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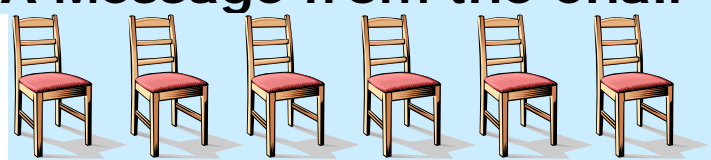
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A Message from the Chair



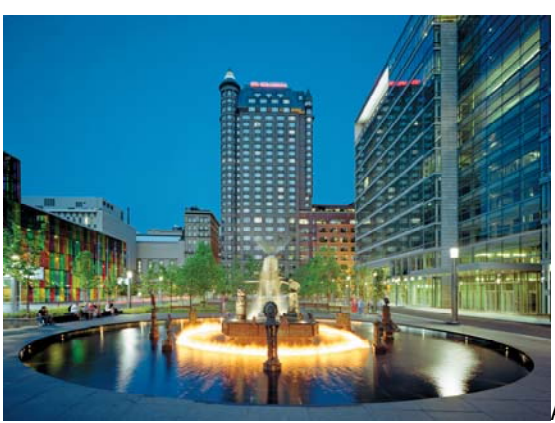
Winter is winding down in New Hampshire! There's no snow on the ground. In fact, I ran across campus to the library this morning without zipping my coat. I was cold, but not as cold as all the students wearing shorts and flipflops that I passed along the way. AND SSWD is gearing up for Montreal. We have several exciting sessions planned. Sadly, we haven't received many papers for the student paper competition. Read about it on page 3 and encourage your students to submit papers before time runs out.

My two years as division chair will end this August. Watch for the division election coming up in the next month or so. SSWD is lucky to have excellent nominees for Chair-Elect. As this election will come up again in a couple of years,

I encourage you to consider becoming active in SSWD. I urge you now (and will again in the summer newsletter) to attend the business meeting this year in Montreal.

Finally, I would like to see our division write a resolution for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If you have suggestions, please contact me. And remember, the newsletter is always looking for announcements, book reviews and other relevant information for future issues. Remember, a book review or other short piece in this newsletter can be included in your CV as a minor publication. I look forward to hearing from you,

Anne Broussard
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A view of downtown Montreal

New Publications?

Help us out!

Spread the word about your recently released or soon to be released publications and films to your peers. Submit the complete reference; Include a short review of books and films and we will include them in future editions of the newsletter.



Budig, M. J. (forthcoming, June). Intersections on the Road to Self-Employment: Gender, Family and Occupational Class. *Social Forces*.
 (Michelle is Assistant Professor of Sociology & Associate Director of SADRI at the University of Massachusetts)

Cabin, W. (2006). The causal role of marriage formation in welfare, poverty, and child well-being. *Perspectives in Social Work*, 4(1).
 (Bill is Director of Program Integrity and Accountability at Youth Consultation (YCS) and is completing his second year in the PhD. program at Hunter College School of Social Welfare/City University of New York)

*****SPEED MENTORING SESSION***** SPEED MENTORING SESSION*****

This year's SSSP annual meeting in Montreal will feature a "speed mentoring" session that will offer graduate students, untenured faculty and applied sociologists ("mentees") the opportunity to sit one-on-one with a stellar group of senior faculty ("mentors") to get feedback on dissertations and/or research projects that are underway or still in the planning stages. These meetings will each last 20 minutes, and there will be time for four such meetings within the speed mentoring session time block of 100 minutes. Senior faculty mentors include Joel Best, Richard Caputo, Kimberly Cook, Elizabeth Ettore, Kathleen Ferraro, Gregory Hooks, Valerie Jenness, Nancy Jurik, Barbara Katz Rothman, Kathleen Lowney, Nancy Naples, Mary Romero, and Richard Wilsnack.

Complete details about the speed mentoring session and how to participate as a mentee will be included in the SSSP preliminary program and will also be posted in May on the SSSP web site. Although this session is primarily intended for graduate students, untenured faculty and applied sociologists, tenured faculty are also welcome to indicate mentor preferences and will be accommodated as space permits.

For further information, please contact the speed mentoring session organizer, Steve Barkan (barkan@maine.edu).



Montreal
 August 10 – 12, 2006
 See you there!

