

COMMUNITY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
Annual Division Meetings (*Open to SSSP Members*)
Friday August 18th, 2023
4:30-6:10 pm

Room: Philadelphia Ballroom North
Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

MINUTES

By Thomas Piñeros Shields (outgoing chair) and Teresa Irene Gonzales (incoming chair)

Attendance:

Susan Halverson
Michael O. Johnston
Amie Thurbur
Michael Awsumb
Kris Standley
Finn Bell
Keisha M
Paul Draus

Agenda

Outgoing Division Chair: Thomas Piñeros Shields (UMASS Lowell)

Incoming Division Chair: Teresa Gonzales (Loyola University)

1. **Call or order and Introductions**
2. **Transfer of Division Chair**
 - a. Outgoing chair acknowledgements
 - b. Incoming chair acknowledgements
3. **Awards- Plans for recruiting and selecting 2024 awardees.**
 - Division Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
 - Community Partner Paper Award Committee
4. **SSSP 2024 Session Proposals**

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 - Types of sessions: Paper Panels (4-5 papers), Roundtables (4 papers/table , multiple tables), Critical Dialogues (8 presenters)
5. **Future of Community Research and Development Division**

1. **Call to order and Introductions**

Attending: Tom Piñeros Shields (outgoing chair), Susan Halverston, Michael Johnston, Amie Thurber, Clay Michael Awsumb, Krys Standley Finn McLafferty Bell, Keisha Marie Muia, Paul J. Draus and Teresa Gonzales (incoming chair).

2. **Transfer of Division Chair.** Outgoing chair acknowledgements and Incoming chair acknowledgements.
3. **Awards-** The attendees discussed plans for recruiting and selecting 2024 awardees. We held a rich discussion about both the Community Partner Paper Award and Graduate Student Paper Award. Language of both awards was updated to be more inclusive.

Specifically, the 2024 community paper award language that requires papers to not be submitted for publication or published was removed and replaced with “papers may be pre-published or published in 2022-present.” (below). Susan Halverston agreed to chair this committee. Paul Draus and Finn Bell will also serve on this committee.

The Graduate Student paper award did not have any submissions this year. The language was not changed, but we discussed ways to recruit graduate students via word of mouth and when they submit paper abstracts to the 2024 conference, the invitations should go to them. Michael Johnston volunteered to chair this committee, Tom Piñeros Shields, and Amie Thurber also volunteered to serve on this committee.

4. **SSSP 2024 Session Proposals**

We brainstormed ideas for division sponsored sessions and seven ideas for co-sponsored sessions. Types of sessions: Paper Panels (4-5 papers), Roundtables (4 papers/table, multiple tables), Critical Dialogues (8 presenters). Members discussed several ideas related to homelessness, alternatives to policing models, cities that are accessible, exploring the PAR process and the parts of the process in which participation breaks down, roles of academia in relation to city governments, landscapes and communities, town/gown divides, urban regeneration, who is the community, who gets to speak for the community, who gets to tell the community story in oral history, power to the people and participatory decision-making, decolonizing praxis through global PAR, and PAR and organizing in social movement spaces (with Conflict and Social Action and Change Division). Teresa then shared ideas from the meeting of division chairs.

Three Division-Sponsored Sessions

1. Critical Dialogue: Closing the Loop and How not to Swoop. (Krys, Tom, and Paul co-organize.) This interactive critical dialogue discussion will explore process for deepening participatory practice with communities, including the wax and wane of non-academic community participation at specific points in the lifecycle of the PAR research process,

challenges with institutions and funding and efforts to sustain collaborative, participatory research.

2. Complicating Community, theorizing about who is included in narratives of community (Susan & Finn).
3. Empowered People, case studies on how communities respond to state violence, etc. (Paul and Finn)

Up to Seven co-Sponsored Sessions with other Divisions

1. Community-based research and decolonial praxis from the Global South (Maybe Critical Race & Ethnic Studies and Global *Critical Dialogues* (violence).
2. Decolonizing Sociology Global and maybe Critical Race & Ethnic Studies and Institutional Ethnography, c2hastings@uwaterloo.ca) *Critical Dialogue*.
3. Critical Race & Rural Studies Maybe Critical Race & Ethnic Studies and Theory, Joshua Stout – jstout@shepherd.edu *Critical Dialogue*.
4. Alternatives to policing: Community-based responses to behavioral health and drug violence, ask to co-sponsor w/ Health, CJD, Drinking & Drugs, & Health.
5. PAR & Organizing in Social Movement Spaces (Tom & Clay co-organizers) Co-sponsored w/ CSAC.
6. Accessible Cities (Michael O. Johnston, co-organizer. Co-sponsored w/ Sports, Leisure, and the Body.
7. Transgressing counter-hegemony CRES and CSAC.

