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Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of SSSP Summer Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE DIVISION CHAIR CORIE HAMMERS

Greetings SBPC members!

Well, it is officially Summer which means that our 2012 SSSP Annual Meeting in Denver is just around the corner. I would like to begin this newsletter by encouraging faculty and students to attend the Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities **Divisional Meeting**, taking place Friday, August 17th from 12:30 to 2:10 in the Mt. Columbia room of the Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel. This is a great opportunity to get to know other SBPC members and get involved in the SBPC community. Come check us out! And for those who are already SBPC members, bring along a friend who you think might be interested in joining our division.

Speaking of getting more involved and meeting cool people, SSSP is currently seeking nominations for the 2012 General Election for the following positions: President-Elect, Vice-President Elect, Board of Directors, Budget, Finance and Audit, Editorial and Publications, Committee on Committees, and Membership and Outreach. If someone is interested in serving they can either fill out the form at this link <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1082/> or email Stephani Williams. Her email address is: stephani.williams@gmail.com.

We have an exciting array of SBPC sessions planned for this upcoming meeting. Listed here in chronological order (and outlined in detail below), sessions held on **Thursday, August 16th** include: session 8, Gender, Sexuality and the Law (co-sponsored with Law and Society) from 8:30 am to 10:10 am; session 17, Sexuality on the Edge from 10:30 am to 12:10 am. Sessions scheduled for **Friday, August 17th** include: session 51, Constructing Sex Work (co-sponsored with Poverty, Class, and Inequality) from 8:00 am to 9:40 am; session 75, Sexual Minorities, Homophobia and Sporting Communities (co-sponsored with Sport, Leisure, and the Body) from

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2:30 pm to 4:10 pm. Sessions scheduled for **Saturday, August 18th** include: session 103, Public Sex/ualities from 10:30 am to 12:10 pm; session 115, Queer Families (co-sponsored by Family) from 12:30 pm to 2:10 pm; session 140, Sex/y Activism (co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change) from 4:30 pm to 6:10 pm.

This year's Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee considered a number of excellent submissions. I would like to express our collective congratulations to Long Doan, Annalise Loehr and Lisa Miller, winners of this year's SBPC Graduate Student Paper Competition for their paper, "Attitudes toward Formal Rights and Informal Privileges for Lesbian and Gay Couples: Evidence from a National Survey Experiment."

As this is my last newsletter, before I go out as chair I want to thank all of our SBPC members not only for the work and support you give to this division, but also for the vision and change you bring to the social injustices surrounding us. The passion you give to your work, the students you inspire, and the communities you impact are so vital and precious, especially in these increasingly hostile and conservative times. Above all, I want to thank you for what you believe in and for what you cherish. For instance, we SSSP members understand how basic human rights, like reproductive freedom, and things like access to basic services, like healthcare and jobs with living wages (our "real" security), are to so-called "democratic" societies and a society's general human welfare. Why these are even political issues and moreover, turned into acts of political violence (it *is* an act of violence when healthcare and sexual information are not automatic entitlements for all!) and greed, I will never understand. So, thank you for all that you do. Finally, I want to thank you for all of the support you have given me throughout my tenure as Chair. It has been thoroughly enjoyable, and has allowed me to meet so many interesting and cool folks.

So, with that, we have some very exciting news! Please give another collective congratulations to Elroi J. Windsor, our incoming SBPC Chair. Elroi has been actively involved in SSSP for a number of years. Elroi received a PhD from Georgia State University in 2011 and is currently an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Salem College. Elroi's dream car is a plum Dodge Challenger. If Elroi's taste for cars (Dodge Challengers are, after all, amazing!) is any indication, we have a lot of great things to look forward to over the next two years! Congratulations Elroi!

2012 SSSP ANNUAL MEETING

62nd annual meeting

The Society for the Study of Social Problems presents the preliminary program including detailed information and the program schedule for its 62nd Annual Meeting themed: "The Art of Activism" August 16th – 18th at the Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel in Denver, Colorado. This program offers a rich assortment of sessions and meetings.

Divisional Meeting: Sexual Behavior, Politics and Sexual Communities, Friday: 12:30 to 2:10, Mt. Columbia room

Division Sponsored Reception: August 16th from 6:30 to 7:30 in Mount Evans A & B

Listed below are the division sessions and joint sessions that SBPC is co-sponsoring with other SSSP divisions.

