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SSSP 2023 Reproductive Bodies & Autonomy Session Organizer, Virginia Kuulei Berndt, with session presenters, Val Leiter, Kelley Akhiemokhali, Courtney Williams, and Jamie Luchenski.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND AWARD SUBMISSIONS!

- Check out our proposed (co)sponsored sessions for SSSP 2024 in this newsletter! Submit your extended abstract at this link: [\[Click Here\]](#)
- We are accepting submissions for the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award and Outstanding Scholarship Award! Information can be found here: [\[Click Here\]](#)



MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR: DR. YUYING SHEN

As we near the end of 2023, we find ourselves on the cusp of a new year filled with hope and anticipation. The conclusion of this year also marks the completion of the planning and preparation for the SSSP 2024 Annual Meeting.

Reflecting on the successes of our Division at the 2023 Annual Meeting, the invaluable connections established and knowledge shared, we are inspired to embark on the next steps in our collective project.

With ten sessions already being proposed, I am excited about the potential for another triumphant chapter for our Division at the 2024 annual meeting. It is my heartfelt wish to meet each of you in Montreal, where we can further acquaint ourselves, learn from one another, and exchange our perspectives on various aspects of health and healthcare.

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR: DR. VIRGINIA KUULEI BERNDT

During my first year as Co-Chair of SSSP's Division of Health, Health Services, and Health Policy, I've had the honor of corresponding with many stellar division members!

SSSP 2023 was a resounding success! We sponsored and co-sponsored nine excellent sessions.

Our proposed sessions for SSSP 2024 center on topics of mental health, medical violence, indigenous health, psychedelics, reproductive justice, and more.

We also hope you will consider submitting a paper to our Graduate Student Paper competition or Outstanding Scholarship Award.

Best wishes to all for a happy new year!



HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION SPONSORED SESSIONS FOR SSSP 2024

Sole Sponsored Sessions

Psychedelics & Inequalities (Regular Paper Session)
Session Organizers: Donalee Unal & Katherine Baltazar

Indigenous Health and Tribal Sovereignty (Critical Dialogue Session)
Session Organizer: Donalee Unal

Bodily Autonomy and Health (Papers in the Round Session)
Session Organizer: Virginia Kuulei Berndt

Co-Sponsored Sessions

Alternatives to Policing: Community-Based Responses to Behavioral Health, Substance Misuse, & Violence (Regular Paper Session)
Session Organizers: Keisha Muia & Paul Draus

Reproductive Justice (Regular Paper Session)
Session Organizer: Angie Mejia Medina

Bodies for Sale: Use of Humans and Animals for Entertainment (Regular Paper Session)
Session Organizer: Michael O. Johnston

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION SPONSORED SESSIONS FOR SSSP 2024

Co-Sponsored Sessions, continued

Global Health, Climate, Inequality, & Environment (Regular Paper Session)
Session Organizer: Clare Cannon

Social Organization of Medical Violence (Regular Paper Session)
Session Organizer: Kathryn Nowotny

Structural Determinants of Health & the Law (Regular Paper Session)
Session Organizer: Clare Cannon

Changing Impact of Technologies on Mental Health (Critical Dialogue)
Session Organizers: Yuying Shen & Doug Engelman

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 2024 Annual Meeting:

- Community Research & Development
- Drinking and Drugs
- Environment & Technology
- Gender
- Global
- Institutional Ethnography
- Law and Society
- Mental Health & Society
- Poverty, Class, & Inequality
- Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities
- Sociology & Social Welfare
- Sport, Leisure, and the Body

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SEAN M. VIÑA

Sean M. Viña, PhD, is currently on the job market. Dr. Viña's area of research is in health inequality and stigma. Sean's current scholarship examines diminishing health returns and policy on psychedelics. He is building a project around this topic that seeks to understand and advocate a culturally centered approach to psychedelics, rather than the clinical psychiatry approach being monopolized by current research policy.

Dr. Viña also recently published a book, "Health and Inequality in Standup Comedy: Stories that Challenge Stigma" (Lexington Press) and has had numerous academic journal publications in 2023.



HEALTH AND INEQUALITY IN STANDUP COMEDY

STORIES THAT CHALLENGE STIGMA

SEAN M. VIÑA

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MARIA O'LEARY

Maria O'Leary is ABD at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada. Maria is defending her dissertation, titled "What's Choice Got to Do with It? An institutional Ethnography of Abortion Access in New Brunswick Canada" in January 2024.

Maria's dissertation uses a reproductive justice framework to understand how access to abortion is organized in a province that has some of the worst access to abortion in Canada.

Maria is extremely interested in pursuing a post-doctoral fellowship in the United States, as part of her doctoral work examines the current state of access in the United States, and how there are similarities to the current legislation in Canada.

