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MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION CHAIR

Greetings to members and friends of the Sociology and Social Welfare Division! The 57th SSSP Annual Meeting is quickly approaching so don't forget to register. We have some exciting sessions — details of which are included in this newsletter. The full Annual Meeting program is now available online at the SSSP website -- <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm>. Our Annual Division meeting will be held on Saturday, August 11 from 12:30 to 2:10pm in the Sutton Suite of the Roosevelt Hotel. All Division members are encouraged to attend. Please let me know if you would like to organize a session for next year's meeting. Just email me at doakley@niu.edu.

Hope you are all having a great summer!

Sincerely,

Deirdre Oakley

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION WINNER

Jennifer J. Beggs, a doctoral student in Sociology at the University of Missouri-Columbia is this year's winner of the S&SW Student Paper Competition. Her paper entitled, *Coping with Food Vulnerability: The Role of Social Networks in the Lives of Missouri Food Pantry Clients*, examines how informal social networks are utilized by families and individuals coping with food insecurity. Jennifer found that not only does utilization of such networks vary by gender, race, education and marital status but by the number of reported hardships endured by the families and individuals as well. The competition was stiff this year and Jennifer's paper really stood out. She will be presenting her paper at the Student Award Winning Papers Session on Saturday, August 11 from 2:30-4:10pm in the Roosevelt Hotel's Riverside Suite. Congratulations Jennifer!

S&SW DIVISION SESSIONS

All sessions are held on Saturday, August 11.

8:00am-9:40am

Session 53: Coping with Poverty: The Policy and Research Implications of the Lived Experience

Room: Americas Suite

Organizer & Presider: Andrew Golub, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

Papers:

“Developing a Participatory Welfare Policy Approach,” Anne Statham, University of Wisconsin, Parkside and Nancy Penn, Indian Community School

“Agency Location, Race, and Danger: How Location and Perception of Neighborhood Influence Use of Nonprofit Social Services,” Rebecca Joyce Kissane, Lafayette College

“Surviving the Welfare System: CalWORKs Mothers’ Narratives about Poverty, Education, and Survival,” Sheila Katz, Vanderbilt University

“Household Structures and Transitions in Inner-City New York,” Andrew Golub, Bruce D. Johnson, Eloise Dunlap and Ellen Benoit, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

2:30pm-4:00pm

Session 77: Social Welfare Theory for Today’s World (Part A)

Room: Americas Suite

Organizer & Presider: Richard K. Caputo, Yeshiva University

Papers:

“Bridging the Political Gap between Targeted and Universalistic Welfare Policies: The Case of the Earned Income Tax Credit,” Robyn Boshers, Northwestern University

“Making Work Pay: The Consequences of Moving Social Assistance and Poverty Relief into the Tax Code,” Rebekah M. Zinzavage and Duane R. Neff, Brandeis University

“The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; Federal Guidelines and Local Realities,” Annette Tézli, University of Calgary

“When Does Public Opinion Matter?” Jennifer L. Christian, Indiana University, Bloomington

S&SW DIVISION SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

4:30pm-6:10pm

Session 88: Social Welfare Theory for Today's World (Part B)

Room: Americas Suite

Organizer & Presider: Richard K. Caputo, Yeshiva University

Papers:

"New Institutionalism vs. Old Marxism: A Critique of Paul Pierson's 'New Politics of the Welfare State,'" John O'Conner, Central Connecticut State University

"An Exploratory Study of First Time Homeownership Experiences of Low-income Women," Sondra J. Fogel, University of South Florida, Anne R. Williamson, Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, University of Florida and Marc T. Smith, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Defining the 'Life Course' or Enabling Autonomy? From Welfare to the Impact of an Unconditional Basic Income on Political Communities," Sascha Liebermann, University of Dortmund

"Development: Policy and Theory," Richard K. Caputo, Yeshiva University

2:30pm-4:10pm

Session: Student Award Winning Papers I

Saturday, August 11 from 2:30 to 4:10pm

Room: Riverside Suite

Presider & Discussant: Ken Kyle, Editor of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*

Papers:

"Housing and Crime: The Impact of Changes in Social and Economic Stability on Inter-versus Intra-Racial and Ethnic Violence," Lyndsay N. Boggess, University of California, Irvine, Winner of the Community Research and Development Division's Student Paper Competition

"Expanding the Survivor Worldview: Transmitting and Bridging Trauma through Space and Time," Thomas DeGloma, Rutgers University, 1st place Winner of the Social Problems Theory Division's Student Paper Competition

"Coping with Food Vulnerability: The Role of Social Networks in the Lives of Missouri Food Pantry Clients." Jennifer J. Beggs, University of Missouri, Columbia, Winner of the Sociology and Social Welfare Division's Student Paper Competition

"Disparities in Disability Life Expectancy in U.S. Birth Cohorts: The Influence of Sex and Race," Samir Soneji, Princeton University, 2nd place Winner of the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division's Student Paper Competition

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Teaching Resource

The Crime and Society website provides access to information on global crime with links to Interpol and United Nations datasets. Professors and students can also upload draft papers and articles concerning global criminology

<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/faculty/rwinslow/index.html>

Films

Big Easy to Big Empty

Thousands of New Orleans residents were forced to evacuate when Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005; filmed a year later, this compelling documentary shows how some of the city's poorest residents were still trying to find their way home. Investigative reporter [Greg Palast](#) interviews scores of storm victims, from separated families to people who lost everything, and finds that the common thread is that they all just want to return home.