Division Sessions

Date: Thursday, August 16 -- -- -- *Time:* 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM

Session 8: Gender, Sexuality, and the Law Room: Mount Evans B (AT)

Sponsors: Law and Society; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities

Organizers: Kimberly Richman, University of San Francisco; Corie J. Hammers, Macalester College

Presider: Tre Wentling, Syracuse University

Papers:

“Fighting for inclusivity: Transgender activists and the 2011 Nevada Legislature,” Ezra Needham, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

“Governing the Divorcee’: Safety and Paranoia in State-Mandated Divorce Seminars,” Moon Charania, Tulane University, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program and Wendy Simonds, Georgia State University

“The Art of Managing Identity and Identity Documentation among Trans People,” Tre Wentling, Syracuse University

“The Social Life of Borderland Migrant Communities: How Legal Status Shapes Gender Inequality and Segmented Assimilation in Los Angeles,” Oscar Fernando Gil-Garcia, N/A

“The continuing criminalization of consensual, same-sex sexual activity: A law and society perspective on U.S. prisons,” Jay Borchert, University of Michigan

Date: Thursday, August 16 -- -- -- *Time:* 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Session 17: Sexuality on the Edge Room: Mount Evans B (AT)

Sponsor: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Kathleen A. Asbury, Community College of Philadelphia

Papers:

“Subject: American Apparel Ads,” Heather Bowles, Georgia State University

“Create Your Own Deviance: A Look into the Evolution of the BDSM/Fetish Subculture,” Candice Campanaro and Mindy M. Weller, University of Central Florida

“‘Bringing Intersexy Back’? Intersexuals and Sexual Satisfaction,” Georgiann Davis, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

“LBGT Leadership in Equine Sports,” Kathleen A. Asbury, Community College of Philadelphia

Date: Friday, August 17 -- -- -- *Time:* 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM

Session 51: Constructing Sex Work Room: Longs Peak (AT)

Sponsors: Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Shawn A. Cassiman, University of Dayton

Papers:

“Examining Social Workers’ Attitudes Towards Sex Offenders: A Social Justice Imperative,” Jacinda M. Lewis and Justin Miller, Spalding University

“Straight-Acting: Desire for heterosexuality through the lens of gay adult film,” Nathaniel Burke and Caitlin Myers, University of Southern California

“The Girl is Mine: Reframing Sex Work and Intimate Partner Violence as Intersectional Spaces of Gender-Based Violence,” Jonel Thaller and Andrea N. Cimino, Arizona State University

Division Sessions (cont.)

Date: Friday, August 17 -- -- -- *Time:* 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 75: Sexual Minorities, Homophobia and Sporting Communities Room: Mount Evans A (AT)

Sponsors: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer & Presider: Elise Paradis, University of Toronto

Papers:

“The Sociology of Sport in American Society,” Samantha L. Shepard-Guerinoni, Tulane University

“Peripheral Student Identities in a Heteronormative and Athlete-Centered Culture,” Rachael Neal and Miriam Taour, Coe College

“Critical Social Capital and LGBTQ Sporting Communities,” Sara J. Mertel, Arizona State University

“Female Athletes as Pinups & Fashionistas: Interrogating Sex-Positive Feminism,” Erin Maurer, Graduate Center, CUNY

“Women boxers’ bodies in a time of hysteresis,” Elise Paradis and Simon Kitto, University of Toronto

Date: Saturday, August 18 -- -- -- *Time:* 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Session 103: Public Sex/ualities Room: Mt. Columbia (GH)

Sponsor: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities

Organizer & Presider: Corie J. Hammers, Macalester College

Papers:

“‘We’re Into Everything’: Culture, the Queering of Space, and Municipal Regulatory Apparatuses,” Donovan Paul Lessard, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

“Global LGBT Politics: The Collaboration between the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center and LGBT Activists from China,” Brett Nava-Coulter, Northeastern University

“Planning for Diversity: A Case Study of LGBT Pride on the Campus of Tomorrow,” Laurel Holland, Georgia Gwinnett College

“Professional Girlfriends and New Emerging Sexualities in Cambodia,” Heidi Hoefinger, University of London

