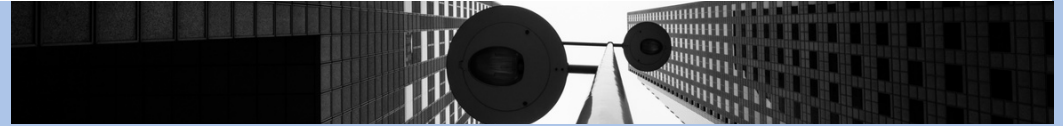


SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

SPORT, LEISURE, AND THE

BODY DIVISION



WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR,

Greeting SLB division members,

I hope this message finds you well. As you begin your summer days, whether it's reading, research, and writing, or relaxation and travel, I wish you all a summer filled with rest and rejuvenation.

Before we fully immerse ourselves in the joys of the summer season, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all SLB division members. Your dedication and contributions have helped our division flourish. It is your expertise and commitment that makes our division the community it is today.

I look forward to seeing you at our business meeting on Zoom at the end of July and in-person at our annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA. I will be sending a Doodle poll to the division next week to plan our division meeting near the end of July.

It's been a privilege and an honor to have served as our division chairperson these last two years. I have cherished every moment. Please join me in welcoming our new Division Chair, Michael O. Johnston from William Penn University who will guide us and lead us as our next division in 2023-2025. Let's embrace a fresh perspective as we continue to grow our SLB division.

Once again, I extend my warmest wishes for a summer filled with joy and renewal.

Sincerely,
Luis F. Nuño



LUIS F. NUÑO, PH.D.

- California State University, Los Angeles



MICHAEL O. JOHNSTON

- Division Chair 2023-2025
- William Penn University

STATEMENT FROM INCOMING SLB DIVISION CHAIR:

My name is Michael O. Johnston and I am an assistant professor of sociology at William Penn University (a small liberal-arts university in Oskaloosa, Iowa). I look forward to meeting you at the 2023 Annual SSSP Conference and working with you as the Chair for the Division of Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division. I am a longtime member of SSSP and have served on many different committees throughout my time here. Most recently I served as the Chair of Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee (POSPC). In terms of research, my work uses news media as a lens to capture the construction of performances at celebrations and festivals. I particularly use community forms of news media—such as, local newspapers, television news, and online videos—to capture and understand its construction of place and identity as it is performed at celebrations and festivals. My first book, *Community Media Representations of Place and Identity at Tug Fest*, was published with Lexington books in 2022. My second book, *The Social Construction of a Cultural Spectacle: Floatzilla*, is currently in the production phase and will be released November 2023. I am also a host on *New Books in Sociology* (a podcast channel on New Books Network) where I have conducted nearly 70 author-interviews since 2017.

DIVISION MEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES

BOOK:

Brown, Brian and Virginia Kuulei Berndt. (Forthcoming) *Body Art (Arts for Health)*. Emerald Publishing. <https://books.emeraldinsight.com/book/detail/body-art/?k=9781804558119>

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:

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 (Online First)*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2022.2141330>

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. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2022.04.001>

INTERVIEWS & MEDIA:

2022 - E&E News. "Packing a hurricane go bag? Don't forget your birth control." <https://www.eenews.net/articles/packing-a-hurricane-go-bag-dont-forget-your-birth-control/>

2022 - Laredo Morning Times. "Sociology expert weighs in on Roe v. Wade repercussions." <https://www.lmtonline.com/local/article/Sociology-expert-discusses-repercussions-of-Roe-V-17265395.php>

The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting 2023
Philadelphia, PA

Sport, Leisure, and the Body Sponsored Sessions

Date: Friday, August 18

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM

Session 007: PAPERS IN THE ROUND: Research on Gender, Sexuality, Sports, Leisure and/or the Body

Room: Philadelphia Ballroom North

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

Organizers: Kyle Shupe, University of Cincinnati, and Jinsun Yang, University of Oregon

Description:

This roundtable explores research on Gender, Sexuality, Sports, Leisure and/or the Body.

