Greetings from the Division Chair

As the fall semester winds down, I want to wish everyone happy holidays and a happy new year and bring several Division matters to your attention.

First, this is our first newsletter under the leadership of our new newsletter editor, Margaret McGladrey. In addition to pursuing a Ph.D. in Sociology with a certificate in Gender and Women’s Studies at the University of Kentucky on a part-time basis, Margaret works full-time as the Assistant Dean for Research at the College of Public Health. Her research interests include preadolescent and adolescent girls’ reception and interpretation of media texts and femininity ideologies, participatory action research and community engagement, and the development and evaluation of media literacy and media advocacy curriculum and extracurricular programming for children and youth. Margaret’s work has been published in Feminist Formations (the journal of the National Women’s Studies Association), Journal of Children and Media, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, American Journal of Health Education, Health Communication, and Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships. Prior to pursuing graduate study, Margaret earned her bachelor’s degree in journalism and worked in marketing for three years, so serving as the YALC newsletter provides her with the opportunity to put her editorial and design skills to work to promote the scholarship of section members. She tells me that she is excited to serve in this role that will allow her to stay abreast of the latest developments in the literature and get to know members of the YALC Division. Please make Margaret’s job easier by sending materials for the newsletter anytime to margaret.mcgladrey@uky.edu.

See you at the 2016 annual meeting of SSSP!

66th Annual Meeting
August 19-21, 2016
Westin Seattle Hotel
Seattle, WA
Theme: Globalizing Social Problems

Each participant is permitted to submit one sole-authored paper and one critical dialogue paper, but additional co-authored papers may be submitted. Critical Dialogue sessions include short (5 minute) presentations by up to 8 authors followed by facilitated dialogue that critically explores connections among the papers. The audience will have an opportunity to participate in the dialogue as well. Emphasis is placed on exploring interesting connections between papers with a broadly similar theme. The hope is that both presenters and the audience will have an opportunity to make new and deeper connections from their unique insights and presented ideas. Critical Dialogue sessions will not have audio-visual equipment.

Click here to submit an extended abstract and paper or to view your added or submitted papers. 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.

For assistance with the 2016 Call for Papers process, read our Frequently Asked Questions.
As always, please encourage your colleagues, students, and friends to join YALC. I remain eager to build our membership and help create a vibrant community of scholars, teachers, and activists who are working on issues related to youth, aging, and the life course.

We are interested in calls for papers, conference announcements, recent publications, and news of all sorts. If you have any questions about the newsletter or plans for the Facebook page, please feel free to contact Margaret and me.

A second thing that I would like to bring to your attention is that I am seeking volunteers to serve on the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee and on the Maggie Kuhn Award for Scholar-Activists with me (see below for additional details). Please e-mail me (Andrew London, anlondon@maxwell.syr.edu) if you are willing to serve on either of these committees.

Third, this is my second and final year as Division Chair. Thus, we will run an election this year for Division Chair. I am seeking at least two volunteers who are willing to serve on the ballot for the Chair of the Youth, Aging, and Life Course Division. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information about what being Division Chair entails, please feel free to contact me (Andrew London, anlondon@maxwell.syr.edu).

Finally, I welcome your input on how we can continue to revitalize the Division. As always, please encourage your colleagues, students, and friends to join YALC. I remain eager to build our membership and help create a vibrant community of scholars, teachers, and activists who are working on issues related to youth, aging, and the life course.

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Divisions: YALC, Crime and Justice Delinquency

Title: THEMATIC: Life Course and Substance Use across the Globe
Co-Organizers: Miriam W. Boeri / Austee K. Lamson
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Divisions: YALC, Drinking and Drugs

Title: Health and Well-Being across the Life Course
Organizer: Joseph D. Wolfe
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Divisions: YALC, Health, Health Policy, and Health Services, Society and Mental Health

Title: Technology and the Workforce across the Life Course: Redefining What Employment Is and Who an Employee Is
Co-Organizers: Valerie Adrian / Heather Champaau
Affiliation: Washington State University/Virginia Commonwealth University
E-mail: HeatherChampaau@VirginiaEDU
Divisions: YALC, Labor

Title: THEMATIC: Inequality and the Life Course across the Globe
Organizer: Alar MacLean
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Divisions: YALC, Poverty, Class, and Inequality

Title: THEMATIC: Sexuality in Global and Life Course Contexts
Organizer: Koji Ueno
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Divisions: YALC, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Community

Title: Social Welfare and Aging
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Divisions: YALC, Sociology and Social Welfare

Please consider submitting your work for presentation at the 2016 SSSP Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA, on August 19-21, 2016. All papers must be submitted by midnight (EST) on January 31, 2016. Sessions sponsored and co-sponsored by the YALC Division include:

Division Sessions
Title: THEMATIC: Youth, Aging, and the Life Course across the Globe
Organizer: Andrea S. London
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Critical Dialogue: Life-Course Perspective on Transgender Lives
Organizer: Tre Wentling
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Divisions: YALC

Papers in the Round: Youth, Aging, and the Life Course
Organizer: Scott Landes
Affiliation: University of North Florida
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Divisions: YALC

Co-sponsored Sessions
Title: Crime and the Life Course
Organizer: Lindsay Morgia
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Divisions: YALC

Please consider submitting a paper to the YALC Division’s annual award competitions; deadlines, eligibility criteria, and submission instructions are detailed below. Also, please consider volunteering to serve on the selection committees for these awards; if interested in serving on one or both of these committees, please contact: Andrew London (anlondon@maxwell.syr.edu).

