

# THE STUDENT SOCIOLOGIST



## Editor's Column

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Greetings!

Jean and Erik Olin Wright kicked off Erik's ASA Presidential Outreach Campus Tour on March 20th. They began their travels in Texas and Arizona visiting Hispanic Serving Institutions and a Tribal College. Their first stop was at UT San Antonio followed by Texas A&M International University and UT Pan American. Their last stop on the first portion of the campus tour was at Dine College in Tsaille, AZ.

In Texas, Erik and Jean were joined with a Wisconsin graduate student who is from San Antonio. For their

stop at Dine College, the first Tribal College in the U.S., Erik and Jean were joined by Kimberly Huyser (Cohort 34 and Assistant Professor at the University of New Mexico). Kimberly is also a member of the Navajo Nation.

On April 9th they began the second portion of the campus tour. Jean and Erik will be off traveling through the southern U.S. and visiting Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, Xavier University of Louisiana, Tuskegee University, Austin Peay State University, Tennessee State University, and Berea College. You can follow all of the excitement of

the trip on the *Travels with Erik* blog ([www.speak4sociology.org/travelswitherik/](http://www.speak4sociology.org/travelswitherik/)).

For some ASA house-keeping items: as we approach the 2012 Annual Meeting remember all program participants must pre-register for the meeting by May 11th.

ASA housing is now open and can be found through the ASA website. For all things meeting related, visit the meeting site: <http://www.asanet.org/AM2012/index.cfm>

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## Student Forum Alternative Housing for 2012 Annual Meeting

Every year the Student Forum sets out to help graduate students attend the annual ASA meetings by setting up alternative housing arrangements. This year's conference will be held in Denver, Colorado. We have rounded up fellow Colorado graduate students who are willing to share their personal residence for the duration of the conference. To best match hosts and guests, the Student Forum Advi-

sory Board (SFAB) has a required form that all guests will need to complete and return to SFAB. Things that will be considered in placement are: type of sleeping arrangements, pet allergies to be considered, and transportation to and from meeting location. Space is limited so if you are interesting in taking advantage of this option please obtain the form and return it to Lauren Vasquez ([laurenvasquez13@gmail.com](mailto:laurenvasquez13@gmail.com))

as soon as possible. Forms can be found on the Student Forum Google Group or you could contact Lauren, or Beth Floyd ([bfloyd@asanet.org](mailto:bfloyd@asanet.org)). As an alternative to this, if you are willing to share your room at the conference hotel in order to lower the cost to you, please let us know this as well and we can match you up with others who are willing to do the same.

## Call for Submissions for My Body, My Health

Women's health became a key issue for the women's liberation movement in the 1960s as women began to explore every aspect of themselves: their traditional roles, their expanding opportunities, their bodies, even their genitalia. And health continues to be an issue of keen interest for feminists, as women struggle for proper diagnoses; advocate for their ill children, parents, partners and themselves; address males attempting to control their health (as exemplified in the recent congressional hearings on birth control); and demand clinical trials that test new drugs on women, not just men.

Yet few women's stories about their experiences with health issues are shared beyond workplace women's rooms, grocery store checkout lines and kitchen tables. Sorrowful and infuriating, hilarious and humiliating, our stories must be told,

because women's health concerns have been denied, ignored, misdiagnosed, and belittled. Today, as women are taking back control of their health and wresting their bodies away from the medicalization of what used to be natural, our stories — of successes and failures — will help others do the same.

This anthology will serve as a soapbox for women of all sexualities, races, classes, ages, and abilities, from which to tell their tales of health and illness, care giving and receiving, recovery and degeneration, birthing and dying. It is a soft shoulder and a bullhorn, a cup of chamomile tea and a concoction that will knock your socks off. We hope you have a feminist story or two you want to share with us in the form of an essay, short fiction piece, or poem. We are particularly interested in creative approaches to the overall theme

of women and health.

We will be submitting the book proposal concurrent with editing the anthology.

Authors may submit one or two pieces to be considered for inclusion in the anthology. Previously published works can be submitted, and international contributions with universal health themes are welcome. Essays and stories may be no more than 15 pages or about 4,000 words. Submissions must be made electronically.

For more information, visit <http://www.excusemeimwriting.com/2012/03/08/poetry/call-for-submissions-for-my-body-my-health/>

**Deadline: June 28, 2012**

## ASA SPPS Section: Call for Nominations

The **Robert Dentler Award** for Outstanding Student Achievement is for up to two graduate students who have made a promising contribution to the field, such as a project or paper in the areas of sociological practice and public sociology, or another tangible results of a practice experience, such as an internship. Work done within the three years prior to the conferral of the award will be considered. Products of graduate level classes, intern-

ships, or independent projects are eligible. An award recipient who attends the 2012 ASA Annual Meeting will receive a cash award of \$500.