Roundtable #1 Title: Research on Gender, Sexuality, Sports, Leisure and/or the Body (Sexuality)
Presider & Discussant: Kyle Shupe, University of Cincinnati

Papers:

"Examining the 'Cotton Ceiling': Lesbians' Marginalization of Transgender Women as Sexual Identity Maintenance," Barbara T. Pham, University of California, Irvine

"Going with the Flow: How Dating Apps Shape and Reify Intersecting Inequalities among Young Adults," Katelyn Rose Malae, University of California, Irvine

"Non-binary People's Experiences with Gender Recognition: Implications for Social Work," A.P. Spoth, Portland State University

"The Chicken or the Egg? Behavioral-Attitudinal Feedback Loops for Premarital Sex," Michelle Eilers, The University of Texas at Austin, Winner of the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division's Student Paper Competition

Roundtable #2 Title: Research on Gender, Sexuality, Sports, Leisure and/or the Body (Sports & Body)

Presider & Discussant: Jinsun Yang, University of Oregon

Papers:

"Confidence and Empowerment of Beauty Pageant Participants: Criteria for Success or Desired Outcomes?" Ariane Prohaska, University of Alabama

"Power Imbalance and Sexual Harassment: Experiences of Icelandic Female Athletes," Anna Soffia Víkingisdóttir and Jon G. Bernburg, University of Iceland

"Redefining Health on Instagram: Effects of the Body Acceptance Movement," Olivia Scully, Queen's University

"Tracing Transnational Politics of Gender Inclusion in Sport: Continuities, Disruptions, Opportunities," Kathryn Henne, The Australian National University and Arizona State University

Date: Friday, August 18

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM

Session 014: Reproductive Bodies and Autonomy

Room: Freedom H

Sponsors: Conflict, Social Action, and Change, Family, Health, Health Policy, and Health Services, and Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer & Presider: Virginia Kuulei Berndt, Texas A&M International University

Description:

In conjunction with reproductive justice, reproductive autonomy encompasses the ability to have children, not have children, and to care for families and communities in safety and with dignity. This framework and social movement have inspired scholarly work across a broad range disciplinary and methodological approaches. As such, this interdisciplinary session includes intersectional research drawing from diverse methodological approaches including quantitative analyses, in-depth interviews, and comparative historical analyses. Topics in this session include disparities in the realms of maternal health and birth outcomes, experiences with sterilization devices, and decision-making around being childfree.

Papers:

"Bad for Society?": An Exploratory Study of the Influence of Heteronormative Social Expectations on Women's Decision to Remain Childfree," Jamie Luchenski, Queen's University

"A Historical Comparative Analysis of Black Maternal Health in Texas: A Black Feminist Approach," Carla D. Brailey, Maryjean Ochada and Merci Wilson, Texas Southern University

"Midwives' and Doulas' Conceptualizations of Racial Disparities in Adverse Birth Outcomes," Kelley Akhiemokhali, The Graduate Center, CUNY

"Risk and Regrets: Complications Associated with a Female Sterilization Device," Valerie Leiter and Julia Lyberger, Simmons University

"The Role of Maternal Racial Identity in Explaining Differences in Pregnancy Experiences during the COVID-19 Pandemic," Courtney E. Williams, Louisiana State University

Date: Saturday, August 19

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM

Session 063: Taking It All In: Embodiment and Empowerment

Room: Salon 3 & 4

Sponsor: Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Michael O. Johnston, William Penn University

Description:

This session features empirical and theoretical research on embodiment and empowerment that occur as part of daily life (e.g., education, employment, leisure, religion, sport, and so on). We welcome submissions that engage a social problems approach to understanding the human body as both actor and actant as part of their daily interactions. This session will also explore how a range of fields and practices perceive the experiences of embodiment and empowerment (including art, criminal justice, kinesiology, recreation and leisure studies, social work, sociology, urban studies and planning, and so on).

