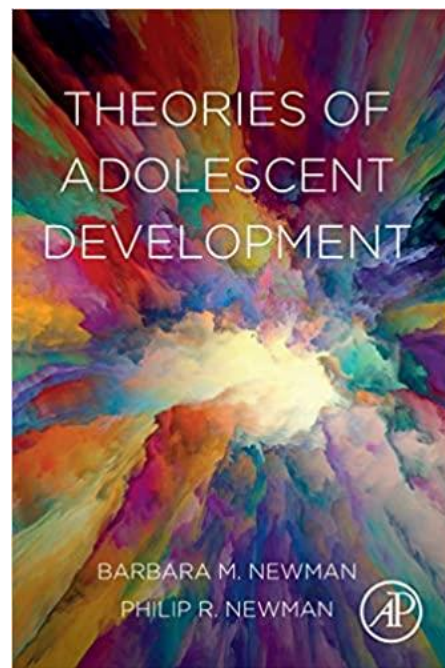
The program theme selected by President Noreen M. Sugrue, is [The Sociological Reimagination: From Moments to Momentum](#). Join us in Los Angeles in order to further a dialogue aimed at social change and action rooted in data and theory. The SSSP Board of Directors approved an “in-person only” meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone after not having an in-person meeting for two years. We will follow CDC recommendations at the time of the meeting and respect all laws or regulations in Los Angeles and at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza governing meetings/mass gatherings. Please share the annual meeting poster (see it here [8.5x11](#)) with your colleagues and encourage them to [join SSSP](#). We look forward to your participation in the 2022 Annual Meeting.

MEMBER NEWS

BOOKS

Newman, Barbara M., and Philip R. Newman. 2020. *Theories of Adolescent Development*. Waltham: Elsevier.

"The title *Theories of Adolescent Development* offers a big promise—somehow distilling the myriad guiding perspectives on how young people grow, mature, and learn into a single manageable volume. Barbara and Philip Newman deliver on that promise. Drawing on their own expertise in research and teaching, they cast an incredibly wide net to cover developmental theories that look within adolescents' bodies and minds and that situate them in contexts large and small, and they delve deep into each one. All in one place, readers can find a history lesson on how scientific thinking about adolescents has evolved over history, a comprehensive overview of where the field stands now, and a guide to putting theory into action." -- Robert Crosnoe, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, and Past President of the Society for Research on Adolescence



ARTICLES

Blume Oeur, Freeden (guest editor). 2021. "[The Children of the Sun: Celebrating the One Hundred-Year Anniversary of *The Brownies' Book*](#)." Special issue of *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*, vol. 14, issue 3.

Blume Oeur, Freeden. 2021 "Object Lessons: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Sturm und Drang of Race Childhood." *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* 14(3):437-460.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for Papers: Disabilities and the Life Course for Research in Social Science and Disability (RSSD), Volume 14 (Edited by Heather Dillaway, Alexis Bender and Carrie Shandra)

The purpose of this volume is to expand our knowledge of impairments and disabilities across the life course, both in terms of how they can change in form, meaning, and experience across time and life stage and how certain life course transitions and events can manifest differently or carry different meanings because of impairment or disability status. We hope to prioritize individuals' lived experiences as well. Finally, we seek to highlight commonalities and differences in identity and experience with special attention to intersecting social locations and the diversity of impairments and disabilities.

In this call, we seek theoretical, methodological, or empirical papers that explore individuals' experiences of impairments and disabilities using a life course lens, from the perspective of, and including literature linked to, a social science. Both quantitative and qualitative empirical submissions are encouraged. We welcome papers on a variety of topics. See full Call for Paper details [here](#). Submissions due: **November 15, 2021**.

NEWS FROM SSSP

SSSP: YALC Mission Statement Call for Proposed Changes

SSSP asks that each Division keeps their Mission Statement up-to-date on their webpage (<https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1121/m/464>). As a relatively new member of SSSP and YALC, I would like to ask for your input on our current Mission Statement and the "Some Readings" section. If you could send any comments or suggested edits/updates to me (Julia Wolf; julia.wolf@utsa.edu) by **Thursday 11/11**, I would greatly appreciate it.

SSSP: Resources

Please visit the [SSSP website](#) to preview some of the recently updated web content. We encourage you and your division members to take advantage of all available resources. New information concerning conferences and meetings, calls for papers, awards, fellowships, and scholarships, as well as job opportunities, are being added regularly.

There have been many recent additions to several SSSP webpages, including:

- [Search for the Next SSSP Executive Officer \(Application Deadline: 12/15/21\)](#)
- [SSSP 2022 Annual Meeting](#)
- [SSSP 2022 Annual Meeting Expenses](#)
- [SSSP 2022 Call for Papers](#)
- [SSSP Awards](#)
- [SSSP Fellowship](#)
- [SSSP Scholarship](#)

- [SSSP Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards](#)
- [Job Opportunities](#)
- [Affiliated Call for Submissions and Conferences](#)

Additionally, the Administrative Office would like to encourage SSSP members to share news of recently [published books, articles and papers, award nominations](#) and other items of interest with us. If you or your division members wish to have an announcement posted, send an e-mail to Zaina Shams, GRA & Webmaster at ssspgra@utk.edu with the announcement attached and she will post them on the Society's [website](#).

SSSP: Call for Nominations–2023 General Election

Nominations are open for candidates to run in the [2023 General Election](#). We will be electing a President-Elect/President; a Vice-President-Elect/Vice-President; regular and student members of the Board of Directors; members of the Anti-Harassment Committee; Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee; Committee on Committees; Editorial and Publications Committee; and the Membership and Outreach Committee. Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these important offices by completing the [online nomination form](#).

There should be a commitment to nominating a diverse slate of nominees. This includes diversity based on racial-ethnic background, gender and sexual identities, geographic locations, and institutional settings (e.g., academia, practitioners, organizations, etc.). All nominees must be a current member in order to be considered. Self-nominations are welcome. Nominations should include a brief description of the nominee's SSSP involvement and other relevant experiences. **All nominations should be submitted by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.**

The Nominations Committee will meet prior to the SSSP Annual Meeting in August. The Board of Directors will approve the slate of candidates for the 2023 General Election on August 7, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact [Giovanna Follo](#), Chairperson, Council of the Divisions and Chair, Nominations Committee.

SSSP: Executive Officer Search

Interested in SSSP's Executive Officer position? Interested SSSP members in good standing may apply. Applications must be sent to the SSSP's Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager, Michele Koontz, at mkoontz3@utk.edu. Applications received by **December 15, 2021** will receive full consideration.

If you or your division members have questions about the position, please contact Dr. Gillian Niebrugge-Brantley, Chair, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, niebran@attglobal.net, and/or Michele Koontz, mkoontz3@utk.edu.

As a social justice organization, the SSSP seeks a diverse applicant pool for the position. Applicants must be a current member of the Society. Thank you for helping spread the word to your division members. Here is a link to the posting: https://www.sssp1.org/file/Announcement_for_the_Next_SSSP_Executive_Officer.pdf