Nominations should consist of a letter detailing the nominee's contributions, a copy of the paper or other project, and supporting materials such as a curriculum vitae or resume, and/or other additional letters of support. Self-nominations are

welcome.

Please send nominations to Dr. Augie Diana, the ASA SPPS Section Chair, [diana@nida.nih.gov](mailto:diana@nida.nih.gov).

Please also cc our Section Secretary/Treasurer, Angela Aidala, [aaa1@columbia.edu](mailto:aaa1@columbia.edu)

**Deadline: May 14, 2012**

## Call for Applications: Fellowships

The **American Institute of Indian Studies** announces its 2012 fellowship competition and invites applications from scholars who wish to conduct their research in India. Junior fellowships are awarded to PhD candidates to conduct research for their dissertations in India for up to 11 months. Senior fellowships are awarded to scholars who hold the PhD degree for up to nine months of research in India. **Deadline: July 1, 2012.** Contact: (773) 702-8638; [aais@uchicago.edu](mailto:aais@uchicago.edu). For more information, visit [www.indiastudies.org](http://www.indiastudies.org).

The **National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI)** is proud to announce the 2011-12 Research Fellowship program. Annual fellowships are available to support research on direct instruction and promote the development of emerging scholars in the field of education. Master's, doctoral, and post-doctoral students are welcome to apply. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. NIFDI is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing superior training and support for direct instruction implementations. Contact: (877) 485-1973; [research@nifdi.org](mailto:research@nifdi.org). For more information, visit [www.nifdi.org](http://www.nifdi.org).

## Summer and Fall Meetings

- **The Society for the Study of Social Problems**, August 16-18th. Theme: "The Act of Activism", Denver, CO, [www.sssp1.org](http://www.sssp1.org)
- **3rd Annual Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences (IGSS) Conference**, August 15-16, 2012, Boulder, CO [www.colorado.edu/ibs/CUPC/conferences/IGSS\\_2012/](http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/CUPC/conferences/IGSS_2012/)
- **55th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association**, November 29- December 1, 2012,



Theme: "Research Frontiers in the Study of Africa." Philadelphia, PA; [www.africanstudies.org](http://www.africanstudies.org)

- **2012 Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA)**, October 10-12, 2012, Williamsburg, VA; [sda-](http://sda-demography.org/SDA2012.php)

[demography.org/SDA2012.php](http://demography.org/SDA2012.php).

- **Without Sanctuary: A Conference on Lynching and the American South**, October 11-13, 2012, University of North Carolina; [www.newsouth.uncc.edu](http://www.newsouth.uncc.edu).

## Call for Papers: International Conference on Sport and Society

The 2012 Sport and Society Conference will be held at Murray Edwards College at the world-famous University of Cambridge, mere days before the start of the 2012 London Olympic Games. For centuries, University of Cambridge and the Olympic Games have each in their own way represented the pinnacle of excellence. This year's meeting takes full advantage of both at a marvelous venue and historic time to create the perfect setting to explore the intersection of Sport and Society.

The 2012 conference will feature Mr. Wilfried Lemke, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Sport for Development and Peace, as a keynote speaker. To further that conversation, we have partnered with Right To Play, an organization dedicated to utilizing the power of sport and play for health, peace, and development.

We are also proud to have Nicholas Watson, Director at Strathclyde Centre for Disability Research at the University of Glasgow, speaking on Disability in Sport. Alongside Dr. Watson, we are also fortunate to have supporters in l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sante Publique (EHESP), France, as well as Health Education and Situations of Disability (SantesiH), Montpellier University 1, France, joining in our conversation.

Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in the fully refereed International Journal of Sport and Society. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also available.

Visit our website for more information about the conference, our submission process and this year's themes, to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, and to become an active member of our commu-

nity - all available at: <http://SportConference.com>

The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is **17 May 2012**. Future deadlines will be announced on the conference website after this date.

We look forward to receiving your proposal and hope you will be able to join us in Cambridge in July, 2012.

