2021 Business Meeting - SSSP Theory Division

Welcome (attendance, to be submitted to head office)

- a. Agenda:
 - i. Awards
 - ii. Newsletter call
 - iii. Membership Report
 - iv. Finances
 - v. SSSP 2022 session call
 - vi. Other business

1. Division awards

b. The <u>Student Paper Award Winner, 2021 goes to Joshua H. Stout</u> (University of Delaware) for: "Just What the Doctor Ordered: Medicinal Alcohol, Opioid Prescriptions, and the Accessibility of Folk Devils."

The committee agreed that Joshua's paper successfully engages the robust literature on moral panics to offer a key data point that leads to an ability to distinguish between similar social problems that do and do not produce moral panics. The comparative framework employed is aptly chosen because of the particular cases chosen (alcohol prohibition versus the contemporary opioid crisis). The analysis, including a consistent engagement with theory, expands our understanding of moral panics and folk devils, which quite frankly is an area that seems to have saturated itself and expanded in different directions (moral regulation, risk society, etc.). The paper makes a strong case for the continued relevance and fruitfulness of moral panic theory. Joshua will be presenting the paper at this year's SSSP's Meeting (*Session 091:* New Work in Social Problems Theory) so please be sure to attend (more information on the session is below).

Thanks to award committee members Michael Adorjan (chair, University of Calgary), Holly Campeau (University of Alberta), and Paul Joosse (University of Hong Kong)

c. The Division's <u>Outstanding Article Award for 2021 goes to John N. Robinson</u> <u>III</u> for: "Making Markets on the Margins: Housing Finance Agencies and the Racial Politics of Credit Expansion," *American Journal of Sociology* 125 (January, 2020): 974-1028.

This excellent article explores how initiatives to expand financial inclusion for marginalized groups led to new forms of racial stratification. New inclusionary rules reinforced the stigma that black residents were undeserving of economic citizenship. These programs also led to more speculative financial instruments to serve marginalized groups, strengthening financial elites and expanding the possibilities for economic predation. Thanks to award committee members Joel Best (chair, University of Delaware), Ron Levi (University of Toronto), and Victoria Reyes (University of California, Riverside).

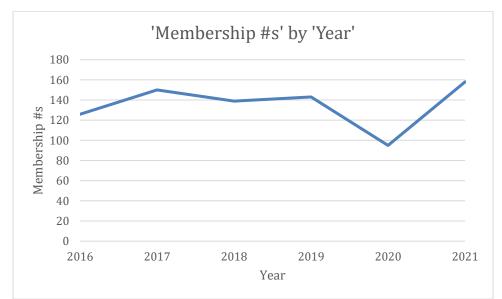
2. Newsletter

- a. The next newsletter should be out after the August/conference blackout period
- b. There's still time to submit content for consideration: please forward suggestions to me (Paul: pjoosse@hku.hk) or Rebecca (rblackwell@mail.usf.edu) Content ideas:

New positions / promotions Job market profiles for grad students and recent graduates on the market Awards Notable publications New books Conference or workshop announcements Calls for awards, papers, or presentations Memorials Other events or division news

3. Division membership numbers report

a. Recruitment, Renewal, Reactivation-the three Rs should be pursued



i. Membership numbers:

2016:126; 2017:150; 2018:139; 2019:143; 2020:95; **2021:158.**

We are the 10th largest division out of 23 divisions.

ii. Thoughts about membership recruitment?

4. Finances:

- a. Our \$450 budget for 2021 and \$600 budget for 2022 were approved (the discrepancy owes to not needing reception funds for the 2021 virtual conference).
 - i. Manager Communications and Membership Strategy (Newsletter editor), with stipend (\$170)
 - ii. Money for plaque + shipping for the Article Award (\$80)
 - iii. (From last year) the grad paper award amount is boosted to \$200

5. Looking ahead to SSSP 2022

- a. Division award committees
 - i. Graduate Student Paper Award and Outstanding Book Award 1. any volunteers?
 - ii. There's also usually a position on the Lewis Coser Award in Theoretical Agenda Setting Awarded by the Theory Division of the ASA
- *b.* Conference sessions SSSP 2022 in LA *The Sociological Reimagination: From Moments to Momentum*
 - i. Any ideas for sessions? These can be sole-sponsored by theory or cosponsored with another division. Please contact me (pjoosse@hku.hk)

6. Any other business or announcements?

7. Finally – PLEASE JOIN US VIRTUALLY NEXT WEEK!

Sessions:

Session 006: Performance and Power: New Theoretical Developments

Date: Wednesday, August 4 Time: 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM Sponsor: Social Problems Theory Organizer & Presider: Paul Joosse, University of Hong Kong

Papers:

"#HispanicsforTrump: Meaning Making, Racialization, and the Paradox of Hispanic Republicans?" Roger S. Cadena, University of Notre Dame
"It Was Very Textbook': How Content of Education Affects Interpretations of Confederate Statues," Ashley Veronica Reichelmann, Virginia Tech
"Their Accent Is Just Too Much': Tracing the Sonic Color Line in Public Radio Production," Laura Garbes, Brown University
"Algorithmic Dissonance as a Racialized Phenomenon," Shiv Issar, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
"Garfinkeling in Real Life: The Candid Sociology 'Neon Leon'," Leon Anderson, Utah State University

Session 014: Theorizing Environment and Society in the Anthropocene

Date: Wednesday, August 4

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM *Sponsors:* Environment and Technology Social Problems Theory *Organizer & Presider:* June Jeon, Tufts University

Papers:

"'Chinese Logged Everything': Culture, Collective Cognition and Historical Trauma in Russian Deforestation Discourse," Liudmila Listrovaya, University of Oregon "'Dirty Looks': A Critical Phenomenology of Motorized Mobility Scooter Use," Alfiya Battalova and Laura Hurd, University of British Columbia, Sandra Hobson, University of Western Ontario, R. Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University, Richelle Emory, Vancouver Coastal Health and W. Ben Mortenson, University of British Columbia "In the Crosshairs: A Nationwide Analysis of Intersecting Natural and Industrial Hazardscapes," Phylicia L. Brown, Rice University "Shaping Sheep, Sheep Shapers: Geo-zoe-politics of Networked Agencies," Kristen Angela Livera, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven "The Co-production of 'Sustainability': Coffee, Eco-tourism, and Environmental Relations on the Galapagos Islands," Matthew J. Zinsli, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Session 023: Theorizing Environment and Society in the Anthropocene II

Date: Wednesday, August 4 *Time:* 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM *Sponsors:* Environment and Technology Social Problems Theory *Organizer & Presider:* June Jeon, Tufts University

Papers:

"A Power Structure Approach to Dirty Energy: Theorizing the Political Influence of Industries that Threaten Democracy and the Environment," Michael C. Dreiling and Yvonne A. Braun, University of Oregon

"Governance Advances that Efface Environmental Ambition: Combining Institutionalist and Political-economic Approaches to Analyze Chile's REDD+ Program," Patrick CoatarPeter and Brian Gareau, Boston College

"How Structural Denial in the 'Energy Field' Hampers Climate Action: An Analysis of Corporate Earnings Calls, 2008-2019," Annika Rieger, Boston College and Isak Ladegaard, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Materializing Inequality: The Production of Environmental Risks for Small-scale Farmers in the Palm Oil Industry," Angela Serrano Zapata, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Honorable Mention in the Environment and Technology Division's Student Paper Competition "Responsible and Profitable: The Coexistence of Institutional Logics in Corporations," Dasom Lee, University of Twente

Session 036: The Crisis of Expert Legitimacy

Date: Thursday, August 5 Time: 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM Sponsor: Social Problems Theory Organizer & Presider: David C. Lane, Illinois State University

Panelists: Michael Adorjan, University of Calgary Joel Best, University of Delaware Peter Ibarra, University of Illinois at Chicago Paul Joosse, University of Hong Kong Donileen R. Loseke, University of South Florida R. J. Maratea, The George Washington University

Session 045: Problematizing Classical Sociological Knowledge & Classes

Date: Thursday, August 5 *Time:* 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM *Sponsors:* Social Problems Theory and Teaching Social Problems *Organizer:* Jared Del Rosso, University of Denver *Presider:* Pattie Thomas, College of Southern Nevada

Papers:

"Harnessing Media to Help Students Learn Social Theory and the Sociological Imagination," Amanda Horn, Wayne State University "The Weberian Frontier: Revisiting Operation Blockade through a Bureaucratic Lens," Jesus Ayala-Candia, Texas Tech University "I Learn Therefore I Am: Reflections on Feminist Decolonial Pedagogies," Asia Della Rosa,

Linköping University

"Problematizing Classical Social Theory Courses: Re-introducing the Women Founders 'The Word 'Now' is Like a Bomb through the Window, and it Ticks'," Patricia Lengermann and Gillian Niebrugge-Brantley, The George Washington University

