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Reproductive Justice Session Co-Organizer, Virginia Kuulei Berndt, with session presenters, Kathryn Nowotny, Patrice Wright, Hannah Jane Upson, and Macellina Ijadunola, at the SSSP 2022 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS:

As we are facing emerging public health challenges in the context of pandemic, climate change, and increasing digitalization, we will continue the legacy of our division to inspire and engage dialogues and research to advocate a healthier tomorrow for all people, regardless of whatever differences.

- Dr. Yuying Shen and Dr. Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda



Division Co-Chair, Dr. Yuying Shen



INCOMING CO-CHAIR: DR. VIRGINIA KUULEI BERNDT

Dr. Virginia Berndt, an assistant professor of sociology at Texas A&M International University, has been elected as the incoming co-chair for our division. Dr. Berndt will begin her term when our current co-chair, Dr. Jennifer Bulanda, ends her term at the 2023 Annual meeting in August. Please join us in extending our sincere congratulations to Dr. Berndt!

As a chronically ill and disabled scholar specializing in the sociology of health and illness, Dr. Berndt is well-positioned and committed to uplift and amplify scholars and activists of underrepresented backgrounds within the organization of the SSSP to strive towards social justice within academia and beyond. We are confident that Dr. Berndt will be a terrific leader for our Division, and we look forward to working with Dr. Berndt to increase our Division's visibility and presence in health-related forums!

OUTGOING CO-CHAIR: DR. JENNIFER ROEBUCK BULANDA

It has been an honor to serve as Co-Chair of the Division for the past two years. When I originally took the position, I did not anticipate the many opportunities and learning experiences it would provide. Being in this role has allowed me to meet Division members whom I look forward to working with far into the future, to participate in shaping the Division's annual conference sessions, and to better understand the structure of the SSSP organization and the ways we can work together to promote greater justice in health and health care. Even throughout the difficult past two years of the pandemic, our Division members have been able to participate in virtual Division business meetings, share updates through our newsletter, celebrate the accomplishments of our members with scholarship awards, and share our work and advocacy at the annual meetings. Thank you to all of our Division members who have served on committees, organized or presented in conference sessions, or contributed ideas to our Division's work over the past year. I look forward to continuing to actively participate in the Health Division after my role as Co-Chair ends in August, and I really encourage all of the Division's members to consider nominating themselves or a colleague for the Co-Chair role in the future.



Thank you to our Co-Sponsoring Divisions!

SSSP's Division of Health, Health Policy, and Health Services thanks the divisions that are co-sponsoring sessions for the 2023 Annual Meeting:

- Conflict, Social Action, and Change
- Drinking and Drugs
- Labor Studies
- Critical Race and Ethnic Study
- Family
- Law and Society
- Crime and Juvenile Delinquency
- Institutional Ethnography
- Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division Sessions for the 2023 Annual Meeting

Session 006: Experiences of Essential Workers and Health Care Workers in the Context of a Continuing Pandemic

Organizers: Christina Barmon & Noreen M. Sugrue

Date & Time: Friday, August 18, 8:30-10:10am

Location: Salon 5&6

Session 014: Reproductive Bodies & Autonomy

Organizer: Virginia Kuulei Berndt

Date & Time: Friday, August 18, 12:30-2:10pm

Location: Freedom H

Session 022: Critical Dialogue: (Re)Emerging Ideologies, Political Polarization, and Drug Policy

Organizers: Leslie L. Wood & Avelardo Valdez

Date & Time: Friday, August 18, 2:30-4:10pm

Location: Freedom G

Session 032: Critical Dialogue: Improving Health and Well-Being: Pathways for Health Care Providers, Systems, and Policy

Organizer: Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda

Date & Time: Friday, August 18, 4:30-6:10pm

Location: Freedom G

Session 039: Institutional Ethnographies of Health and Wellness

Organizer: Colin Hastings

Date & Time: Saturday, August 19, 8:30-10:10am

Location: Independence D

Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division Sessions for the 2023 Annual Meeting

