

Sexual Contact

Newsletter of the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division,
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Winter 2005

BRING OUT YOUR PAPERS!

The Deadline is January 31, 2005

The Conference will be August 12-14

The Place is Philadelphia at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

Details at <http://www.sssp1.org/>

OUR SESSIONS

Session I: Sexuality on the Edge

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Session II: Qualitative Studies of Sexuality

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Session XVIII: Transgender and Sexual Minority Health

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Session XXII: Hate Crimes

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Session XXIII: Law and Sexualities

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and advice for the next issue of this
newsletter to the editor,
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Fall greetings from Bemidji, Minnesota where winter and frigid temperatures prove a pseudo-Arctic reality experience. It is a pleasure to serve as Chair of the SSSP Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division for the second time. I have always considered the SBPC division as an intellectual "home" since the early days of my career back in the late 1970s and early 1980s. In this case, it is time to look ahead. There are a number of developments that you need to know as we approach the planning stages for yet another annual meeting.

First, Sandra Schroer is now officially the Chair-Elect for 2004-2006 and will assume the office of SBPC division chair for the 2006-2008 term. Congratulations to Sandra for a well deserved honor. Sandra is an active member of the SBPC division and will capably assist me during the next two years prior to her own turn as division chair. More significantly, Sandra deserves congratulations for her appointment as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Muskingum College. We expect great things from her and wish Sandra continued success in the academic world.

The late President John F. Kennedy once issued a call for citizens to participate in social change through participation in ongoing organizational pursuits. I wish to do the same on the SSSP organizational level. The 2005 annual meeting of the SSSP will be held in Philadelphia from August 15-17. The SBPC will be represented with seven sessions-we will organize three sessions within the division and co-sponsor another four sessions. We welcome presenters for each of those sessions except for the special session where former Division Chairs will discuss their perspectives on sexual behavior research and changes in the field since serving the Division. A listing of the sessions and organizers is offered in this newsletter. The topics represent qualitative analysis, law and sexuality, domestic abuse, hate crime, and other timely issues. Deadline for submission of abstracts is January 31. Your participation in these sessions will give the division much visibility at the conference. Please consider submitting an abstract and joining us for the SBPC sessions during the coming meeting.

In addition, the division will hold its annual business meeting and sponsor two receptions. There will be a reception co-sponsored with a number of divisions and another gathering at a place and time to be announced later. We will also facilitate the award for best graduate student paper. Join us for the collegial interaction that characterizes the intellectual and friendly nature of the SSSP.

Finally, your input is needed for the production of future newsletters. John Hollister and I would welcome your op-ed pieces, announcements, suggestions for relevant web-sites, and any other materials. Contact John with any materials that you want included in the newsletter.

Hope that your holiday season was joyous and the Fall semester tolerable. The next newsletter, containing full information on our organized sessions and other

organizational matters, will appear in the Spring. Deadline for submission of materials to the next newsletter will be March 31.

Lloyd Klein,
Division Chair

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Deadline: 3/1/05

The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division announces its 2005 graduate student paper competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, or sexual communities. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100, payment of the winner's SSSP registration fee for the 2005 SSSP meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a ticket to the banquet. The winner will be expected to present their winning paper at one of the SBPC sessions being held as part of the 2005 SSSP meeting.

To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2004 and February 2005; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's college or university nominating the paper for the SBPC Division Student Paper Competition.

Students should send five copies of their paper, accompanied by a letter of nomination from a faculty member to:

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