Released: 2007

120 minutes

Cost: Donation of \$30

<http://www.gregpalast.com/get-the-film-that-got-us-busted-big-easy-to-big-empty/>

Books

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) has arranged with The Scholar's Choice to manage the combined book exhibit for our 57th Annual Meeting taking place August 10-12, 2007, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. It will be possible for your recently published books to be included in the display. The procedure to do that has been sent to us by The Scholar's Choice.

Any members interested in having their book displayed at the upcoming SSSP meeting should contact their publisher. Please keep in mind that the publishers pay a fee to display with The Scholar's Choice and may not have the marketing budget necessary to honor all requests, particularly for older titles. We ask that books be appropriate to the meeting and published recently. Reservations from the publishers will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis so reserving early is recommended. Please note that The Scholar's Choice displays on behalf of the publishers and ALL requests must be made by the publisher, not the author. Therefore, you are encouraged to contact your publisher as soon as possible to check on whether or not your publisher will reserve your title. Please contact your publisher directly - do not call The Scholar's Choice. The person who handles publisher reservations at The Scholar's Choice is Debby Pitts. She may be reached at djpitts@scholarschoice.com or at 585-262-2048 x108. Please ask your publisher to contact her.

2007 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Presidential Address

The Presidential Plenary featuring the formal address of SSSP President Valerie Jenness is scheduled for Saturday, August 11 from 11:10am – 12:20pm. All members are invited to this important session. A special reception to honor President Jenness and our past presidents is scheduled later in the day.

S&SW Annual Conference Division Meeting

Saturday, August 11, 2007 from 12:30 to 2:10pm in the Sutton Suite at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Brooklyn Neighborhoods and HIV/AIDS, A Tour

Saturday, August 11 from 12:30pm - 3:30pm.

New York City is the center of the AIDS epidemic in the United States; a significant risk factor for HIV-related death is "residence in Brooklyn." This 3-hour tour, beginning and ending in the hotel lobby at the Roosevelt Hotel, SSSP conference hotel, brings you to several Brooklyn neighborhoods with the highest rates of infection and death: Bushwick, Brownsville, Bedford Stuyvesant, East New York and Williamsburg. Led by Fernando Soto, Executive Director of the After Hours Project, Inc., a harm reduction organization that serves drug users, sex workers, and other high-risk populations, the 5-6 people who take this tour will ride in the After Hours Project's van through these neighborhoods to observe local conditions, including evidence of intensive policing and gentrification, that impact the delivery of HIV prevention and treatment services. The tour will include a visit to one of the storefront locations in Bedford Stuyvesant where the After Hours Project provides direct services to clients. All revenue generated from this tour will be donated to the After Hours Project.

Please contact the Executive Office at sssp@utk.edu or 865-974-3620, to reserve your spot and make payment arrangements.

cost: \$25 per person (maximum 6 people)

7th ANNUAL AIDS FUNDRAISER

Plan to attend this fun event on Friday, August 10 from 9:00pm – 11:00pm. Graduate students and new members will receive a complimentary ticket with their registration materials, but everyone else is charged \$15.

A karaoke machine will be available for you to "show off" your singing talents and appreciate the talents of others. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. During the evening, there will be a silent and a live auction. You'll be able to place bids on lots of great stuff. PJ McGann will be the chief auctioneer.

Proceeds from the AIDS Fundraiser will go to the After Hours Project, Inc. AHP is a community-based harm reduction program that addresses the continued spread of HIV/AIDS in the predominantly low income and minority neighborhoods: Bushwick, Bedford-Stuyvesant, East New York and Brownsville, Brooklyn and Ridgewood, Queens. For more information, visit www.afterhoursproject.org.

HIP AND CHEAP NEW YORK EATS

[Adrienne's Pizzabar](#)

54 Stone Street, nr. Hanover Sq.; 212-248-3838

Any New Yorker serious about his or her pizza knows Nick's—the tender-crust, sprightly sauced, milky-cheesed chainlet that started in Forest Hills and expanded to Long Island and Yorkville. Adrienne's (named for partner Harry Poulakakos's late wife) is essentially the fourth branch of Nick's, a slicker, sleeker outpost located in the culinary wilderness that is the financial district. Here, besides charming the neighborhood with old-school favorites like **manicotti and an ethereal eggplant parm**, Nick Angelis is undertaking a couple things he'd never dared before: individual slices (a notorious no-no for certain old-school pie guys) and square pizza, otherwise known as Sicilian or, in a thinner-crust, cheese-below-sauce variation, grandma pie.

[Momofuku Noodle Bar](#)

163 First Ave., nr. 10th St.; 212-475-7899

It's a tight squeeze in this blond-wooded nook of a noodle bar. The Bar has a fresh approach to Pan-Asian innovations like **soft-shell-crab steamed buns** and kimchi Brussels sprouts. The menu changes often, but you'll always find the sumptuously porky house ramen. And watching all the action in the open kitchen is great, mouthwatering theater.

[Tía Pol](#)

205 Tenth Ave., nr. 22nd St.; 212-675-8805

Skinny as a toothpick and often as packed as a tin of sardines, this two-year-old tapas bar has already become as much a part of the West Chelsea landscape as Empire Diner across the street. You'll find all the Iberian staples here—a smooth, refreshing gazpacho, **potato-salad-stuffed piquillo peppers sprinkled with oil-marinated tuna**, zestily spiced patatas bravas—but pay close attention to the blackboard specials.

[Vintage New York WineBar](#)

60 Wooster St., nr. Broome St.; 212-226-9463

Now that the city's only New York-dedicated wine shop has opened a restaurant next door, its clientele no longer need hunch over the shop's popular tasting bar. Now they can do it in the relative comfort of the café, where the small-plates menu, like the wine list, is devoted to New