“‘I hear you, I see you’: Invisibility, Resistance, and the Intersection of Gender and Sexuality in One Butch-Femme Online Community,” Rebekah J. Orr, Syracuse University

Date: Saturday, August 18 -- -- -- *Time:* 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM

Session 115: Queer Families Room: Mt. Columbia (GH)

Sponsors: Family; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities

Organizer & Presider: Elisabeth A. Sheff, Georgia State University

Discussant: Chandra Denise Ward, Georgia State University

Papers:

“A Family Affair: Reclaiming ‘family values’ as movement strategy in same-sex marriage activism,” Jaime J. McCauley, Northern Kentucky University

“Gay Families Count: Contact, Tolerance, and Voting on Gay Marriage Bans,” Rebecca A. DiBennardo, UCLA

“Key Findings from the Social Justice Sexuality Project: Exploring Family Support, Religion, Race, and Health for LGBT People of Color,” Antonio (Jay) Pastrana, Jr., John Jay College, City University of New York, Juan A. Battle, City University of New York and Jessie Daniels, Hunter College, CUNY

“Regulating Reproduction: Queer Families in the United States and Germany,” Alicia J. VandeVusse, University of Chicago

Division Sessions (cont.)

Date: Saturday, August 18 -- -- -- *Time:* 4:30 PM - 6:10 PM

Session 140: Sex/y Activism Room: Mt. Princeton (GH)

Sponsors: Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities

Organizer & Presider: Barbara G. Brents, University of Nevada

Discussant: Crystal A. Jackson, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Papers:

“A Situational Analysis of the Bisexual Movement: Preliminary Findings,” Kathryn L. Nutter, University of Florida

“Radical Queers: Mobilizing Structures, Collective Action Frames, and Sexual Minorities who Protest for Gay and Lesbian Rights,” Eric W. Swank, Morehead State University and Breanne R. Fahs, Arizona State University

“Sexecology & the Ecosexual Movement: Making Global Social Critique More Sexy, Fun & Diverse,” Jennifer J. Reed, University of Nevada

“Your Roots are Showing: DIY Culture, Resistance, and Local Community in Women’s Roller Derby,” Suzanne R. Becker, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Members News and Notes

***** Graduate Student Paper Competition**

This year’s winner of the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities (SBPC) Graduate Student Paper Competition is “Attitudes toward Formal Rights and Informal Privileges for Lesbian and Gay Couples: Evidence from a National Survey Experiment,” which was written by three graduate students at Indiana University: Long Doan, Annalise Loehr, and Lisa Miller.

The committee members were:

Jennifer Sumner	Lloyd Klein
Jason Crockett	Craig Tollini
Avery Tompkins	David Steele
Wayne Brekhuis	Jacinda Lewis-Jobe
David Pettinichio	Dawn Baunach (chair)

***** Congratulations to Nancy Plankey-Videlak**, who has been promoted to Associate Professor at Texas A&M University. Her book is coming out in July with Rutgers University Press.

***** Northeastern Illinois University**, an urban commuter university with a diverse student body of mostly first generation college students on the northwest side of Chicago, is implementing a new minor in LGBTQ studies, under the Women’s and Gender Studies Program. **SBPC Member Nancy Matthews** (home department Justice Studies) will be coordinating the Women’s and Gender Studies program starting in the fall. In addition, despite massive budget cuts, the administration is responding to long time student, faculty and staff pressure and establishing a new LGBTQ Student Center and a new Women’s Center (among several other multi-cultural centers to support our diverse student population).

New Division Member Publications

Nancy Plankey-Videla. 2012. *We Are in This Dance Together: Gender, Power, and Globalization in a Mexican Garment Firm.*

In 2001, Nancy Plankey-Videla secured access to one of Latin America's top producers of high-end men's suits in Mexico for participant observer research. She labored as a machine operator for nine months on a shop floor made up, mostly, of women. Lured initially into the firm by way of increased wages and benefits, workers had helped shoulder the company's increasing debts. When the company's plan for successful expansion went awry and it reneged on promises it had made to the workforce, women workers responded by walking out on strike.

Building upon in-depth interviews with over sixty workers, managers, and policymakers, Plankey-Videla documents and analyzes events leading up to the female-led factory strike and its aftermath--including harassment from managers, corrupt union officials, and labor authorities and violent governor-sanctioned police actions. *We Are in This Dance Together* illustrates how the women's shared identity as workers and mothers--deserving of dignity, respect, and a living wage--became the basis for radicalization and led to further civic organizing against the state, the company, and the corrupt union to demand justice.

