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From the President's Pen

Dear ESS Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

It is a pleasure – and a humbling experience – to write you as the 2008-2009 President of this illustrious organization. Looking over the list of extraordinary sociologists who have held this position reminds me of the high responsibility I have undertaken. The good news is that the ESS is thriving. Indeed, the early planning for our 79th annual meeting has convinced me that the vibrancy of our community is as strong as ever.

As we prepare for next Spring's meeting, let me extend my deep thanks and congratulations to Past President Katherine Newman, Past Vice President Elizabeth Higginbotham, last year's Program Co-chairs, Rebecca Casciano and Hilary Levey, and all the members of the Executive and Standing Committees. And I extend a huge round of cyber-applause for Emily Mahon, our irreplaceable and indefatigable executive officer, whose exceptional organizational skills, unstinting commitment, and constant good cheer keep the ESS going and growing.

With its rich array of intellec-

tually exciting sessions, special panels, workshops, and awards, the 78th annual meeting

will be a hard act to follow. Fortunately, I am blessed with a gifted and dedicated Program Committee, including Program Co-chairs Lynn Chancer and Pamela Stone, Program Coordinator Sarah Damaske, and Author-Meets-Critics Organizers Vince Parrillo and Rosanna Hertz. We have been hard at work planning next year's meeting in Baltimore from March 19 through 22, where we hope that a warmer climate and later date may provide more sunshine than usual for our enjoyment. We're also eager to receive your thoughts about how the ESS is doing and what we could and should be doing better, so please send along your suggestions for the 2009 annual meeting and other ESS activities.



Our meeting theme, "Changing Lives, Resistant Institutions: New Inequalities and Expanding Opportunities," offers an opportunity to consider how 21st century institutions are shaping life chances across gender, class, race, ethnic, and generational divides, as well as how individual and collective actions can influence the directions of change. We hope our focus on the emerging tensions between personal needs and institutional forms will excite your sociological imagination in every social domain – from the intimate realms of personal and family life to the public worlds of work, politics, culture, and civil society. With Washington, D.C. nearby and the results of the 2008 elections to ponder, we also invite you to explore how political shifts are likely to alter the prospects for achieving a future that is both more diverse and more equal. While it may be a blessing to live in such interesting times, our goal – and challenge – is to use the power of a sociological perspective to make sense of these times in compelling and useful ways. (Continued on Page 10)

ARDA Launches new Learning Center and GIS Mapping

The Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA) has recently launched a new Learning Center, GIS mapping, and a series of new online tools for students and researchers. The Learning Center offers downloadable topic-driven learning modules, an online survey allowing students to compare their responses to others, a statistical and religion dictionary, and religious and demographic profiles generated by entering a zip code. Partnering with Social Explorer (www.socialexplorer.com), the ARDA also provides interactive GIS mapping of demographic data by census tracts and religious adherence data

by counties. All of the GIS maps allow for zooming, moving, and searching across locations and let you create customized demographic and religious reports. Other new online tools include QuickStats, QuickLists and an expanded National Profiles. Plus, ARDA's online archive of data collections has now expanded to over 400 data files. All data files can be downloaded free of charge.

The ARDA is housed at the Penn State University and is funded by the Lilly Foundation and the John Templeton Foundation. Visit the ARDA website at www.thearda.com

Special points of interest:

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Debra Lemke, Editor

“Despite the awful weather... we had over 936 registrants....

Editor’s Corner

I will start with an apology to the society for failing to produce the spring issue of the newsletter. Being new to editing a newsletter, I am still trying to balance my academic responsibilities and the newsletter deadlines. As a result, you will find

in this issue both the highlights from the annual meeting last February and preliminary information on the upcoming meeting in Baltimore. You will also find several old favorites and a few new items.

I welcome our submissions

and suggestions. I am especially interested in short pieces on pedagogy and on the academic career. I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore.

ESSays is an open submissions publication,

From the Exec Office

We apologize heartily for the lapse in communications. The reasons are legion; suffice it to say, we are back on track. With that said, let me take you back in time to the Spring and wrap up for you the stats and the "back stage view" of the 2008 Annual Meeting which was held at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City (for a full report in pictures, please visit the website essnet.org).

The meeting had a global focus and President Katherine Newman drew speakers and conferees from all over the world: Italy, Japan, France, Ireland, Canada, Turkey, Korea.... With Program Chairs Hilary Levey and Rebecca Casciano (both of Princeton) and the help of many, President Newman produced a program with over 200 sessions including mini-conferences, workshops, panels, author-meets-critics... Despite the awful weather (another snowstorm), we had over 936 registrants. The full spectrum of conference-goers was represented: journalists; business people, non-academic researchers; professors from the newest to the most experienced and from a variety of disciplines; graduate students; undergraduate students; grandmothers and newborns. With three poster sessions dedicated to undergraduate work, the conference attracted over 170 undergraduate students this year – including 16 from West Point (USMA) who participated in the Mini Conference on War, Peace and Military Institutions. Kutztown University wins kudos for the biggest Ugrad turnout: 21 students.