Session 066: Critical Dialogue: Well-being in a Polarized World: Exploring the Consequences of Fragmented Relationships and Institutions

Organizer: Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda
Date & Time: Saturday, August 19, 12:30-2:10pm
Location: Philadelphia Ballroom North

Session 067: Critical Dialogue: (Im)mobilities, Health, and the Law: On Remediating Human Rights and Health in Our Own Backyard

Organizer: Josephine T.V. Greenbrook
Date & Time: Saturday, August 19, 2:30-4:10pm
Location: Independence A

Session 087: Papers in the Round: Accelerating Health and Health Care Equity: Re-Examining Structural Determinants

Organizer: Yuying Shen
Date & Time: Sunday, August 20, 8:30-10:10am
Location: Philadelphia Ballroom North

Session 10I: Decolonizing Health Care Systems and Health Care Delivery

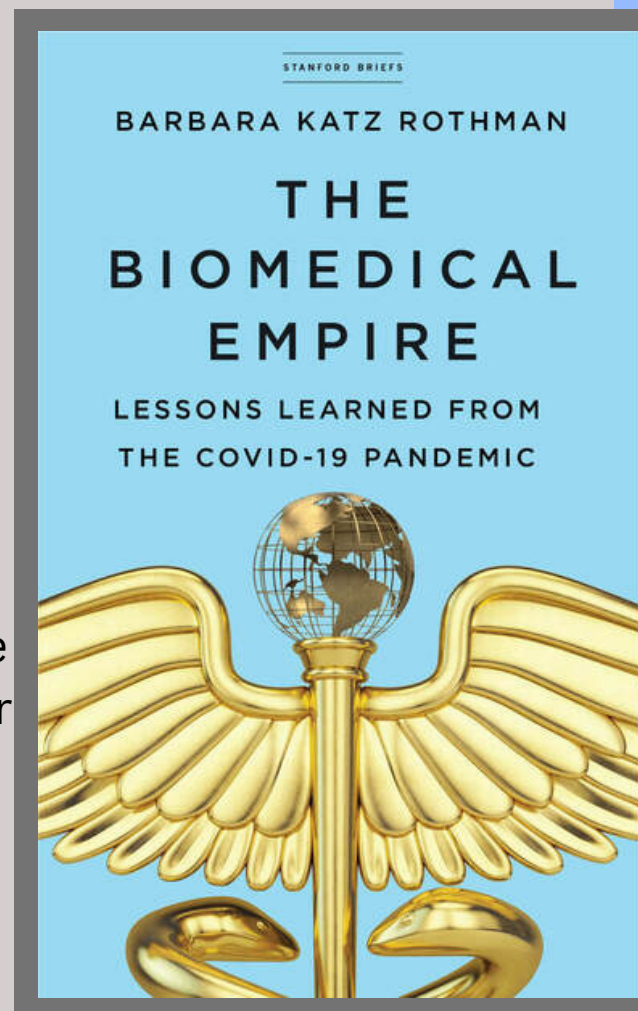
Organizers: Erin E. Ruel & Josephine T.V. Greenbrook
Date & Time: Sunday, August 20, 12:30-2:10pm
Location: Independence C

Health, Health Policy, & Health Services Division 2023 Outstanding Scholarship Award Winners



Barbara Katz Rothman

Barbara Katz Rothman has been awarded the 2023 Outstanding Scholarship award for her book, *The Biomedical Empire: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic*. "Katz Rothman shows that biomedicine has the key elements of an imperial power: economic leverage, the faith of its citizens, and governmental rule. She investigates the Western colonial underpinnings of the empire and its rapid intrusion into everyday life, focusing on the realms of birth and death. This provides her with a powerful vantage point from which to critically examine the current moment, when the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the power structures of the empire in unprecedented ways while sparking the most visible resistance it has ever seen."



Health, Health Policy, & Health Services Division 2023 Outstanding Scholarship Award Winners



William Cabin

William Cabin has received the 2023 Outstanding Scholarship Award based on his body of work focused primarily on the Medicare home health and hospice benefits. Bill's work is widely cited and recognized as the leading source of peer-reviewed studies on these topics. With nearly 25 years of experience as a home care and hospice executive-level manager, Bill's work comes from a unique place of lived experience that much academic literature lacks.