Montreal skyline from the Old Port

Annual Student Paper Competition

Deadline for submission extended: 4/10/06

The Sociology and Social Welfare Division is still accepting papers for the 2006 Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage scholastic endeavors that enhance our understanding of issues related to sociology and social welfare. Relevant papers might focus on social activism, policy, social justice, empowerment, social problems or any welfare-related issues. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, papers must be: 1) written between January 2005 and April 2006 and not published or submitted for scholarly review; 2) authored by one or more students and not coauthored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 3) 25 pages or fewer, including references and tables; 4) accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the paper for the competition. To be considered for the award, the author must make a commitment to present the paper at a SSWD session during the 2006 SSSP meeting. Send two copies of the paper along with the letter of support to Anne Broussard, Dept. of Social Work, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824 by April 10, 2006. **The SSWD competition winner receives a cash prize of \$150.00 plus 2006 SSSP conference and banquet registration.** Two additional students will receive honorable mentions.

~Newsletter Solicitations~

I am seeking submissions for the summer edition of the newsletter. If you have anything, please send the information to me at anne.broussard@unh.edu. I need to receive announcements for the next newsletter by **June 15th**. Topics might include book reviews, job announcements, abstracts of current research and kudos.

Call for Nominations: Student Newsletter Editor

SSWD is looking for a student willing to serve as the newsletter editor for one to two years (August 2006 – August 2008). This is a great opportunity for one of your students (or you!) to get involved in our Division. Please send nominations and self-nominations to anne.broussard@unh.edu. Direct interested students to the division's section of the SSSP website, where each section has a backlog of newsletters posted. It's fun, quick (takes less than two days to complete an issue of the newsletter) and will look good on a CV (service to a national professional organization, of course). The position will carry a **\$50 stipend each year**.

Call for Film Reviewers & Titles

Do you have time to review films when you receive fliers in the mail? There's not enough time in the day and the rentals can be expensive when all you want to do is take a look at them. A handy film review would help...

I'd like to include a film review or two in the summer newsletter. If you know of a film that works well in class (on anything that related to our division....a broad range) or are interested in reviewing a particular film that you haven't yet viewed, let me know.

Interested reviewers and suggestions for films are most welcome. Please contact to me via email at anne.broussard@unh.edu.



Spotlight on a Member Book: Daniel Zuberi



Zuberi, D. (2006). *Differences That Matter: Social Policy and the Working Poor in the United States and Canada*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

This book shines a spotlight on the causes and consequences of working poverty, revealing how the lives of low-wage workers are affected by differences in health care, labor, and social welfare policy in the United States and Canada. Dan Zuberi's conclusions are based on survey data, eighteen months of participant observation fieldwork, and in-depth interviews with seventy-seven hotel employees working in parallel jobs on both sides of the border. Two hotel chains, each with one union and one non-union hotel in Seattle and Vancouver, provide a vivid cross-national comparison because they are similar in so many regards, the one major exception being government policy.

Zuberi demonstrates how labor, health, social welfare, and public investment policy affect these hotel workers and their families. His book challenges the myth that globalization necessarily means hospitality jobs must be insecure and pay poverty wages and makes clear the critical role played by government policy in the reduction of poverty and creation of economic equality. Zuberi shows exactly where and how the social policies that distinguish the Canadian welfare state from the U.S. version make a difference in protecting Canadian workers from the hardships that burden low-wage workers in the United States. *Differences That Matter*, which is filled with first-person accounts, ends with policy recommendations and a call for grassroots community organizing.

Dan Zuberi is an Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at the University of British Columbia. You can contact him at: daniyal@interchange.ubc.ca



Spotlight on a Member: Mona Basta



Mona Basta, a former Chairperson of the Division of Sociology and Social Welfare, is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Social Work at Binghamton University, part of the State University of New York. Her research focuses on factors affecting service utilization of low-income populations and on policy implementation at the level of social agencies and programs. She is interested in client perceptions of social programs and the transition from welfare-to-work among low-income single mothers. Her dissertation (forthcoming) used a groundbreaking methodology to map ethnographically the decision making processes of single mothers moving from welfare-to-work. This research shed light on the avoidance of center-based child care among this population and helped explain the low utilization rates of child care subsidies in Pennsylvania. For this research, Professor Basta was awarded a fellowship from Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (2001), won the 2003 Eileen Blackey Doctoral Fellowship in welfare policy and practice and received a 2003 doctoral dissertation grant from the Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation.

In teaching, she is engaged in the development of service learning projects in teaching macro social work practice, particularly community organization, grantwriting and specialized independent studies to provide students with opportunities for continuous involvement in experiential education. Her project goals include collaboration with grassroots community organizations and progressive coalitions to address equity issues for low-income populations of color, health care access for senior citizens and the disabled, increasing educational and recreational programs for children and educating principals, teachers and social service providers on working effectively with LGBTQ youth and adults.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems

56th Annual Meeting

Date: August 10-12, 2006

Hilton Montréal Bonaventure, Montréal, Québec, Canada

Building Just, Diverse and Democratic Communities

Job Announcements

Arizona State University at the West Campus

The Department of Social Work (BSW & MSW) in the College of Human Services at Arizona State University at the West campus invites qualified applicants to apply for the position of Professor and Chair. This is a 12 month appointment with tenure.