We had 23 publishers represented in our Book Exhibit – and 28 ESS authors participated in the New Book Reception held on Friday in and around the Mezzanine. The Mezzanine was also home to the Registration Desk – which was staffed by graduate student volunteers from nearby universities and magically managed by Christel Hyden, who with her growing family has become indispensable to the smooth (or minimally-frazzled) running of the program.

Administratively, we said good-bye reluctantly to Ivy Kennelly and Robin Leidner who completed their terms as Executive Committee members – their contribution was immeasurable and we will miss them sorely. And we welcome new EC members Rebecca S.K. Li and Arthur Paris who are already fully immersed in ESS operations.

Turning to 2009: Kathleen Gerson and her crew began planning prior to the 2008 meeting and have been hard at work constructing a truly exciting experience for us all in a great venue: the Inner Harbor in Baltimore rife with wonderful restaurants and eye-stopping views. We hope that you will be there with us!!

And as a final note, I would like to thank ALL of the people who contribute so much to ESS and make this job easy.

ESS Call for Nominations 2009

The Nominations Committee welcomes suggestions for nominees for the following offices to be voted on this fall: President-Elect, Vice-President-Elect, Treasurer (a two-year term) and two members of the Executive Committee (both of whom will serve three-year terms beginning in 2009). When suggesting a candidate, please provide your name and contact information as well as that of the person you are recommending and please

indicate the office for which the person would be a good candidate. Self-nominations are also welcome. Please remember that submitting a name does not guarantee that your suggested person will actually be chosen as a nominee as we receive more nominations than needed. Suggestions should be sent by September 15, 2008 to the committee chair: Rosanna Hertz, Luella LaMer Professor of Sociology and Women’s Studies, Wellesley College, rhertz@wellesley.edu

Emily Mahon



The Forum Live

From the Editor of Sociological Forum

I am looking for a few good articles for *Sociological Forum* – articles of a special genre. I am interested in publishing some “reviews of the field”, pieces that highlight burgeoning debates and new directions in several subfields of sociology. While the *Annual Review of Sociology* is generally the home of such pieces, the need for such articles is great, and the *Annual Review of Sociology* has limited space.

As I issue this invitation, let me note that there are many advantages to publishing with

Karen Cerulo

Sociological Forum. First, the journal enjoys a wide readership as every member of the society receives a copy. Since the ESS is one of the nation’s largest regional societies, *Sociological Forum* articles gain broad exposure. Second, the journal is now published by Wiley Blackwell, a group that has done much to maximize the journal’s visibility. Finally, the editorial office has special services in place that help connect your work to the readers you are targeting.

Do you have an idea for a review article? If so, please contact me with a brief description. Send your materials to cerulo@rci.rutgers.edu.



Robin Williams Lecturer 2008-2009: Nominations Requested

The Robin M. Williams, Jr. Lectureship Committee invites the names of leading scholars to be considered for appointment as the 2009-2010 Robin M. Williams, Jr., lecturer. The Eastern Sociological Society established the Lectureship in 1992 to honor the many contributions of Robin M. Williams, Jr. (1914-2006) to the discipline and the Society, particularly as founding editor of its journal, *Sociological Forum*, now in its 21st year.

The original announcement states: *As part of the Society's attempt to enhance the sharing of*

ideas, one of our colleagues will be invited to spend time and give lectures on two campuses within the Society's jurisdiction during his or her year as the Williams lecturer. The Executive Office will provide transportation and honoraria: the host institution will take care of local arrangements, including room and board. The individual chosen for the lectureship will receive an honorarium and will present two lectures on campuses in the ESS region during the terms of his or her appointment. (These campuses will be selected on a competitive basis.) The lecturer

will attend the 2010 ESS Annual meeting to be named to the lectureship and will present his or her lecture at the 2009 ESS Annual Meeting.

In 2009, the annual meetings will be held in Baltimore, MD, March 19-22. Please send nominations in a letter detailing the reasons for the nomination along with supporting letters by October 1, 2007 to the Robin M. Williams, Jr., Lectureship Committee Chair: **Professor Pamela Stone**, Department of Sociology, Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center, pstone@hunter.cuny.edu



Robin M. Williams, Jr.