Ryan Ashley Caldwell. 2012. *Fallgirls: Gender and the Framing of Torture at Abu Ghraib.*

Dear colleagues,

I am so pleased to announce the publication of my first book, *Fallgirls: Gender and the Framing of Torture at Abu Ghraib*.

Fallgirls provides an analysis of the abuses that took place at Abu Ghraib in terms of social theory, gender and power, based on first-hand participant-observations of the courts-martials of Lynndie England and Sabrina Harman. This book examines the trials themselves, including interactions with soldiers and defense teams, documents pertaining to the courts-martials, US government reports and photographs from Abu Ghraib, in order to challenge the view that the abuses were carried out at the hands of a few rogue soldiers.

With a keen focus on gender and sexuality as prominent aspects of the abuses themselves, as well as the ways in which they were portrayed and tried, *Fallgirls* engages with modern feminist thought and contemporary social theory in order to analyse the manner in which the abuses were framed, whilst also exploring the various lived realities of Abu Ghraib by both prisoners and soldiers alike. Providing a unique perspective and a thorough theoretical examination of the events, their framing and depiction, this book will be of interest to sociologists, feminists, and social and political theorists concerned with cultural studies, political communication and gender and sexuality.

For more information and sample chapters, please follow the link to Ashgate's cite. Thanks so much for sharing this announcement with those who might find it of interest.

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Cheers! Ryan Ashley Caldwell

New Division Member Publications (*cont.*)

Mary Bernstein

Bernstein Mary and Verta Taylor (eds.). In Press. *The Marrying Kind: Debating Same-Sex Marriage Within the Lesbian and Gay Movement*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Bernstein, Mary and Mary C. Burke. In Press. "Normalization, Queer Discourse, and the Marriage Equality Movement in Vermont." In *The Marrying Kind: Debating Same-Sex Marriage Within the Lesbian and Gay Movement*, edited by Mary Bernstein and Verta Taylor. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Bernstein, Mary and Verta Taylor. In Press. "The Debate Over Marriage in the Lesbian and Gay Movement." In *The Marrying Kind: Debating Same-Sex Marriage Within the Lesbian and Gay Movement*, edited by Mary Bernstein and Verta Taylor. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Ryan Ashley Caldwell

Caldwell, Ryan Ashley. 2012. *Fallgirls: Gender and the Framing of Torture at Abu Ghraib*. Ashgate Pub Co.

Kari Lerum

Lerum, K, McCurtis, K, Saunders, P., and Wahab, S. 2012. "Using Human Rights to hold the US Accountable for its Anti-Sex-Trafficking Agenda: The Universal Periodic Review & New Directions for US Policy" *Anti-Trafficking Review*, 1.

Maralee Mayberry

Mayberry, M., Chenneville, T., and S. Curry (2012). "Challenging the Sounds of Silence: A Qualitative Study of Gay-Straight Alliances and School Reform Efforts." *Education and Urban Society*, online first at: <http://eus.sagepub.com/content/early/2011/05/26/0013124511409400>

Currie, S., Mayberry, M., and T. Chenneville (2012). "Destabilizing Anti-Gay Environments through Gay-Straight Alliances: Possibilities and Limitations through Shifting Discourses." *The Clearing House: A Journal of Educational Strategies, Issues and Ideas* 85(2):56-60.

Nancy Plankey-Videla

Plankey-Videla, Nancy. 2012. *We Are in This Dance Together: Gender, Power, and Globalization in a Mexican Garment Firm*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

GRAD STUDENTS ON THE MARKET

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Dissertation: *Sex Workers' Rights as 21st Century Labor Activism: How Contingent, Independent Laborers are Re-Defining Labor & Identity*

My dissertation explores how U.S. sex workers rights organizing represents a re-shaping of labor movement in late capitalist society for contingent, independent, and often criminalized laborers. While sociologists have examined sex worker activism in other countries, few have studied U.S. sex worker rights organizations. Between 2010 and 2012, I engaged in ethnographic research, including participation observation and interviews, with sex worker rights activists and allies across the country. I explore how the dominance of abolitionist anti-trafficking ideology in the United States shapes their efforts and hinders the range of collaborations necessary for national level legal changes. By situating sex workers rights organizing within a political economy of commercial sex, I show how political climate shapes organizing efforts. I am currently on the market.