Bill's research unearths insights on structural issues in a neglected area of policy, centering on the lived experiences of home care nurses and social workers; the impact of ownership type of home health agencies on cost, profit, and quality of care; the adverse impacts of patient care resulting from the capitalization of the Medicare Hospice Benefit; and more.

Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division Annual Business Meetings

Meeting 1 - Virtual:

Join us for our informal virtual division business meeting if you're unable to join us in-person for August's meeting!

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 6, 2:00pm EST

Zoom Link: [https://nsu-edu.zoom.us/j/91071963365?
pwd=SFVjMG1XaHN0a0szSOZmMVVNNHJtUT09](https://nsu-edu.zoom.us/j/91071963365?pwd=SFVjMG1XaHN0a0szSOZmMVVNNHJtUT09)

Meeting ID: 910 7196 3365

Pass: 682344

Meeting 2 - In-Person:

Join us at our in-person division business meeting at the SSSP Annual Meeting in Philadelphia this August!

Date & Time: Saturday, August 19, 10:30am-12:10pm

Location: Salon 10

Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division Member Updates

Job Announcements:

- Donalee Unal is now a part-time assistant professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the Penn State University College of Medicine.
- Megan Visser has accepted an advanced (2nd year) clinical residency at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles in Chaplaincy, focused on spiritual care research

Grant Announcements:

- Yuying Shen has obtained a grant of \$125,000 from Hampton Roads Biomedical Research Consortium (HRBRC) for a research project entitled, "An Interdisciplinary Cybersecurity Effort to Advance Children's Mental Health Equity" to study how children's cybersecurity awareness and skills to help them prevent cyberbullying and improve their mental health.

Media Appearances:

- Virginia Kuulei Berndt has appeared in the Laredo Morning Times [[click here](#)], and E&E News [[click here](#)] to discuss contraception access post-Dobbs and in disaster settings.
- alithia zamantakis has appeared on CBS Chicago [[click here](#)] for Trans Day of Visibility and in Chicago Business [[click here](#)] discussing abortion pill rulings.

Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division Member Updates

Publications:

- Virginia Kuulei Berndt
 - Brown, Brian and Virginia Kuulei Berndt. (Forthcoming) *Body Art* (Arts for Health). Emerald Publishing. [\[Link\]](#)
 - Manzer, Jamie L., Virginia Kuulei Berndt, and Ann V. Bell. 2022. "Intersections between Culture, Contraception, Knowledge and the Body in the USA." *Culture, Health & Sexuality*. [\[Link\]](#)
 - Manzer, Jamie L., Virginia Kuulei Berndt, and Ann V. Bell. 2022. "Comparing methods of long-acting reversible contraception: A qualitative study of Delaware women's perceptions of intrauterine devices and the implant." *Contraception* 113: 73-77. [\[Link\]](#)
- Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda:
 - Bulanda, Jennifer Roebuck, Angela L. Curl, and Amy Restorick Roberts. 2023. "Marital Quality and Alcohol Use among Couples in Mid- and Later-Life." *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. [\[Link\]](#)
- Bill Cabin:
 - Cabin, William. 2023. "'They Are Measures Without Impact': Home Care Social Workers Criticize OASIS-E." *Home Health Care Management and Practice*. [\[Link\]](#)
 - Cabin, William. 2023. "'They Live in an Isolation Chamber': Medicare Fails the Depressed Homebound Elderly." *Home Health Care Management and Practice*. [\[Link\]](#)
 - Cabin, William. 2022. "'What Were They Thinking?': The Exclusion of Medicare Home Health from Providing Supplemental Social Needs Benefits." *Home Health Care Management and Practice*. [\[Link\]](#)
 - Cabin, William. 2022. "'It's Just Too Much': The Financial Calculus in Hospice." *Home Health Care Management and Practice*. [\[Link\]](#)