Announcing the Publication: Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions

The SSSP is pleased to offer you the *Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008*, which represents an effort by our professional association to nourish a more “public sociology” that will be easily accessible and useful to policy makers. It is also a way to give something back to the people and institutions that support our scholarly endeavors. We hope that you find it helpful in your challenging work of crafting successful solutions to contemporary social problems. In all, it contains 11 pieces by SSSP members, covering a variety of social problems in three sections: global issues, Americans at risk, and health & welfare. This is an effort on the part of scholars at the Society for the Study of Social Problems to disseminate the findings in social problems research as freely and as widely as possible. The web page for the project is located here: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323>. On that page, you can download the full version, and you can link directly to the one-page briefs and individual chapters. The chapters are available for free download, and may be suitable as cost-effective supplementary readings in many social problems-related courses.



CHANGING LIVES, RESISTANT INSTITUTIONS
2009 MEETING OF THE EASTERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CALL FOR PAPERS

2009 Annual Meeting Baltimore Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel March 19-22, 2009

At the outset of a new century, sociology's enduring concern with how societies and individuals change has never been more relevant. On the one hand, growing demographic and cultural diversity has expanded options to create new ways of living, working, and building families. On the other, institutional resistance to these shifting social realities has posed new dilemmas for individuals and created new conflicts and inequalities among social groups.

The 2009 ESS Meeting will highlight emerging tensions between changing lives and resistant institutions, exploring how they play out in domains ranging from the private realms of family and personal life to the public worlds of work, politics, culture, and civil society. How are institutions shaping life chances across gender, class, race, ethnic, and generational divides? How can – and do – individual and collective actions influence the course of social change? How do the clashes between personal needs and institutional forms create new insecurities, but also give rise to new options and choices? Can we expand opportunity while also bridging our social divides?

With Baltimore and nearby Washington, D.C. as our backdrop, the 2009 meeting will consider the basic forces fueling social change as well as how political shifts in the wake of the 2008 elections are likely to alter our prospects for achieving a future that is both more diverse and more equal. The Program Committee is eager to receive specific proposals and general ideas for a very exciting meeting. We encourage early submissions and creative suggestions on all topics and in a variety of formats. In addition to individual papers, we encourage.

- *Wholly constituted sessions (with names and affiliations of all presenters)*
- *Thematic forums (panels of two or more scholars engaged in debate or exchange)*
- *Mini-conferences on a topic of special interest (a coordinated set of sessions)*
- *Workshops on specific topics and techniques (indicate the expert or experts in charge)*
- *Conversations, Q&A sessions, or master classes (featuring a prominent scholar)*
- *Individual papers*
- *Round-table and poster-session presentations*

The Abstract System is now up and running on our website (<http://essnet.org>). To ensure a full "capture" and accuracy, we ask that all submissions (individual and session) come through this system. As usual, the system will ask you to create your own 2009 login so that you can revisit your entry – and in the case of those submitting full panels or sessions, to provide details as they become clearer. We ask that abstracts be no longer than 250 words. To help us optimally organize sessions and place papers, we also ask that authors/organizers identify up to three broad subject areas for each submission from a list provided. Abstracts should be submitted by **October 15, 2008**.

If you have any questions, please email easterns2009@gmail.com.

Kathleen Gerson, ESS President, 2008-2009

2009 Program Committee:

Lynn Chancer, CUNY - Hunter College (Chair)

Pamela Stone, CUNY - Hunter College (Chair)

Sarah Damaske, New York University

Musings on Pedagogy

Resource Sharing for the Classroom: How to teach a diverse and multicultural curriculum without spending extra hours reinventing the wheel.

The last of a three-part series on easily accessed resources for the classroom.

Resources for globalizing the Classroom III: Music

And now comes the time for true confession: I may be a sociologist by inclination, but by training I am a musicologist. For the last decade, I have been teaching a variety of world music courses, from the broad survey, to the narrow seminar on world music pedagogy. Yet in doing so, I have also been teaching sociological concepts in each classroom: social class, race, gender, inequality, migration, urbanization, globalization, stratification. Because people create music, music is a social product. Understanding sociology helps us to understand the music. The reverse is also true: understanding music helps us to understand people, and thus could have an important place in the sociological classroom.

Music plays an important role in the life of most students; many will say that they can not live without it. This universal appeal insures the success of any lesson that includes music. Many students spend hours of their recreational time not only listening to music, but sharing their music with friends and searching for new music on the internet. Because music is a global phenomenon, teachers can employ this recreational activity to enrich their classroom without spending a minute of their own time: point the students in the right direction and then give them a bit of classroom time and space to share their findings with their classmates, and a classroom is easily globalized. Since music is a social and cultural product, songs cover almost all imaginable topics. As American songs cover a vast array of subjects from poverty to patriotism and global warming to nine-eleven, so do the world's songs cover topics of both local and universal interest. Print and radio journalists interview artists everyday from around the world

Robin Armstrong

who discuss what is going on in their music and what is going on in their homes, so this journalism, easily accessed on the internet, is a quick place to start. The resources covered in the previous two columns discuss sources that include music.