Papers:

"This is My Baby. My Baby is Days Old and You're Taking My Baby Away...You Have No Heart': The Case of Taking Protective Custody in a 'Helping Profession's' Dirty Work," Keith R. Johnson, Independent Scholar

"Collective Empowerment through Feminist Self Defense," Bell A. Murphy, Otago University, Victoria University at Wellington

"Performing Credibility: How Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Researchers Gain Public Trust during the Opioid Crisis," Xinyan Wu, University of Connecticut

"Brought to Life: The Media as a Gaze into Believed Festival Experience(s)," Michael O. Johnston, William Penn University

Date: Saturday, August 19

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 075: Invisible Disabilities, Chronic Illness, and the Body in Physical and Virtual Spaces

Room: Salon 5 & 6

Sponsors: Disability, Environment and Technology, and Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Virginia Kuulei Berndt, Texas A&M International University

Description:

Recent years have seen an increased visibility of disability activism and advocacy, as well as a heightened focus on disability justice. Online spheres have enhanced efforts previously existing solely in physical places, enhancing the accessibility of participation in these movements. There is also more widespread recognition of the various forms of disabilities that exist, including less visible disabilities that span chronic physical illness, mental illness, and neurodiversity. However, challenges ranging from persistent societal ableism to distinct hierarchies within disability communities remain. This session includes work and research relating to topics around navigating chronic illness and disability within online spaces, fashion and beauty, academia, and the institution of medicine.

Papers:

"Education, Empowerment, & (In)Equality: The Complexity of Benefits and Limitations in Online Chronic Illness Education Groups," Virginia Kuulei Berndt, Texas A&M International University

"Experiencing COVID-19 on the Spectrum: Perceptions of Healthcare Access among Autistic Adults during a Global Pandemic," Jennifer Cullen, Center for Social Work Education, Alison Fedoris Leslie, Center for Social Work Education and Widener University and Jolynn Haney, Deerfield Data Management

"Fashioning Disabilities in the Black Community: Black Women's Experiences of Ableism in their Beauty Work," Brittney Miles, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Screaming to be Heard! Autoethnography, Intersectionality, the Medical Institution, and Chronic Illness," Angela Vergara, University of Central Florida

Date: Sunday, August 20

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

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Session 093: The Continued Criminalization of Sexuality, Gender, and the Body

Room: Freedom F

Sponsor: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency & Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer & Presider: Luis Nuño, California State University, Los Angeles

Description:

In this session, the speakers present their studies on the impact of social forces that work to criminalize diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, and physical appearances. They delve into the reasons behind the overrepresentation of transgender individuals in the criminal justice system and examine the methods used to gather information about gender and sex in sexual violence surveys. Additionally, they shed light on how conservative evangelical beliefs lead to increased societal control over diverse bodies, and how race and gender influence fear of crime and stereotypes of criminal behavior. The presentations showcase research that illustrates how social actors criminalize individuals who do not conform to societal norms.

Papers:

"Exploring Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Proxy Reporting in Establishment Surveys," Jessica Allison Ruth White, Hillary Steinberg and Krysten Mesner, U.S. Census Bureau and Emily Buehler, U.S. Department of Justice

"Race, Sex, and Constructing Deviance in U.S. Sex Crime Arrests," Amelia Roskin-Fraze, University of California, Irvine

"Racialization of Drug Use and Gang Involvement: Gender Variation in Racial Crime Stereotypes and the Fear of Crime," Veronica Ahadzie and Robert L. Peralta, The University of Akron

"The Evangelical War on Transgender and Gender-diverse Youth: From the Pulpit to the State House," Michelle Gotto, Case Western Reserve University

"Transgender People and Criminal Legal System Involvement: Inequalities, 'Administrative Violence', and 'Injustice at Every Turn'," Valerie Jenness and Alexis Rowland, University of California, Irvine

Date: Sunday, August 20

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Session 096: The Body and the Life Course

Room: Salon 5 & 6

Sponsors: Sport, Leisure, and the Body & Youth, Aging, and the Life Course

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Yu-Ri Kim, Vanderbilt University

Description:

This session examines the bodily experiences, including illness, (anti-)diet, and well-being, of the life stage of young adulthood. This session also includes works on linked lives in the family and organization that shape bodily experiences and identities.

Papers:

"Finding Purpose in All of That Pain': Anti-diet Activism as a Means of Biographical Repair," Gabby Gomez, Oklahoma State University

"Exploring the Relationship between Urban Youth Socioemotional Well-being and Health Behaviors," Nelia M. Quezada, SUNY Albany

"Living with Asthma as Undergraduates in a Nigerian University," Abiodun O. Oyebo, Federal Polytechnic, Offa and Adewale A. Adeyombo, Bowen University

"The Role of the Neoliberal University in Athlete Healthcare," Kaitlin Pericak, North Carolina Wesleyan University

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