5. Future of Community Research and Development Division

Tom updated committee on SSSP discussions about consolidation and informed the group that a survey would likely be distributed this year. Teresa asked the group to brainstorm ways to promote the division and the divisional awards. Members highlighted that they mostly learned about CRD through word-of-mouth, announcements/recruitment during sessions, asking folks to bring a friend with you, emailing agendas out, intentional messaging that highlights that we're a space open to non-sociologists. Others highlighted that SSSP and CRD are a doorway to folks that is open to non-sociologists, it is a space for interdisciplinarity.

This year's mentoring session encouraged people to go to division meetings.

2024 Community Research and Development Division Graduate Student Paper

The Community Research and Development Division announces its 2024 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Paper topics can focus on various aspects of communities, including their capacity, development, renewal, and relationship with other social issues or problems. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses, applied research, and theoretical papers are

welcome. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published nor accepted for publication. Papers must be student-authored; they may be authored by a single student or co-authored by more than one student but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Papers must not exceed 25 double-spaced pages (including all notes, references, and tables), and should include a brief abstract. To be eligible for the award, the author(s) must make a commitment to present the paper at a session during the 2024 SSSP Annual Meeting in Montreal. To be considered, submit (a) a copy of the manuscript, (b) a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Community Research and Development Division Graduate Student Paper Competition, and (c) a short letter from each author's advisor certifying the person's status as a student and including some brief comments about the research. All materials must be submitted electronically to the Annual Meeting Call for Papers on the SSSP conference website by January 15, 2024 and also sent to the Committee Chair, Michael O. Johnston e-mail: JOHNSTONMO@wmpenn.edu. Please note that students may only submit to one division. The winner will receive a \$300 cash award, a one-year student membership to SSSP, conference registration fees, and a plaque of recognition at the conference awards ceremony.

2024 Community Research and Development Division Community Partner Paper

The Community Research and Development Division announces its 2024 Community Partner Paper Competition. Consistent with our division's mission, this paper award is intended to recognize rigorous academic work that has practical implications for members of marginalized communities and specifically, to celebrate community-engaged work.

Paper topics can focus on various social issues and problems related to community, such as the causes and consequences of communities' exclusion or marginalization from processes and resources, the capacities and strengths of communities and community movements, and the development and changes within communities. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses, applied research, and theoretical papers are welcome.

The following criteria for this award were developed based on standards of Community Based Research. Although papers do not need to meet all of these criteria, greater consideration will be given to research that demonstrates more of these criteria:

- Research questions and/or focus reflects priorities of community partners;
- Research encourages involvement of community in all aspects of research design including data collection methods to incorporate language, perspectives and experiences of participants;
- Research encourages involvement of community in analysis and writing of paper, including co-authorship with community;
- Research process provides member access to one another's expertise, demonstrating an appreciation of academic and local community knowledge;
- Results are 'owned' by the community;
- Research has consequences for guiding social action, policy or program change for community;

- Research democratizes and decolonizes the knowledge creation process by re-imagining relationships between researchers and subjects of research.

Papers may be pre-published or published in 2022-present. Papers may be coauthored by more than one faculty member, community member and/or student. Community partners are characterized by any community-based entity or representative that is outside of the academy. Papers must not exceed 25 double-spaced pages (including all notes, references, and tables), and should include a brief abstract. To be eligible for the award, the author(s) must make a commitment to present the paper at a session during the 2024 SSSP Annual Meeting in Montreal. To be considered, submit (a) a copy of the manuscript, (b) a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Community Research and Development Division Community Partner Paper Competition, and (c) a brief letter from the community partner commenting on their role in the paper. All materials must be submitted electronically to the Annual Meeting Call for Papers on the SSSP conference website by January 15, 2024 and also sent to the Committee Chair, Susan Halverston email: shalver2@pdx.edu. The winner will receive a \$100 cash award and a plaque of recognition at the Community Research and Development Division business meeting.