One place to start might be the Global-Hit podcasts from PRI's daily news show The World (www.theworld.org). Each podcast comes with a brief description, so either the instructor or the students could survey the archived podcasts to find stories that cover common topics. For example, a search for stories on migration would come up with the story about South Asian Raga being played at the National Planetarium in Washington DC, and the Red Bean Cantonese Opera company in California's Bay Area. A search on the topic of AIDs returns a story about the huge musical sensation made by a Japanese businessman in Malawi with a song about AIDS, as well as the reissue of a Latin-American CD entitled "Silencio equals Muerte," as well other articles in the series on music inspired by the AIDS epidemic. Searching specific keywords on National Public Radio (www.npr.org) using the dropdown menu to limit the search to music, leads to all manners of musical and sociological topics.

Letting the students do their own google-style searching on given parameters could also produce a plethora of global pop. As a style of music that began with socially conscious lyrics, for examples, Hip Hop has grown into a global phenomenon discussing almost all serious global topics. Giving an assignment to an Introduction to Sociology class to find Hip Hop songs related to any topic covered in the class would reap many rewards. Certainly if the students are asked to find songs related to a specific concept be it urbanization or stratification, they will fully understand that concept at the end of the following classroom discussion. If the search were given global parameters, the class would be globalized without the teacher lifting a finger. Because it music, the students will enjoy the hunt as they learn their course-related concepts.



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Special Events in Baltimore

March 19-22, 2009

Editor's Note: *I have scouted out some events scheduled in Baltimore during the Annual Meeting. With so much to do in "Charm City", you just have to attend and bring the family!*

At the BSO: Dvorák Symphony No. 7 and The Canadian Brass

March 19-22

Dvorak intended his Seventh Symphony to be a piece capable of moving the world. This piece in D minor is a pastoral reflection on tragedy. Marin Alsop will conduct.

March 21 at 7:30

A special presentation by the Canadian Brass at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. Always an audience favorite, this high-spirited group's blend of musical virtuosity and humor is sure to delight.

Ticket information is available at the BSO website; <http://www.bsomusic.org/>



Baltimore Museums: A Bouquet of Enrichment

Baltimore is home to over a dozen different museums. You are sure to find several that will offer fascinating and memorable afternoon. A few of the most famous are:

The Walters Art Museum

The 28 thousand piece collection, an internationally renowned sampling of world art from pre-dynastic Egypt to 20th century Europe, was amassed primarily by William and Henry Walters and donated to the City of Baltimore. Housed in the collection are Greek sculpture, Roman sarcophagi, Egyptian mummy masks, medieval ivories and armor, 19th-century impressionism and turn-of-the-century art deco. Special exhibits during ESS: The Romance of the Rose; The Saint John's Bible: A Modern Vision through Medieval Methods; Rembrandt Peale's Portrait of Jon Meer: A New Addition to the American Art Collection Their website is: <http://www.thewalters.org/default.aspx>



Baltimore Museum of Art

The BMA houses an internationally acclaimed collection of 19th century, modern, and contemporary art. Included in the collection is the largest holding of works by Henri Matisse in the world. Located only 3 miles from the Inner Harbor and adjacent to the main campus of The Johns

Hopkins University, the BMA is in a grand historic building designed by renowned American Architect John Russell Pope and encloses two beautifully landscaped garden displays of 20th century sculpture. For more information please visit: <http://www.artbma.org/>

The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum

This museum is among the nations most dynamic cultural and education institution. It is committed solely to that study and preservation of African American History. The museum displays over 100 life-size wax figures. <http://www.ngbiwm.com/index.html>

American Visionary Art Museum

Located in at the base of Federal Hill in the Inner Harbor, the AVAM is a must see. The brain child of Rebecca Alban Hoffberger, "Visionary Art" is art produced by self-taught individuals, usually without format training. Special exhibit on display during the annual meeting: The Marriage of Art, Science & Philosophy, October 4, 2008 - September 6, 2009 The American Visionary Art Museum's 14th thematic mega art exhibition, "The Marriage of Art, Science, & Philosophy," is a wedding of playfulness, intuition, imagination and desire – partners common to creative invention of all sort. The exhibition's 50 visionary artists take a fresh look at the very notion of sound, color, number and scale in their pursuit of wonder. Among the artists featured in the

exhibition is Dalton Ghetti whose micro-carvings on the tips of pencils are astounding in their perspective-shifting detail. Also featured: 112 year-old (!)