For more information visit, [www.SportConference.com/](http://www.SportConference.com/)

## Call for Applications: Summer Workshops

The **NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) and sponsoring NIH Institutes and Centers** are pleased to announce the 2012 NIH Summer Institute on Social and Behavioral Intervention Research. The NIH Summer Institute will address essential conceptual, methodological, and practical issues involved in planning and carrying out research on the impact of behavioral and social inter-

ventions on health outcomes, health behavior, and treatment. Such interventions are relevant to NIH public health goals of preventing morbidity and mortality and promoting health and well-being for persons with medical and behavioral disorders and conditions.

The Institute is intended for junior investigators who have **completed their doctorate** and who plan to develop NIH grant

applications for research in this area. Faculty (mentors) will include established investigators from relevant fields. The Summer Institute will be held July 9-13, 2012.

For more information and to apply, visit: <http://conferences.thehillgroup.com/obssrinstitutes/si2012/about.html>

**Deadline: April 27, 2012**

**The Center for Poverty Research at UC Davis** seeks applications from graduate students who are interested in visiting the Center in order to expand their understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty. The Center anticipates hosting up to 4 graduate students during fall quarter 2012. Visiting graduate student scholars will be expected to participate in our graduate course on poverty and public policy and in our graduate student

retreat, attend poverty related seminars and conferences, and engage with faculty to develop poverty related research ideas. Graduate Scholars are matched with both a faculty affiliate of the Center and a current graduate student. They will also be asked to write a policy brief that will subsequently be disseminated through the Center's website, and will receive a stipend of \$5,000 to cover living expenses while in Davis.

Please review the attached call for more information and the attached application cover sheet. Our website will be launched in the next few weeks; in the meantime, questions may be directed to [topovertycen-ter@ucdavis.edu](mailto:topovertycen-ter@ucdavis.edu)

<http://poverty.ucdavis.edu/post/call-visiting-graduate-students-fall-2012>

## Travel Award for H2R Conference: Survey Methods for Hard to Reach Populations

The H2R 2012 conference offers a Student Travel Award for students in graduate programs in statistics, survey methodology, demography, ethnography, or allied disciplines related to topical sections of the conference.

Support is offered for students to attend the International Conference on Methods for Surveying and Enumerating Hard to Reach Populations.

The conference will be held, October

31 to November 3, 2012 in New Orleans, LA. Awards will be granted to cover expenses up to \$500.

The conference will bring together survey methodologists, sociologists, statisticians, demographers, ethnographers, policy analysts and other professionals from around the world to present new and innovative concepts and techniques for surveying hard to reach populations.

The application forms can be found here: [www.amstat.org/meetings/h2r/2012/pdfsH2RTravelAwardApplication.pdf](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/h2r/2012/pdfsH2RTravelAwardApplication.pdf)

The meeting website can be found here: <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/h2r/2012/index.cfm?fuseaction=main>

**Deadline: June 1, 2012**

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**Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Mental Health Division Graduate Student Paper Competition.** The Mental Health Division of SSSP announces the 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should involve an empirical analysis, either qualitative or quantitative, dealing with any aspect of the sociology of mental health. A paper must have been written during 2011 or 2012, and it may not be published or accepted for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting, submitted for presentation at a professional conference, or are under review for publication are eligible. Papers must be student authored. They may be single authored by the student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other nonstudent. Papers must not exceed 28 pages including all notes, references, and tables. Submit papers to: Richard Carpiano at [richard.carpiano@ubc.ca](mailto:richard.carpiano@ubc.ca). Include a cover letter indicating that you are submitting your paper for the competition and a letter from your advisor that certifies your graduate-student status and offers some brief comments about your work. The winner will receive a \$150 cash award, conference registration, and student membership. Deadline: May 15, 2012. For more information, visit [www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/296](http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/296).

## W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ), is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship for Research in Race, Gender, Culture, and Crime program. This Fellowship program furthers the Department's mission by sponsoring research to provide objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to meet the challenges of crime and justice, particularly at the State and local levels.

### W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship for Research in Race, Gender, Culture, and Crime FY 2012

#### Eligibility

In general, NIJ is authorized to make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, States

(including territories), units of local government (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. For-profit organizations must agree to forgo any profit or management fee. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

#### Deadline

Applicants must register with Grants.gov prior to submitting an application. (See —How to Apply, ll page 9.) All applications are due by 11.59 p.m. eastern time on **May 2, 2012**. (See —Deadlines: Registration and Application, ll page 3.)

#### Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035, or via e-mail to [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

**Note:** The Grants.gov Support Hotline hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except Federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact Nadine P. Frederique, Social Science Analyst, by telephone at 202-514-8777 or by e-mail at [Nadine.Frederique@usdoj.gov](mailto:Nadine.Frederique@usdoj.gov).

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