

# Youth, Aging and Life Course Division Newsletter

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***From the Division Chair,  
Carolyn Perrucci  
Purdue University***

Greetings to all Youth, Aging and Life Course Division members! It is a pleasure to write to you as I continue into my second year as Chair of the Division. Thanks to your active participation, I consider the opportunity to serve the Division as exciting, challenging and fun. I hope that many of you will share your talents with us over the coming year.

We had a very successful program at the SSSP meetings in Montreal this past August and I want to thank all of you for doing an excellent job in putting together an exciting and extensive Program.

The theme of the SSSP meetings in 2007 is "Research Matters: Creating Knowledge, Policy and Justice." One of our open paper sessions at these meetings will be directly oriented toward this theme: "Economic Restructuring, Aging and the Life Course." Propose papers electronically that relate to this theme to Leslie Hossfeld, UNC-Wilmington ([hossfeld@uncw.edu](mailto:hossfeld@uncw.edu)).

Begin now to plan for your participation in the 2007 annual meetings to be held in New York City at the Roosevelt Hotel. August 10-12.

In addition to the thematic session, there are to be sessions for Refereed roundtable discussions and seven co-sponsored sessions, one each with Crime and Juvenile Delinquency, Educational problems, Institutional Ethnography, labor Studies, Sociology and Social Welfare, and Teaching Social Problems Divisions.

Additionally, please share your news with Division members in the next newsletter. Send me information about your career moves, recognitions, and recent publications. Reviews of relevant books are also welcome.

### **2007 ANNUAL MEETING OF SSSP**

August 10-12, 2007  
Roosevelt Hotel  
New York City, NY

#### **2007 SSSP Call for Papers**

(For Division of Youth, Aging and the Life Course)

##### **Thematic Session:**

**"Why Research Matters: Public Sociology, Aging and Social Policy"**

Organizer: Leslie Hossfeld

Telephone: 910-962-7849

Email: [hossfeld@uncw.edu](mailto:hossfeld@uncw.edu)

##### **"Refereed Roundtable Presentations"**

Organizer: Carolyn Perrucci

Telephone: 765-296-2019

Email: [perruccic@purdue.edu](mailto:perruccic@purdue.edu)

##### **Thematic Session Co-Sponsored with the Educational Problems Division**

"Improving the Educational Experiences of At-Risk Children and Youth"

Organizer: Stefanie Mollborn

Telephone: 303-735-3796

Email: [Stefanie.mollborn@colorado.edu](mailto:Stefanie.mollborn@colorado.edu)

##### **Thematic Session Co-Sponsored with the Labor Studies Division**

"Faculty Work/Life Management Across the Life Course"

Organizer: Catherine Richards Solomon

Telephone: 203-582-5264

Email: [Catherine.solomon@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:Catherine.solomon@quinnipiac.edu)

##### **Thematic Session Co-Sponsored with the Sociology and Social Welfare Division**

"Will the Elderly Be Able to Retire? The Social and Policy Implications of Dissolving Pension Plans"

Organizer: Robin Moremen

Telephone: 815-753-6439

Email: [rmoremen@niu.edu](mailto:rmoremen@niu.edu)

##### **Co-sponsored Session with the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division**

"Effective Interventions with Juvenile Delinquents"

Organizer: Sarah Shannon

Telephone: 612-987-5043 (cell)

Email: [ster0171@umn.edu](mailto:ster0171@umn.edu)

##### **Co-sponsored Session with the Institutional Ethnography Division**

"The Organization of Knowledge Across the Life Course"

Organizer: Suzanne Vaughan

Telephone: 602-543-6011

Email: [svaughan@asu.edu](mailto:svaughan@asu.edu)

##### **Co-sponsored Session with the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division**

"Sexual Expression at Any Age"

Organizer: Sandra Schroer

Telephone: 740-826-8287

Email: [sschroer@muskingum.edu](mailto:sschroer@muskingum.edu)