Frank Calloway, one of America's oldest living men...Mr. Calloway's crayon, pen and marker drawings on butcher paper hundreds of feet long are infused with mathematical systems and patterns born of his all-consuming creative vision Visit their website: <http://www.avam.org/>



Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum

Touted as "America's most important, historic and comprehensive collection", the B&O museum is 40 acres of railroad heritage. During the month of March, the B&O will be celebrating Women's History month by highlighting women's contributions to the railroad with a focus on modern history of woman in the industry. Their website is: <http://www.borail.org/>

The Babe Ruth Museum

A short walk from Camden Yards, the museum is located in the birthplace of the Babe. The house is stuffed with memorabilia like the bat from the 1927 season and the catchers mitt he used when learning to play.



Baltimore's "Charms" will satisfy every taste



Baltimore, also a major US seaport, is the 20th largest city in the country.

Baltimore is a major destination for tourists with its more than a dozen museums including some unique offerings like the Baltimore Maritime Museum, Baltimore Tattoo Museum, Baltimore Streetcar Museum, the Jewish Museum of Maryland, and the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum.

The harbor is also home to the USS Constellation, an 1854 sloop-of-war; the USCGC Taney, a Coast Guard Cutter; The USS Chesapeake, a lightship; and the USS Torsk, a WWII-era submarine. All of these ships are open to the public.

The harbor boasts one of the few remaining Screw-pile lighthouse, Seven Knoll Lighthouse.

For sports fans, Baltimore offers many great venues. Most have heard of the Baltimore Orioles and the Baltimore Ravens, but the city also hosts the Baltimore Blast (Major Indoor Soccer League), Baltimore Burn (National Women's Football Association), and the Charm City Roller Girls (Women's Flat Track Derby Association). Pimlico Race Course, home of the Preakness Stakes is also located in Baltimore.

Baltimore is very family friendly and offers many exciting opportunities for family fun. The

Baltimore, located at the head of the tidal basin of the Patapsco River, was founded in 1729 by Lord Baltimore, a member of the Irish House of Lords. With a population of over 64 thousand in the city and another 2.6 million residing in the suburbs,

Maryland Science Center, a hands-on-experience is located in the Inner Harbor and is only a short walk from the National Aquarium of Baltimore.

While in the city you will find not shortage of tasty morsels to sample. For true Baltimore flavor, you must eat crabs, Maryland style.

Smothered in Old Bay, these crustaceans are delivered to your table (covered in white paper) in a bucket. Armed with a wooden mallet and a plastic knife, the dinner dives into taste sensation unparalleled. For the less adventurous, Little Italy sports some of the best Italian food this side of the Atlantic. From Fells Point seafood, Federal Hill Mexican cuisine, Indian or Afghan faire in Mt. Vernon, or a Greek feast in Canton, Baltimore neighborhoods offer no end of delicious options.

For more information on Baltimore, visit the following websites: <http://baltimore.org/> and <http://www.baltimorecity.gov/visitor/>



Local Arrangements Chair: Baltimore 2009 Call for Volunteers

Calling all loyal B'more residents. The Program Committee needs a Local Arrangements Chair. Main responsibilities include: arrange tours, creating a local restaurants guide, and contacting various colleges nearby to solicit graduate

student volunteers. Contact Kathleen Gerson (at kathleen.gerson@nyu.edu) as soon as possible if you are interested or would like to nominate a good candidate. Don't be shy. Baltimore is a great city and we need to show it off to your guests.

Future ESS Annual Meetings

Cambridge, MA

Hyatt Regency

March 18-21, 2010

Candace Rogers Student Paper Award

“The winners of the Candace Rogers Award for 2008 was Asia Friedman of Rutgers University.”

The Candace Rogers Award Committee invites submissions for the 2009 Candace Rogers Award. This award is given annually at the ESS meeting to a graduate student for an outstanding paper on any current social issue. The paper should be in a style suitable for publication in a professional journal and should not exceed 7,500 words or 30 double-spaced pages. The paper may not be previously published or forthcoming in a professional journal. It may not be coauthored, and its author must be a graduate student at the time the paper is submitted. The recipient must be a member of the ESS at the time the award is presented. In 2009, the annual meetings will be held in Baltimore, MD, March 19-22.

The award will be announced and presented at a special session at the annual meeting. Eligible students are encouraged to submit three hard copies or an electronic version of their paper postmarked by October 1, 2008 to the committee chair. No papers postmarked after this date will be accepted for any reason.

Students should include their address, institutional affiliation, phone number, and 3-mail address with their submission. Submission are to be sent to Rebecca S.K. Li, Department of Sociology, The College of New Jersey, P.O. Box 7718, Ewing, NJ 08628, lirebecca@tcnj.edu

Mirra Komarovsky Book Award

“The winner of the Mirra Komarovsky Book Award for 2008 was Mitchell L. Stevens, New York University.”