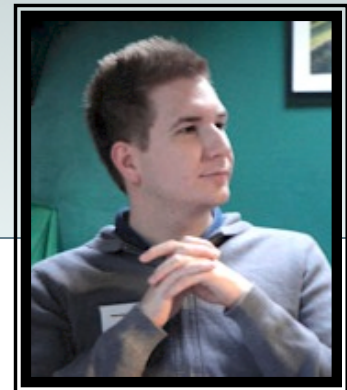
Research interests: I study the political economy of intimate labor, including erotic dance, adult film (queer and heterosexual), and legal brothels (*The State of Sex: Tourism, Sex, and Sin in the New American Heartland*, Routledge 2010, with Brents and Hausbeck-Korgan). My areas include sexuality and gender, law and work, inequalities, and qualitative methods.

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Dissertation: *From Sickness to Badness: Enforcing Michigan HIV Law as a Site of Social Control*

Abstract: People infected with HIV in Michigan are required by law to disclose their HIV-positive status to their sexual partners. Failure to do so is a felony, sentencing for which varies but typically includes jail time. Most documented prosecutions have targeted African-American heterosexual men, female sex workers, and gay men. Using qualitative interviews and surveys with health officials and prosecuting attorneys throughout the state as well as trial transcripts, this study argues that the application of Michigan HIV law operates as a form of social control in two ways. First, the law renders practices conventionally understood in terms of medicine into crime. While conventional theories of medical social control have explained medicalization or the transition from "badness to sickness," I instead show how sickness has been transformed into crime. Second, the law disproportionately impacts marginalized communities, suggesting that its enforcement by authorities is particularly aimed at controlling poor and stigmatized communities. With recent attempts in African countries to make HIV infection punishable by death, this dissertation responds to the urgent need to understand not only how justice has been medicalized but also how particular health issues come to lend themselves to interdiction and punishment.

You can read more about Hoppe's dissertation, and view his CV, on his website: <http://www.trevorhoppe.com>.

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Dissertation: *The Continuing Significance of Discrimination: Multiple Forms of Perceived Discrimination and Health*

Eric Anthony Grollman is a doctoral candidate in sociology at Indiana University, as well as a Ford Diversity Fellow. Eric's research interests are in sexualities, medical psychology, and race/gender/class. Through his research Eric investigates the effects of prejudice and discrimination on the health, well-being, and worldviews of stigmatized groups. Eric has published in the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *International Journal of Sexual Health*, and the *Journal of Homosexuality*. He has taught Sociology of Sexuality at Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Eric's dissertation examines the prevalence, distribution, and health consequences of perceived discrimination. In light of mixed findings regarding the extent to which perceived discrimination contributes to health disparities, his dissertation investigates three research questions. First, what experiences and dimensions of discrimination are captured in existing measures of major lifetime and everyday discrimination, and unfair treatment? In particular, Eric examines whether the prevalence, distribution, and mental and physical health consequences of perceived discrimination vary by question wording, and whether measures of discrimination reflect a uni- or multidimensional structure. Second, what are the prevalence, distribution, and mental and physical health consequences of multiple forms of perceived discrimination among adults and youth? Relatedly, are the health effects of multiple forms of perceived discrimination larger than those of a single form of discrimination (e.g., gender discrimination). Finally, is sexual health associated with perceived discrimination? Overall, Eric's dissertation aims to advance and extend research on perceived discrimination and health: greater clarity regarding what is captured in existing measures of discrimination; more specificity regarding the dimensions of discrimination that drive its relationship with health; and, documenting the full range of health and well-being outcomes that are associated with perceived discrimination.

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Dissertation: *Que(e)rying Activism in the Church: Culture, Identity, and the Politics of Community in Unitarian Universalist Churches*

Karen is a PhD Candidate in sociology at Syracuse University. Her work is located at the intersections of cultural sociology, the sociology of religion, social movement studies, and queer and sexuality studies. Her dissertation combines ethnographic and discourse tracing methods with a queer analytic perspective to examine the production of LGBTQ political discourse and collective action in two Unitarian Universalist (UU) churches. With a focus on organizational culture, it explores how church members negotiate repertoires of social justice and collective action by drawing from competing discourses of sexuality, sex, gender, and difference.