"Recentering the Canon, Refocusing Concerns: Beyond Positivism as a Central Concern in Classical Sociological Theory," Annie Jones, Vernon Headley and Shannon Carter, University of Central Florida

Session 060: Theorizing Revolution: Liberation, Populism, and Charismatic Mobilization *Date:* Friday, August 6

Time: 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Sponsors: Conflict, Social Action, and Change and Social Problems Theory Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Paul Joosse, University of Hong Kong

Papers:

"Anticipatory Regimes: Humor, Charisma, and Social Chemistry," Ran Keren, Northeastern University

"Indefinite Revolution, Black Lives Matter, and Extreme Accountability," Steven Foertsch, Baylor University

"The Less Agreeable Side of Charisma: Incredulous Onlooking and Anti-structural Power," Paul Joosse, University of Hong Kong

"When a Social Problem becomes a Societal Problem: Child Protection as a Troubling Institution," Keith R. Johnson, Independent Scholar

Session 068: Shame, Stigma, and Society

Date: Friday, August 6 Time: 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM Sponsors: Social Problems Theory and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Joshua H. Stout, University of Delaware

Papers:

"Identity Construction: How Media, Research and Norms Shape Perceptions about Children of Incarcerated Parents (COIP)," Melissa Noel, American University, Britany J. Gatewood, Albany State University, Bahiyyah Muhammad and Sydni Turner, Howard University "PostSecret, a Virtual Third Place: An Analysis of Placemaking and Shame Negotiation through Virtual Confessions and Community Support," Sara D. Rocks, University of South Florida "Pregnant People Who Inject Illicit Drugs: Stigmatization from Emergency Room Nurses," Aidan N. Settman, University of North Carolina Asheville "Singleness is Not a Disorder: Destructive Depictions of Single Women in Film," Kimberly M. Phillips, Memorial University

Session 091: New Work in Social Problems Theory

Date: Friday, August 6 Time: 3:30 PM - 5:15 PM Sponsor: Social Problems Theory Organizer & Presider: Joshua H. Stout, University of Delaware Discussant: David C. Lane, Illinois State University

Papers:

"Academic Camps as Arenas for Claimsmaking," Joel Best, University of Delaware "9/11 Turns Twenty: An Examination of Shifting Frames in Anniversary Reporting," Clara Mey and Brian Monahan, Baldwin Wallace University "Limits to (In)Justice: Systemic Racism as a Social Problem," Mary K. Ryan, Washington & Jefferson College

"Just What the Doctor Ordered: Medicinal Alcohol, Opioid Prescriptions, and the Accessibility of Folk Devils," Joshua H. Stout, University of Delaware, Winner of the Social Problems Theory Division's Student Paper Competition

Session 096: Theorizing Juvenile Delinquency, Drugs, and Precarity

Date: Saturday, August 7 Time: 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Social Problems Theory Organizer & Presider: Paul Joosse, University of Hong Kong

Papers:

"Cheering for the Bad Guy? How Audiences Glorify Antiheroes through Major Criminological Theories," Matthew D. Bejar, University of Oklahoma

"Decriminalizing Substance-involved Sexual Assault," Erin O'Callaghan, University of Illinois at Chicago "Diversity and Delinquency: The Impact of Cultural Awareness," Jeffery P. Dennis, Minnesota State University, Mankato "Moral Capital and the Temporality of Medication-assisted Treatment in the Rural Midwest," Kelly Szott, Southern Oregon University

Session 107: Contagion and Climate Change: Theorizing the Pandemic, Pollution, and Inequality

Date: Saturday, August 7 Time: 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM Sponsor: Social Problems Theory Organizer & Presider: Paul Joosse, University of Hong Kong

Papers:

"Transmitting Desire: An Experiment on a Novel Measure of Gun Desirability in a Pandemic," Justin Lucas Sola, University of California, Irvine "Hospital at Home in the Age of Covid-19: The Mayo Clinic Experience," Nels Paulson, University of Wisconsin-Stout and Margaret Paulson, Mayo Clinic Health System "The Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) and Risk Perception," Mary Strawderman, Virginia Commonwealth University "A Climate Change Module for Social Problems Classes," Andrew Szasz, University of California, Santa Cruz "Climate Change Concern among Youth: The Unexamined Role of Civics Education and Institutional Trust in Elevating Cross-national Climate Change Risk

Perceptions, "Erika L. Kessler, Teachers College and Columbia University, Winner of the Environment and Technology Division's Student Paper Competition