This award honors the memory of **Mirra Komarovsky** (February 5, 1905 – January 30, 1999), a pioneer in the sociology of gender. The winner of the Mirra Komarovsky Book Award for 2008 was **Mitchell L. Stevens, New York University**, for *Creating a Class: College Admissions and the Education of Elites*. Nominations for the 2009 Mirra Komarovsky Book Award are now being accepted. Books on any sociological subject are

eligible. To be eligible for consideration, a book must have been published during 2006-2008, and at least one of its authors must be an ESS member. Nominations submitted by publishers alone, however, will not be considered. Self-nominations are accepted. In 2009, the annual meetings will be held in Baltimore, MD, March 19-22. The award will be announced and presented at a special session at the annual meeting. Nominators and/or

authors are responsible for arranging review copies to be sent to committee members. Nominations should provide full publication information (including date of publication), a 1-2 paragraph rationale for the nomination, and should be sent by October 1, 2008 to: Sharon Sessler, Associate Professor, Department of Policy Analysis and management, 134 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, ss589@cornell.edu

Development of Hispanic Children in Immigrant Families



"Development of Hispanic Children in Immigrant Families: Challenges and Prospects," is the topic of Penn State's 16th Annual Symposium on Family Issues, to be held October 23-24, 2008, on the University Park campus. Sixteen scholars from major institutions will integrate perspectives from multiple social sciences and address policy implications.

Presentations and discussions at the symposium will focus on (1) social ecologies of

Hispanic children in immigrant families, including the range of setting characteristics and the ways in which setting characteristics have implications for child and youth well-being and development, (2) the role of families in children's successful adaptation to new "host" environments; (3) the implications of school and community contexts as well as education policies for children's school experiences and academic achievement; and (4) the roles

of health care, social service provision, and health policies in children's health and well-being.

Lead speakers include: Richard Alba (SUNY Albany), Kimberly Updegraff (Arizona State University), Carola Suárez-Orozco (NYU), and Margarita Alegria (Harvard Medical School). Information and registration at <http://www.pop.psu.edu/events/symposium/2008.htm> or contact Carolyn Scott at css7@psu.edu.

Charles Tilly Mourned by Community

The Columbia University community mourns the loss of one of its beloved members, Charles Tilly, the Joseph L. Buttenwieser Professor of Social Science, who passed away on April 29 after a long battle with cancer. He was 78.

Tilly, who had a joint appointment with the University's Departments of Sociology and Political Science, is widely considered the leading scholar of his generation on contentious politics and its relationship with military, economic, urban and demographic social change.

President of the Social Sciences Research Council Craig Calhoun called Tilly "one of the most distinguished of all contemporary social scientists," adding: "He is the most influential analyst of social movements and contentious politics, a path-breaker in the historical sociology of the state, a pivotal theorist of social inequality."

"His intellectual range and level of productivity are virtually unrivaled in the social sciences," said Columbia sociology Professor and Chair Thomas DiPrete. Adam Ashforth, professor of anthropology and political science at Northwestern University, described Tilly as "the founding father of twenty-first century sociology."

During the course of his 50-year career, Tilly's academic expertise covered urbanization, industrialization, collective action and state-making, and his most recent work explored social relations, identity and culture. His primary interest concerned Europe from 1500 to the present, but his work extended to North America and other parts of the world as well.

Tilly is well known for his generosity to students. Many recall thanking Tilly for his mentorship, only to receive the response: "Don't thank me, just do the same for your students."

One important training ground he offered to students was a succession of informal seminars, co-launched with his former wife Louise in their living room 40 years ago when he was a younger professor at the University of Michigan. Once titled the "Think, Then Drink" workshop, the name changed to the "Workshop on Contentious

Politics" and was held regularly at Columbia for more than a decade. Many

students continued to participate well past graduation and into their own professorship tenures.

"Much as his own scholarship transcended traditional disciplinary boundaries, these vibrant discussions brought a diverse array of professors and students together in an ongoing conversation that represented the best of historical social science," said former student and close friend Wayne Te Brake, now a professor of history at Purchase College. Participants enjoyed Tilly's "egalitarian rules for presentation, critique and intervention," he added.

Tilly was born May 27, 1929, in Lombard, Ill., and studied at Harvard University, earning the bachelor's degree magna cum laude in 1950 and the Ph.D. in sociology in 1958. He also studied at Balliol College, Oxford, and the Catholic University of Angers, France, and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Before arriving at Columbia in 1996, Tilly taught at the University of Delaware, Harvard, the University of Toronto, the University of Michigan and The New School for Social Research. In addition, he held several short-term research and teaching appointments at universities throughout Europe and North America during the course of his career.

Tilly was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the Sociological Research Association and the Ordre des Palmes Academiques.

In addition to his theoretical and substantive interests, Tilly wrote extensively on the subject of research methodology. His writings touched on epistemology, the nature of causality, process analysis, the use of narrative as a method for historical explanation, mechanism-based explanations, contextual analysis, political ethnography, and quantitative methods in historical analysis, among many topics.