Linked by a commitment to 'cultural praxis', Karen's research and teaching integrate public sociology with insights from feminist and queer studies to foreground the importance of culture to the production of knowledge, both in the classroom and in the field. Her future research will seek to further develop 'cultural organization' as a framework for examining the mechanisms shaping political discourse and action within organizations for LGBTQ and otherwise marginalized youth. Karen specializes in teaching for the departments of Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies at Syracuse, including classes in Sex and Gender, Qualitative and Feminist Methods, Global Sexualities and Genders, Queer Theory, and the Sociology of Families.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PAPERS

We invite contributions to our proposed volume, **Queer Landscapes: Mapping Queer Space(s) of Praxis and Pedagogy**. For two decades, queer theory has provided a flexible methodology for engaging the world. This broad theoretical approach is slowly working to dissolve dialectical boundaries erected to contain rigid distinctions separating disciplines within the academy, and the academy itself from the world beyond. In doing so, queer theory has opened up new landscapes in diverse fields in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, pushing us to reconsider the ways in which we organize and navigate knowledge. Queer Landscapes seeks to further “queer” scholarship and praxis by bringing together thinkers and activists to explore how we see, write, read, experience, and teach through the fluid space of queerness. We are interested in how queer-identified and -influenced people create ideas, works, classrooms, and other spaces (e.g., digital, activist) that vivify relational and (eco)systems thinking, thus challenging accepted hierarchies, binaries, and hegemonies. Our volume will feature theorist-practitioners who have already made huge strides in helping us to open new landscapes of queer thinking and being, and we also welcome fresh new voices to a community of scholars and activists. *Possible areas of interest include, but are certainly not limited to:*

- Activism
- Digital Humanities
- Disability Studies
- Ecocriticism & Environmental Justice Studies
- Ethnic & Critical Race Studies
- Gender & Sexuality Studies
- Global Studies
- History
- Literature, Film, & Media Studies
- Medicine
- Music & Visual Arts
- Pedagogy & Literacy Studies
- Philosophy
- Social Sciences

In sum, Queer Landscapes will offer academicians at the college and secondary levels, as well as lay readers, an accessible volume that challenge delimiting ways of thinking and being to incite radically nondualistic alternative spaces for thought and action.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: We welcome proposals for both critical essays and shorter and/or non-traditional writing that will contribute to the volume’s goal of exploring queer landscapes. Please send an abstract of no more than 250 words and a short bio of approximately 150 words to mcneil@asu.edu <<mailto:mcneil@asu.edu>> no later than 11:59 PM (MST) July 31, 2012. Note: Complete papers, along with abstract and bio, are also welcome. We will notify authors of acceptance/rejection no later than August 15, 2012. Several publishers have already expressed interest in this volume, so we plan to submit the full proposal early this fall. Final versions of critical essays will need to be between 6,000 and 8,000 (inclusive of endnotes) and must conform to MLA style guidelines. Guidelines for final versions of shorter and/or non-traditional pieces will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

ABOUT THE EDITORS: Elizabeth McNeil teaches writing and American ethnic, “freak” studies, and transgender and intersex literatures and film at Arizona State University. She is co-editor of *Sapphire’s Literary Breakthrough: Erotic Literacies, Feminist Pedagogies, Environmental Justice Perspectives* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012) and author of *Trickster Discourse: Mediating Transformation for a New World* (Lambert Academic Publishing, 2010).

James Wermers teaches literature, philosophy, and composition at Arizona State University’s Downtown Phoenix Campus. He has published on Shakespeare and contemporary film, with a particular focus on how conceptions of race and sexuality impact our understanding of the world.

Editor’s Note:

I hope that everyone has an excellent time at this year’s 62nd annual SSSP conference! The next call for submissions will be in the fall of 2012 and I will be looking for some interesting, current, noteworthy, and thought-provoking materials for the next issue. With that said, I still welcome any and all relevant information and/or suggestions for innovative sections that can help foster continued growth and enthusiasm within this Division of SSSP. Feature articles are also welcome. So please feel welcome to contact me at any time. All Best, Karen E. Macke
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