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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Youth Aging and life Course Division,

Greetings! I hope everyone is staying safe and well and having a good spring semester. As weird as things are, I hope everyone is planning to attend the 71st Virtual Annual Meeting. This year's theme is Revolutionary Sociology: Truth, Healing, Reparations and Restructuring. Registration is open. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the early bird registration deadline on June 1st. As odd as it is that I have only been chair during the pandemic and have yet to see anyone at the annual meeting, it is that time to elect a new chair. We are seeking nominations. Please nominate yourself or someone who agrees! You can send an email to cbarmon@ccsu.edu.

Finally, we will be having another virtual business meeting before the meeting in August. Please plan to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in our division and to keep our presence strong within the SSSP organization. I look forward to seeing you in virtually in August!

Christina Barmon



SOCIAL MEDIA

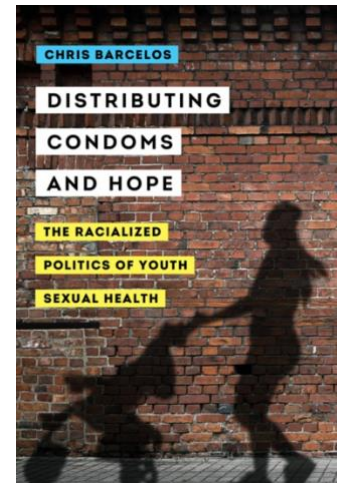
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BOOKS

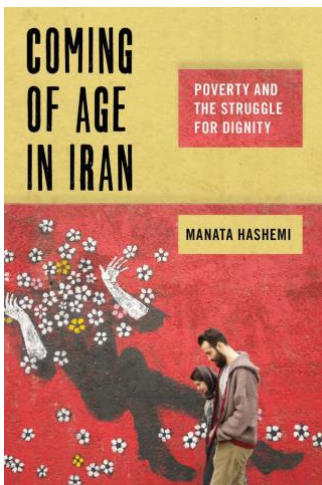
Barcelos, Chris A. 2020. *Distributing Condoms and Hope: The Racialized Politics of Youth Sexual Health*. Oakland, California: University of California Press.

Distributing Condoms and Hope is a feminist ethnographic account of how youth sexual health programs in the racially and economically stratified city of “Millerston” reproduce harm in the marginalized communities they are meant to serve. **Chris A. Barcelos** makes space for the stories of young mothers, who often recognize the narrow ways that public health professionals respond to pregnancies. Barcelos's findings show that teachers, social workers, and nurses ignore systemic issues of race, class, and gender and instead advocate for individual-level solutions such as distributing condoms and promoting “hope.” Through a lens of reproductive justice, *Distributing Condoms and Hope* imagines a different approach to serving marginalized youth—a support system that neither uses their lives as a basis for disciplinary public policies nor romanticizes their struggles. You are invited to attend the [virtual book launch](#) event on April 20, 2021.



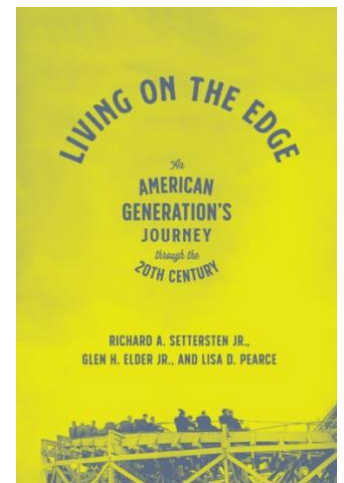
Hashemi, Manata. 2020. *Coming of Age in Iran: Poverty and the Struggle for Dignity*. New York, NY: New York University Press.

Crippling sanctions, inflation, and unemployment have increasingly burdened young people in the Islamic Republic of Iran. In *Coming of Age in Iran*, Manata Hashemi takes us inside the lives of poor Iranian youth, showing how these young men and women face their future prospects. Drawing on first-hand accounts, Hashemi follows their stories, one by one, as they struggle to climb up the proverbial ladder of success. Based on years of ethnographic research among these youth in their homes, workspaces, and places of leisure, Hashemi shows how public judgments can give rise to meaningful changes for some while making it harder for others to escape poverty. Ultimately, Hashemi sheds light on the pressures these young men and women face, showing how many choose to comply with—rather than resist—social norms in their pursuit of status and belonging. *Coming of Age in Iran* tells the unprecedented story of how Iran's young and struggling attempt to extend dignity and alleviate misery, illuminating the promises—and limits—of finding one's place during a time of profound uncertainty.



Settersten, Richard A., Glen H. Elder, and Lisa D. Pearce. 2021. *Living on the Edge: An American Generation's Journey through the Twentieth Century*. Chicago; London: The University of Chicago Press.

After nearly a decade of collaboration, Glen Elder, Lisa Pearce, and Richard Settersten have a new book out with the University of Chicago Press titled, *Living on the Edge: An American Generation's Journey through the Twentieth Century*. Based on lifelong data drawn from the iconic Berkeley Guidance Study, the book tells the story of the rarely studied 1900 generation. Set against a century of revolutionary change, the book traces the 1900 generation's social origins through education, marriage and childbearing, employment, and their later years. From the reorganization of marriage and family roles and relationships to strategies for adapting to a dramatically changing economy, the challenges faced by this generation echo our own time. Their experiences with rapid social change and disruption provide remarkable insights into life as we know it today. <http://livingontheedgebook.com/>



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García Valdivia, Isabel. 2020. “Legal Power in Action: How Latinx Adult Children Mitigate the Effects of Parents’ Legal Status through Brokering.” *Social Problems*. doi: [10.1093/socpro/spaa027](https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spaa027).

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

[Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship](#): The SSSP is committed to supporting young scholars and awards several scholarships as a part of that commitment. The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an advanced sociology Ph.D. student who began his or her study in a community college or technical school. **Applications due: April 1, 2021.**

[Travel funds](#) available for unemployed and underemployed sociologists and for students and scholars in the Global South.

Additional funds available including the: Erwin O. Smigel Award, Lee Scholar Support Fund, Lee Student Support Fund, and the Transnational Initiatives Fund.

Please visit the SSSP Awards/Fellowships/Scholarship Website for full descriptions [here](#).

CALL FOR CHAPTER PROPOSALS

Call for Chapter Proposals for *Global Agenda for Social Justice 2022*

Since 2004, SSSP has published eight volumes of the *Agenda for Social Justice*. Work is now beginning for the ninth iteration of the publication—*Global Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2022*, which is designed to inform the public-at-large about the world's most pressing social problems and to propose feasible, evidence-based public policy solutions. The editors of this volume invite interested participants to prepare draft statements for proposed contributions to the 2022 publication. View more information and submission instructions [here](#). **Submissions due: April 1, 2021**

NOMINATIONS FOR DIVISION CHAIR

It is time again to elect a new division chair. It is a great way to serve the organization. All members are welcome to nominate themselves, or someone else. The position lasts for three years with the possibility of having an overlapping incoming chair in your third year. Please send your questions or nominations (including self-nominations) to Christina Barmon at cabrmon@ccsu.edu by the end of May.

GIFT A SSSP MEMBERSHIP

While we may not have met in-person as a Society this year, the work and dedication of our members to issues of social justice is more important than ever.

Please consider gifting a membership to a graduate student or a non-academic activist – their membership ensures them opportunities for active participation in the Society and its divisions.

A membership for graduate students is only \$33/year, and comes with two free division memberships. First time professional membership is only \$50 and each member will receive a free division membership. Current members interested in gifting a membership should contact sssp@utk.edu for assistance.

Thank you!