##### **Co-sponsored Session with the Teaching Social Problems Division**

"Including the Life Course Approach in Teaching"

Organizer: Jennifer Roebuck-Bulanda

Telephone: 513-529-5642

Email: [bulandjr@muohio.edu](mailto:bulandjr@muohio.edu)

## Graduate Student Paper Competition

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for the annual SSSP Youth, Aging and the Life Course Division Student Paper Competition. Papers should be related to the broad division interest. Up to two awards will be made, providing at least two papers are deemed meritorious. The first place winner will receive a monetary prize of \$150 and the second place winner, \$100. Additionally, the first place winner will receive student membership in SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP Awards Banquet.

## Call for Participation

### Graduate Student Paper Award

The Division makes up to two awards for outstanding graduate student papers. If you would be willing to serve on the 2007 evaluation committee, please contact me. Alternatively, encourage one of your students to submit a paper for this competition.

This past year, the division selected one first place winner: **Miyuki Fukushima**, University of Oklahoma, "Commitment to Conventional Adult Goals: A Comparison of Japanese and American Youth." Her faculty advisor is **Harold Grasmick**.

To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written between January 2006 and January 2007; 2) the paper must not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers presented at professional meetings or submitted for presentation at other meetings are eligible, as are papers based on theses or dissertations); 3) the paper must be authored by one or more graduate students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must be no longer than 30 double-spaced pages, including all notes, references, and tables; and 5) the paper must be presented at the 2007 SSSP meeting in August in New York City, New York. Submit the paper to the Chair of the Youth, Aging and Life Course Division by January 31, 2007. Email two copies of the complete paper, along with a brief letter of submission identifying your graduate program and signed by your advisor, to Dr. Carolyn C. Perrucci, chair, ([perruccic@purdue.edu](mailto:perruccic@purdue.edu)).

## Division Members' News

**Leslie Hossfeld**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, received the Center for Community Action 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award for Outstanding Leadership and Contributions to the Well-Being of Community Life. The Award was given in the area of the "Economy: For Research Demonstrating that the Economic Pain Felt in the County is not just in our Minds and not Beyond our Power to Change."

**Heather Dillaway**. 2006. "Mothers Never Wane: Motherwork at Menopause. *Journal of Women & Aging*, 18(2):41-53.

"When Does Menopause Occur, How Long Does it Last? Wrestling with Age- and Time-Based Conceptualizations of Reproductive Aging." *National Woman's Studies Association (NWSA) Journal* 18(1):31-60.

**Carolyn C. Perrucci** was elected to the SSSP Board of Directors, 2006-2009.

## *Social Problems*

### **Editorial Search**

The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is searching for the next Editor of *Social Problems*. The three-year term of the new Editor will begin at mid-year 2008 with responsibility for editing Volumes 56-58 (years 2009-2011). All members of the SSSP are encouraged to apply or nominate colleagues.

The Editor is responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and making final decisions on manuscripts, and for preparing four issues of the journal of publication annually. The editorial office is responsible for managing the review process and for copy editing and proofreading in accordance with customary publishing standards.

The SSSP seeks an individual with a distinguished scholarly record, previous editorial experience (e.g., service as a journal editor or associate editor), strong organizational and management skills, and an ability to work well with others, and a familiarity with and commitment to Social Problems.

The SSSP supports the editorial office with an annual budget and provides a modest stipend and travel expenses for the Editor. Support is also expected from the host institution. This support may include office space, utilities, the use of computers and other office equipment, stipends and tuition waivers for office personnel, faculty release time, and other basic expenses. Each year the Editor will be expected to submit a budget to the SSSP to cover operating expenses that the host institution does not support.

Applications, requests for further information, or names of potential nominees should be sent to: James D. Orcutt, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, Department of sociology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2270; (850) 644-6416 (Office); (850) 644-6208 (FAX); email: [jorcutt@fsu.edu](mailto:jorcutt@fsu.edu).

**Deadline for Initial Nominations and Inquiries: January 31, 2007.**