Graduate Student Paper Award Deadline: 1/31/16
The Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems invites graduate students to submit a paper to the Graduate Student Paper Award competition. The paper can be theoretical and/or empirical, and must be directly related to some aspect of scholarship on youth, aging, and the life course. Current graduate students and recent graduates who have received their degrees after January 1, 2015 may submit a paper if it was written while a student. The paper must be unpublished, not accepted for publication, and not under review at the time of submission. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. Co-authored papers are also acceptable as long as all of the listed authors are current or recent graduate students, faculty, and non-graduate student co-authors are not allowed. Students may submit to only one SSSP student paper award competition; submission to multiple SSSP award competitions will disqualify the paper. The award recipient is expected to present the winning paper at the 2016 SSSP Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA (August 19-21, 2016). To facilitate scheduling the presentation, the (lead) author is required to submit the paper through the Call for Papers process for the annual meeting. Regular submission through the Call for Papers process ensures that the winning paper can be placed on the program. The paper should be submitted to any Youth, Aging, and the Life Course (co-)sponsored session, or the roundtable organizer, by the January 31st deadline, as well as e-mailed separately to the Division and Award Committee Chair as indicated below. The award recipient will be publicly announced at the Awards Ceremony and receive a plaque, a monetary prize of $100, a student membership to SSSP, and a SSSP conference registration. To have a paper considered for this award, please send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter that includes a brief overview of the paper and the context in which it was written, identifies the graduate program and status of all authors, certifies that the paper meets all of the criteria for the award, and provides the name and contact information of an adviser who is familiar with the (lead) author’s work to Andrew S. London at anlondon@maxwell.syr.edu. The submission should be no more than 30 double-spaced pages (including references and notes); use 12-point font; be double-spaced throughout; use one-inch margins; and be prepared for anonymous review, with the (lead) author specified only on the cover page and identifying references blinded.

Maggie Kuhn Award for Scholar-Activists Deadline: 3/15/16
Members of the Youth, Aging, and Life Course Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems are urged to submit nominations for the Maggie Kuhn Award for Scholar-Activists. Maggie Kuhn was the founder of the Gray Panthers, an intergenerational social justice organization. The Maggie Kuhn award, established in 2014, is awarded to a scholar-activist who upholds the ideals of social and economic justice, and peace, for individuals of all ages in both their scholarship and service. These ideals include, but are not limited to, honoring age, intergenerational work, and scholarship and/or activism that promotes a humane society by putting the needs of people over profits, responsibility over power, and democracy over institutions. For more information or to nominate a scholar-activist, please e-mail Andrew S. London at anlondon@maxwell.syr.edu.

Call for Annual Award Competition Submissions
Calls for Papers and Grant Proposals

Funding opportunity announcements and calls for papers of interest to scholars of youth, aging, and the life course

Grant Opportunity: Research Grants
Sponsor: William T. Grant Foundation
Deadline: January 12, 2016
Instructions: This grants program supports theory-building and empirical research projects on reducing inequality or understanding the use of research evidence. Research projects must have compelling relevance for programs, policies, and practices affecting youth ages 5-25 in the U.S. Research grants typically range from $100,000 to $600,000 and cover two to three years of support. Please find complete application guidelines here.

Conference: New Directions in the Study of Intergenerational Transfers and Time Use in Later Life: A Panel Study of Income Dynamics Conference
Sponsor: National Institute on Aging
Dates/Location: June 9-10, 2016, Ann Arbor, MI.
Deadline: January 15, 2016
Instructions: Researchers are invited to submit a short abstract for a poster to present at this small conference. Abstracts should be 2-4 pages and should propose using the 2013 Family Rosters and Transfers Module or the Disability and Use of Time Supplement. Preference will be given to proposals from assistant professors, postdoctoral fellows, and other early career researchers. Abstracts should be sent to Patty Hall (pahall@umich.edu) by January 15, 2016. Travel expenses, including roundtrip airfare and hotel, will be covered for one author of each accepted abstract. 3-4 abstracts will be accepted. Questions may be directed to Bob Schoeni bschoeni@umich.edu or Patty Hall pahall@umich.edu.

Grant Opportunity: Panel Study of Income Dynamics
Sponsor: National Institute on Aging
Deadline: February 2, 2016
Instructions: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) announces a small grant competition. The competition will fund 4-8 scholars in the range of $15,000-$20,000 each to use PSID to conduct research on life course influences on later life health and wellbeing. Funded projects will generate papers that will be presented, along with other invited posters and presentations, at a conference to be held June 2017 in Ann Arbor, MI. Proposals that request support to analyze PSID’s 2014 Childhood Retrospective Circumstances Study, which is described here, are especially encouraged. For details see the full announcement here. Questions may be directed to Bob Schoeni bschoeni@umich.edu.

Conference: Summer Meeting of Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association (ISA)
Dates/Location: August 29–31, 2016, Bern, Switzerland
Deadline: March 1, 2016
Instructions: Contributions should address the broad theme of social inequalities, social stratification, and social mobility. However, papers relevant to the theme of the conference, “Economic inequalities, deprivation, and poverty,” are particularly welcome. Participants should submit a title, an extended abstract (800–1000 words), and about 5 keywords. The extended abstract should include a clear description of the research question, theoretical framework, data, analytical strategy, and main findings. Please also specify the suggested type of contribution: oral presentation or poster presentation. All submitted contributions will be subject to a peer review process. The type of contribution might be subject to change by the program committee. Make your submission online using the conference management tool (abstract submission opens January 1, 2016). The deadline for submission is March 1, 2016. First authors will be notified about the outcomes of their submissions by April 15, 2016. The deadline for submission of the full papers is August 15, 2016.