During his lifetime Tilly received several prominent awards, including: the Common Wealth Award in sociology (1982); the Amalfi Prize for Sociology and Social Sciences (1994); the Eastern Sociological Society's Merit Award for Distinguished Scholarship (1996); the American Sociological Association's Career of Distinguished

Scholarship Award (2005); the International Political Science Association's Karl Deutsch Award in Comparative Politics (2006); the Phi Beta Kappa Sidney Hook Memorial Award (2006); and the Social Science Research Council's Albert O. Hirschman Award (2008).

In addition, he was awarded honorary doctorates in social sciences from Erasmus University, Rotterdam (1983); the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, University of Paris (1993); the University of Toronto (1995); the University of Strasbourg (1996); the University of Geneva (1999); the University of Crete (2002); the University of Quebec at Montreal (2004); and the University of Michigan (2007).

In 2001, Columbia's sociology graduate students named Tilly the Professor of the Year. He authored, co-authored, edited or co-edited 51 published books and monographs and over 600 scholarly articles.

"Professor Tilly will be remembered as an extraordinarily generous and innovative scholar and teacher by a vast network of colleagues, students and friends around the country and across the globe," said Te Brake. Tilly is survived by his former wife (and sometimes collaborator), Louise; his brothers, Richard and Stephen, and sister Carolyn; his children, Chris, Kit, Laura and Sarah; their spouses Marie, Steve, Derek, and David; his grandchildren, Amanda, Charlotte, Chris, Abby, Ben, Jon and Becky; and his great-grandchildren, Jamie and Julian.

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From the President's Pen (cont)

Sooner is always better, so now is the time to start making plans for next year's meeting. Please alert us about your interest in working with ESS in any capacity, whether that means organizing a session, serving on a committee, developing a new initiative, or working on the local arrangements committee (where we are seeking volunteers, especially if you live or work in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area). And, in keeping with our long and venerable tradition of bringing in new members and supporting beginning scholars, we encourage those who have not participated in the past to submit a paper, volunteer as a presider or discussant, or let us know other ways that you would like to contribute.

Our abstract database is already up and running on the ESS website (<http://essnet.org>), so you may formally enter your proposals – whether for full panels, individual papers, or other creative ideas – in that system whenever you're ready. The due date for submissions is October 15, but it's never too soon to let us know what you'd like to do. In addition, you may direct questions or general ideas to Sarah Damaske (at sarah.damaske@nyu.edu) or to me personally (at kathleen.gerson@nyu.edu).

By showcasing cutting edge work in an intimate, open, and inclusive setting, the ESS embodies the best that sociology has to offer. The secret to our success is that we involve members from

all corners of the discipline – undergraduates, graduate students, and sociologists in non-traditional careers as well as those who teach in undergraduate colleges and research universities. With a distinguished history but very little infrastructure, the ESS is – in a literal sense – what we make it. With that challenge in mind, I urge you to join in continuing the tradition that has made our organization so special.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you - and your friends and colleagues - in Baltimore next March!

All my best,
Kathleen Gerson
2008-2009 President

Call for Nominations : ESS Merit Award

For the 2009 award, the ESS Merit Award Committee invites members to recommend candidates. Those suggested should be distinguished scholars who have made outstanding contributions to the discipline, the profession, and the ESS. Recommendations should include a brief statement in support of the nominee and should be

sent by October 1, 2008 to the committee chair:
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The winner of the ESS Merit Award for 2008 is Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College.



Disaster Research Center Welcomes Applications

The Disaster Research Center at the University of Delaware welcomes applications for the Fifth Annual Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program. Ten students from a variety of disciplines will be selected to participate in a nine-week program providing hands-on research training and mentoring in social science aspects of disasters. A stipend and all transportation and lodging expenses are included. Students entering their junior or senior year in Fall 2009 and students traditionally underrepresented in graduate schools, (e.g., minority students, women, students from poorer regions of the country, students from institutions with limited graduate programs) are strongly encouraged to apply. Students should have declared a social science major (e.g., Anthropology, Geography, Psychology, Political Science, Public Health, Sociology or Urban Affairs) and/or completed at least 12 credits in the social sciences. Deadline for application is February 13, 2009. For program details, guidelines, and application materials please visit <http://www.udel.edu/DRC/REU>. This program is funded by the National Science Foundation, the United States Department of Defense and the University of Delaware. The program will be held at the University of Delaware, Disaster Research Center, from June 8, 2009 to August 8, 2009. Please pass this message to all of the undergraduate students in your department who may be interested in the program. If you have any questions please contact Lynn Letukas at lletukas@udel.edu or 302-831-6625.