Maria is extremely passionate about reproductive health and rights and wants to continue doing research that can positively impact access to reproductive healthcare.

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JOB POSTINGS:

- **Postdoctoral T32 Fellowship** in Translational Science, HIV, and Sexual and Gender Minority Health at Northwestern University's Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing. [[Link to Posting](#)]
- **Recruitment and Retention Core Director**, Clinical Research Associate/Research Assistant Professor at Northwestern University's Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing. [[Link to Posting](#)]
- **Assistant/Associate Professor**, Gay and Bisexual Men's Health Program at Northwestern University in both the Department of Urology and the Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing. [[Link to Posting](#)]

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

- **Virginia Kuulei Berndt**
 - Discusses her new book, *Body Art*, on the New Books in Sociology podcast [[Link to Podcast](#)]
 - Discusses her new book, *Body Art*, with Texas A&M International University [[Link to Video](#)]
- **Sean Viña**
 - Interviewed by the TPR podcast about his book, *Health & Inequality in Standup Comedy* [[Link to Podcast](#)]
 - Has a forthcoming policy review piece in Contexts magazine on psychedelics, inequality, and social policy

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PUBLICATIONS:

- **VIRGINIA KUULEI BERNDT**

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- Neumann, Pamela, Virginia Kuulei Berndt, and Ashley Grajeda. 2023. "Shifting social support: Mexican-American women's navigation of pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum periods during the COVID-19 pandemic." Online First at *Social Currents*. [[Link](#)]
- Brown, Brian and Virginia Kuulei Berndt. 2023. *Body Art (Arts for Health)*. Emerald Publishing. [[Link](#)]

- **BILL CABIN**

- Cabin, William. 2023. "'They Are Measures Without Impact': Home Care Social Workers Criticize OASIS-E." *Home Health Care Management and Practice* 35(4): 271-276. [[Link](#)]
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- **ERICA JABLONSKI**

- Jablonski, Erica S., Chris R. Surfus, & Megan Henly. 2023. "Full-Time Caregiving During COVID-19 Based on Minority Identifications, Generation, and Vaccination Status." In *Social Factors, Health Care Inequities and Vaccination* 40: 43-64. [[Link](#)]

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PUBLICATIONS:

- **ELIZABETH JONIAK-GRANT**

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- **SEAN VIÑA**

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- Viña, Sean M. & Amanda L. Stephens. 2023. "Minorities’ Diminished Psychedelics Returns." *Drug Science, Policy and Law*. 9(January-December). [[Link](#)]
- Viña, Sean & Amanda Stephens. 2023. "Psychedelics and Workplace Harm." *Frontiers in Psychiatry*. 14: 1186541. [[Link](#)]
- Viña, Sean. Forthcoming. "Diminished Psychedelics Returns: Marital Status and Household Size" Accepted for Publication at *Plos One*.
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PUBLICATIONS:

- **ALITHIA ZAMANTAKIS**

- zamantakis, alithia. 2023. *Thinking Cis: Cisgender, Heterosexual Men, and Queer Women's Roles in Anti-Trans Violence*. Rowman & Littlefield. [[Link](#)]
- Mustanski, Brian, Artur Queiroz, James Merle, alithia zamantakis, Juan Pablo Zapata, Dennis H. Li, Nanette Benbow, Maria Pyra, & Justin D. Smith. 2023. "A Systematic Review of Implementation Research on Determinants and Strategies of Effective HIV Interventions for Men Who Have Sex with Men in the United States." *Annual Review of Psychology*. [[Link](#)]
- Zapata, Juan Pablo, alithia zamantakis, & Artur Acelino Francisco Luz Nunes Queiroz. 2023. "Identification of Determinants and Implementation Strategies to Increase Long-Acting Injectable PrEP for HIV Prevention Among Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM)." *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. [[Link](#)]
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- Queiroz, Artur Acelino Francisco Luz Nunes, Álvaro Francisco Lopesde Sousa, & Anderson Reis de Sousa. 2023. "Sexuality 'in apps'? Older men who have sex with men and their use of dating apps in Brazil." Po. 69-87 in *Ageing, Men and Social Relations* by Paul Willis, Ilkka Pietilä, and Marjaana Seppänen. Policy Press. [[Link](#)]

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RESEARCH:

- **JASON A. SMITH**

- Jason A. Smith, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, served as a member of the **Health Equity Workgroup for the Purchaser Business Group on Health (PBGH)** this past summer (May-July 2023). The workgroup focused on improving inclusivity measures for the Patient Assessment Survey – a patient experience survey tool delivered to over 100 healthcare provider organizations. Special attention centered on Race/Ethnicity and Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity (SOGI).

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