

SSSP Sports, Leisure, and the Body Division
Business Meeting
July 19, 2023, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Attendees: Virginia Berndt, Michael O. Johnston, and Luis F. Nuño

Agenda

1. Brief Introductions
2. Membership News
 - a. Look for ways to increase membership through division-sponsored happy hour, student paper awards, and word-of-mouth
3. Division News
4. Award Winners
5. Division Sessions
 - a. See Addendum
6. Any concerns about attending 2022 Annual Meeting?
 - a. None expressed.

2023 Annual Meeting

Same Problem Different Day: Recognizing and Responding to Recurring Social Problems

Shirly A. Jackson SSSP President 2022-2023

“Unlike Dr. King’s vision in his “I Have a Dream Speech” speech where he says, “*even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream*”, I am less confident today than I once was in the realization of the promise conveyed by these magnificent words and the dream and actions they so eloquently advocated. There is a sharp decline in my hope for the future as deep divides in every corner of society threaten to dismantle any real ideas of equality and justice. Therefore, this year’s conference is a call for sociologists to embark upon deep introspective research into where we are, where we have been, and how we might truly progress structurally and culturally as we engage the future. If we are serious about engaging in public sociology, then we must reach out and speak out to the media on topics and in arenas where we have been absent or silent.”

2023 Annual Meeting Session Ideas? (Same Problem Different Day: Recognizing and Responding to Recurring Social Problems)

Newsletter information

Thank the newsletter editor

Thank the social media coordinator

2024 Annual Meeting

Toward a Sociology of Violence

What and how can sociology contribute to understanding and reducing violence? Public policy and discourse often point to individual-level solutions to the social problem of violence, rather than addressing root causes that create the context in which violence and calls for violence flourish. As sociologists and members of SSSP, we can draw on decades of sociological, anti-racist, feminist, and anti-colonial research to develop concrete solutions to the problem of violence. By focusing on cultural, institutional, and structural change, we can contribute to a transformative politics that challenges carceral solutions to violence in favor of models fostering alternative forms of justice.

Dr. Mary Bernstein, SSSP President
University of Connecticut

* Allotted THREE division-sponsored session (no co-sponsors).

* One must be on the conference theme

Planning Draft – 2024 Montreal Annual Meeting

Three division sponsored sessions (1 on meeting theme):

1. [Towards a Sociology of Violence]
2. [session 2]
3. [session 3]

Ideas for session themes:

- Something about Leisure and Health.
- Something about Tourism, Leisure, and Local Community Activism
- Something about Carnal Sociology: Flesh and Blood, experience of
- Something connected to the book on Emergent Sociological Issues in Family and Sport

Up to 7 co-sponsored:

1. [co-sponsored 1]
2. [co-sponsored 2]
3. [co-sponsored 3]
4. [co-sponsored 4]
5. [co-sponsored 5]
6. [co-sponsored 6]
7. [co-sponsored 7]

Here are the parameters for the in-person meeting:

1. Numbers of sessions

- Each division should propose *three* Division-sponsored sessions.
- If you propose more than three sessions, please rank-order them. Please aim to have at least one session on the program theme.
- In addition, each division can co-sponsor with other divisions no more than seven sessions.
- Consider collaborating with community organizations and social movements and including non-professional sociologists, researchers, and activists on appropriate and relevant panels.

2. Types of sessions

- **Regular**: These sessions are composed of four papers and a discussant or five papers without a discussant.
- **Papers in the Round**: These sessions are composed of multiple roundtables in the same room. Each roundtable should have four papers with an established scholar as discussant.
- **Critical Dialogue**: Short (5 minute) presentations by up to eight authors. These sessions encourage conversation and audience participation. This format is particularly impactful as it purposefully fosters dialogue between scholars and activists. We strongly encourage you to make use of the Critical Dialogue format as much as you can, especially for sessions you are sponsoring/co-sponsoring on the program theme.