2008 Undergraduate Poster Winners



” Winners Michelle Anne Steward, Harvard University and Shannon Daley, Drew University are presented with their awards by Emily Mahon”

Poster Session I (Friday 1:45): Michelle Anne Steward, Harvard University, “The Morality of Home: How Neighborhood Appearance is used to Draw Class-Based Moral Boundaries”

Poster Session II (Saturday 10:15): Edgar Ruiz, William Paterson University, “Autistic Pre-K Students: Views of Teachers and Parents”

Poster Session III (Saturday 1:45): Shannon Daley, Drew University, “Constructing Identities: Self-Identification Among Second Generation Black Immigrants in the United States”



A Letter from the President of the Association for Humanist Sociology



In 1976, the Association for Humanist Sociology was founded with the expressed purpose of becoming a “support network for sociologists and other scholars committed to humanist values, as they practice in institutions often hostile to such an approach.” AHS strived “to inspire, support, and learn from one another as we make our humanist practice more conscious and skillful.”

This network stood in opposition to the more mainstream research and teaching practices and professional organizations that AHS founders believed unresponsive to people, their needs, concerns and values. They came together “not out of shared politics or similar ‘schools’ of sociology, but out of a common concern for the real life problems of equality, peace and social justice.”

Today, AHS watches as the mainstream seems more influenced by our values and commitments than ever before. From service learning and community-based research to public sociology and Sociologists Without Borders, groups like the American Sociological Association and the Eastern Sociological Society are making room for activist scholars, public intellectuals, and politically engaged teachers and writers to present their work under the auspices of the “mainstream.” As an organization, AHS celebrates these changes and, as current President, I am proud to say that, not only were we doing public sociology even before it was “cool,”

but I think our work on the edges of the discipline helped influence the mainstream in ways both large and small.

But AHS can’t help but study these changes with a somewhat critical optimism as the dangers of mainstreaming and institutionalization remain. As Gramsci explained years ago, the purpose of revolutionary intellectual and cultural work is to replace common sense with good sense. Thus, as the paradigm of public sociology gains ascendancy (or at least a sense of parity) within the professions’ most dominant groups, many at AHS wonder if it doesn’t risk becoming just one more school, one more journal, one more rubric through which sociologists concern themselves more with grant money, publication, and professional notoriety, than they do the actual social impact and origins of their work.

This year, the AHS annual meeting is devoted primarily to asking difficult questions about public sociology and the range of practices, ideologies, policies, and actions such a paradigm could and should entail. We would like to invite sociologists, practitioners, and activists alike to join us for a variety of conversations about the role of sociology in public life, social movements, and political actions of all kinds.

In part, we hope to restore a kind of historical perspective to the rise of public sociology reminding ourselves that, not only is the discipline itself steeped in a keen awareness of

social problems and the need to address them, but that the radical social movements of the sixties and a corresponding insurgency within sociology itself provide a profound platform for politically and socially engaged scholarship. One of our featured sessions is titled, “Brandeis in the Sixties,” a look back at the ways in which the Sociology Department at Brandeis not only attracted many radical activists of the period, but also supported and produced a cadre of activist scholars—many of whom founded and built AHS.

But we will also look around and ahead with sessions about teaching public sociology, the critical impact of public sociology, and the future of public sociology in the wake of the 2008 elections (occurring only two days before the annual meeting begins). Finally, we will host an exciting plenary speech by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva on Friday night, our annual Activist café on Saturday afternoon, and a Presidential Address on Saturday Evening. We hope anyone interested in public sociology in general or the AHS in particular will join us. If you want to submit a paper past the deadline of August 15th, please contact me at Cdolgon@worchester.edu or 617-298-0388 ASAP! Otherwise, more info about the conference can be found at the AHS website, www.humanistsociology.org We look forward to seeing and meeting you all.

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Noteworthy

Marty E. Zusman, David Knox,, and Tracie E. Gardner have just published *The Social Context View of Sociology* (Carolina Academic Press). This text seeks to have students examine their own lives in terms of where they place among

social variables such as population, social class, and association.

Debra C. Lemke, McDaniel College, was promoted to full professor.



Passing of the gavel: Katherine Newman to Kathleen Gerson



Reception at ESS 2008 in New York

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Attention 2009 Annual Meeting Attendees!!!

The 2009 Annual Meeting for the Eastern Sociological Society will be held March 19-22, 2009, at the Baltimore Sheraton Inner Harbor. The hotel is located in the Convention Center and is just a brief walk from Oriole Park and the Inner Harbor. Also located in the Inner Harbor are The National Aquarium and the Maryland Science Center.

Reservations can be made by clicking on or pasting the following link into your browser:
<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0807151361&key=E2DA8>

The ESS rate is \$174 per night plus tax. This rate is available until March 2, 2009 and is subject to availability.

Please remember that our meeting rooms are provided to us by the hotel based on anticipated "room nights" – so please help us meet that commitment by staying at the conference hotel.

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