College of Human Services: Social Work is a combined BSW/MSW program, accredited by CSWE, and is one of four departments housed in the College of Human Services (CHS). The other academic programs are: Communication Studies, Criminal Justice and Criminology, and Recreation and Tourism Management. In addition, the CHS also administers the ASU Gerontology Certificate program and is a host site for the ASU Nursing program. Three additional units in the CHS that further the missions of research/development and community engagement are the Partnership for Community Development, the Center for Lifelong Learning, and the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety. The College and Department have explicitly endorsed efforts to increase the diversity of its students, staff, and faculty. Candidates from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

The Social Work Department: The social work program is vibrant and growing, currently enrolling approximately 120 full-time and 130 part-time undergrad and graduate students. There are currently 13 full-time and 9 part-time faculty members. The social work program is committed to preparing Generalists and Advanced Generalists for practice in the rapidly growing and diverse context of Arizona and the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. The department is engaged in important research and community service activities locally, nationally, and internationally. A hallmark of the department is a high level of creative energy and collegiality. Individuals committed to working with a diverse student population and to related principles of justice and equity are strongly urged to apply.

Responsibilities of the Chair: The Chair provides leadership and direction to the faculty, manages the Department's staff and daily operations, initiates and oversees program development, and represents the Department to the University, the Profession, and the external communities it serves. The Chair reports to the Dean. The Chair will be actively engaged in recruiting a diverse student population, in expanding community-based partnerships, and in continuing to strengthen the BSW and MSW programs. The Chair's responsibilities also include budget development and management, personnel decisions, faculty and program development, and on-going efforts to secure program funds and research grants and contracts. As a Professor in the Department, the Chair will be expected to maintain a strong record of scholarly research and publication.

Required qualifications: MSW; and either a Ph.D. in related field or a DSW; a record of teaching, research/scholarship, and service appropriate to the rank of a tenured professor; administrative experience; experience working with diversity issues and populations; and demonstrated knowledge of BSW and MSW social work education and the Generalist and Advanced Generalist emphases.

Desired qualifications: Experience working within interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary environments and with these issues; developing partnerships with community agencies; securing external funding to support program and research initiatives; and with multicultural programming, especially related to curriculum and recruitment/retention.

Starting Date: July 1, 2006

Application Procedure: Candidates must submit a letter of application addressing the above noted sets of qualifications, a current CV and names and contact information for three references. Review of completed applications will begin March 7, 2006. If not filled, biweekly until the search is closed. Inquiries should be directed to Dawn Poh, Assistant to the Dean. Phone: 602-543-6604, Fax: 602-543-6651, Email: dawnp@asu.edu. Electronic applications will be accepted. Submit applications to:

Office of the Dean
ATTN: Dawn Poh
College of Human Services, #3251
Arizona State University, West campus
PO Box 37100
Phoenix, AZ 85069-7100

~CALL FOR PAPERS~
ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIOLOGISTS
STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS

UNDERGRADUATE COMPETITION

The Association of Black Sociologists (ABS) is now accepting papers for its annual Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. Students who are members of ABS qualify for the competition. The top three winners of the competition will receive cash awards. They will also present their papers at this year's ABS conference held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada from August 8-11, 2006. The papers are to be no longer than 20 pages, including references. The papers cannot be under consideration for publication at the time of submission. Additionally, an abstract of no more than 200 words should be submitted with the paper.

GRADUATE COMPETITION

The Association of Black Sociologists (ABS) is now accepting papers for its annual Graduate Student Paper Competition. Graduate students who are members of ABS qualify for the competition. The top three winners of the competition will receive cash awards. They will also present their papers at this year's ABS conference held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada from August 8-11, 2006. The papers are to be no longer than 30 pages, including references. The papers cannot be under consideration for publication at the time of submission. Additionally, an abstract of no more than 200 words should be submitted with the paper.

Students should submit six copies of the paper and abstract to:

ABS Student Paper Competition
Association of Black Sociologists
4200 Wisconsin Avenue NW, PMB 106-257
Washington, D.C. 20016

Please indicate on the envelope and cover page which competition, undergraduate or graduate, you are entering. Students can also submit the paper and abstract electronically in Microsoft Word, Corel WordPerfect or PDF format to: studentpaper@blacksociologists.org. Again, please indicate in the email and cover page for which competition, undergraduate or graduate, the submission is intended. The submission deadline for the competition is May 1, 2006. Please visit the ABS website at www.blacksociologists.org for further information about the Association of Black Sociologists and the Student Paper Competitions.



Night View of the Marina at the Old Port in Montreal