

Sexual Contact

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

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Notes from the Chair

Greetings from Macon, Georgia where the weather is fine and peaches and lettuce are supposedly better. There is much to report regarding plans for the 2006 SSSP annual meeting. This newsletter offers information on the call for papers, sessions that the SBPC will either organize or co-organize, and details on the Graduate Student Paper Competition.

Our division sessions at the 2005 annual meeting were generally well attended. We were also fortunate to have a number of sessions co-sponsored with various divisions that were also well received. Several of the SBPC division sessions could have been better publicized. We will adjust session formats and themes for better participation at the upcoming 2006 meeting and other SSSP conferences in the future. I would like to thank everyone from the session chairs, presenters, and organizers for their hard work in making the last meeting a successful one. Special thanks to Sandra Schroer, P.J. McGann, and John Hollister for their efforts in continually supporting this division.

Several topics were discussed at the SBPC business meeting. We did formulate a number of interesting ideas for session topics during the 2006 meeting. Our contributions for next year's meeting will include sessions on emerging sexual behavior topics, pornography, and the politics of researching or teaching sexually related topics. Other topics for co-sponsored sessions were developed during this meeting and will be addressed elsewhere in the chair notes.

Second, we did discuss renaming the division graduate student paper competition. There was a general consensus that our graduate student paper competition will be named in honor of Laud Humphreys, one of the founding members of the division.

Third, our current newsletter editor wants to step down. We will need someone to edit our yearly allocated three editions of the newsletter. A division newsletter position is a good way to learn about the SSSP and attain a level of visibility. So many

division chairs and SSSP office holders have started out in this fashion. John Hollister and I will offer assistance to anyone taking over the newsletter chores.

The 2006 SSSP annual meeting will be held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada from August 10-12. Please note that the meeting site was switched to correspond with the ASA decision to move from San Francisco to Montreal. Those of you expecting New York City as the site of this year's meeting will have to wait until 2007.

I am pleased to announce that our division will be represented at the 2006 SSSP annual meeting with thirteen sessions. Our three sessions will encompass the following topics: Sociology on the Edge (organized by Kathy Asbury); Pornography (organized by Sandra Schroer); and the politics of teaching and researching sexual behavior topics (organized by Kathy Asbury). In addition, we are co-organizing ten sessions with other divisions. More specifically, we are working with the Family, Crime and Delinquency, Health Services, law and society, and social problems theory divisions. We are also working with the committee on academic freedom. The co-sponsored session topics include HIV/AIDS, law and sexuality, academic freedom issues, transgender and family, a special session on transgender and workplace discrimination, and sexual/political deviance. Further details are provided within this newsletter.

We would like your participation at the coming meeting. Please submit a paper or abstract on or before January 31. There is a new procedure this year. The SSSP is following in the footsteps of many other professional associations by instituting online submissions. Go to the SSSP website and click on the appropriate link for conference submissions. Notification on the submissions will be forthcoming from the session organizers no later than February 20.

We will again coordinate the annual Humphreys Graduate Student Paper Competition. See the

announcement elsewhere in this newsletter for guidelines on paper submissions. The author of the winning paper will receive paid SSSP membership, coverage of the meeting registration, and a ticket for the annual banquet. Deadline for the paper competition will be June 15. Encourage your graduate students to apply for this annual competition.

In closing, I reiterate two important items. One, please volunteer if you would like to serve as newsletter editor for the SBPC division. The position would begin effective Fall 2006. In addition, send in those abstracts for the 2006 SSSP annual meeting. The Spring 2006 newsletter will provide full program information on the organized division and related ASA sessions for the upcoming summer meetings. Keep warm (for those of you in cold climates) during the next few months. Deadline for contributions to the Spring 2006 edition of the newsletter will be March 15.

Lloyd Klein
Division Chair

CALLS FOR PAPERS

January 31st is the SSSP deadline.

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/211> on the SSSP site is where you will find the instructions.

Our sessions:

Risky Professions: Politics of being "Sexed" in Academia

Organizer: Kathleen Asbury
asburykathy@comcast.net

Sexuality on the Edge

Organizer: Kathleen Asbury
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But I like Porn: Perspectives on Pornography

Organizer: Sandra Schroer
W: 740-826-8287
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Cosponsored Sessions:

Session 8: Gender and Sexual Violence (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division; Family Division; and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)

Organizer: Stephen Morewitz
W: 415-252-0569; morewitz@earthlink.net

Session 10: Sex Offenders and Criminal Justice Policy (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)

Organizer: Lloyd Klein

W: 478-471-2081; lklein@mail.maconstate.edu

Session 26: Same-Sex Marriage Across Borders (Family Division; Law and Society Division; and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)

Organizer: Melanie Heath

W: 310-450-7051; mheath@usc.edu

Session 27: Transgender in Families, Communities, and Law - **THEMATIC** (Family Division; Law and Society Division; and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)

Co-organizer: Dana Berkowitz

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and

Co-organizer: Nancy Mezey

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Session 36: Perspectives on AIDS/HIV (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)

Organizer: Lloyd Klein

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Session 40: Law and Sexualities (Law and Society Division and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)

Co-organizer: Lloyd Klein

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Co-organizer: Kim Richman

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Session 41: Transgender and Legal Issues (Law and Society Division and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)

Organizer: Sandra Schroer

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Session 45: Conspiracy Theory and Social Problems (Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division and the Social Problems Theory Division)

Organizer: David Simon

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Session 46: Academic Freedom and Expression of Sexual Content (Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division and the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee)

Co-organizer: Lloyd Klein

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**The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and
Communities Division announces its
2006 Graduate Student Paper
Competition
Deadline: 6/1/06**

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 2006 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 2006 SSSP meeting.

To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The paper must have been written between January 2005 and March 2006;
- 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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WANTED:

Editor for this newsletter.

If interested, please contact John Hollister

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