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A PREVIEW OF THE ESS PROGRAM AND WHY YOU'D RATHER BE IN PHILADELPHIA

By Jay Demerath, President

It was W.C. Fields whose tombstone is said to read: "I'd rather be here than in Philadelphia." But even Fields might reconsider given the line-up of special events, sessions, and papers scheduled for the city during the ESS Annual Meetings March 1-4 at the brand new Loews' Hotel. The gathering promises to be a scholarly bacchanal of the first order. Not since the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia in 1787 to draft that great exercise in applied sociology, the U.S. Constitution, will so much sociological brainpower have been assembled there under a single roof.

As has become our recent custom, the meetings will begin with sessions on Thursday afternoon (this year at 4 PM). Our first plenary on Thursday night will involve "An Evening with **Jack and Matilda Riley**" with an all-star cast boasting and roasting this luminous couple who have graced our meetings and led our field for some 60 years. Now in their ninth decades, both received their doctorates from Harvard in the days of Merton, Parsons, and Sorokin. Matilda was ESS President in 1977-78 and our Merit Award recipient in 1986. But she continues to write, teach and defy the very aging processes she has pioneered in analyzing. Jack is always at her side with a supportive hand, a subtle quip, and a radiating grin following his illustrious career in insurance where he was one of the field's original applied sociologists.

On Friday, the meetings hit full stride. Over the next three days, the full array of special sessions is impossible to summarize briefly. It will include several recognitions of our host city through an "author-meets-the-critics session a hundred years late" for W.E.B. DuBois' *The Philadelphia Negro*, and another such session fifty years late for E. Digby Baltzell's *Philadelphia Gentlemen*. In addition **Elijah Anderson** will teach a rolling seminar on the *Code of the Street* by conducting a bus tour down Germantown Avenue that parallels the account in his book.

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PHILADELPHIA: A CITY IN REVIVAL

While we sociologists did not predict the revival of eastern and midwestern city downtowns, we can enjoy the errors of our ways. Philadelphia's revival, visible during the last ESS meetings held here, continues. Center City streets, once empty after the dinner hours, are now filled with people at all hours. Wonderful restaurants, theatres, concerts, ballet, opera, galleries, museums, performance art, coffee bars, and more beckon the visitor and resident alike.

Philadelphia's restaurants are justifiably lauded. In two of the last three years, *Esquire* magazine's choice of the hottest restaurant in the United States has been in Philadelphia, and terrific new ones seem to open weekly. While you can find a lovely dining experience in a wide range of cuisines at every price level, the average meal is modestly priced by East Coast standards. Zagat publishes a useful guide to Philadelphia restaurants, and we will offer the usual book of recommended restaurants which will accompany your program when you arrive, but you can start your planning with our restaurant guide website, <http://pub25.ezboard.com/fess2001frm1>.

For those of you who arrive on Friday, Philadelphia offers one of its most popular cultural events, First Friday. Sponsored by the Old City area's (Front to Fifth Streets and Vine to Chestnut) many galleries, museums, and theatres, First Friday is open house in the galleries with free food and drink from 5 to 9. Follow your visit to the galleries with dinner at one of the city's best and most densely populated restaurant areas.

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Keying on this year's meeting theme: "Culture: Revived, Revised, and Relevant," there will be a host of "thematic forums" designed to generate both light and heat. Some of the topics and some of the participants are the changing culture of gender (including **Margaret Andersen** and **Michael Kimmel**); the changing culture of American evangelicalism (with **Nancy Ammerman** and **Alan Wolfe**); new directions in gay culture (moderated by **Stephen Seidman**); globalization vs. Americanization abroad with **George Ritzer** and **Edward Tiryakian**); authenticity and marginality in the arts and the media (with **Josh Gamson** and **Richard A. Peterson**); gender and culture at work historically and comparatively (with **Christine Bose** and **Myra Marx Ferree**); work and family conflict (with **Cynthia Epstein**, **Naomi Gerstel**, and **Jerry Jacobs**); the changing culture of violent crime (with **Roland Chilton** and **Richard Moran**); culture in and of immigration (with **Richard Alba**), fads and fashion in institutional culture (with **Joel Best**), and the cutting edges of cultural analysis generally (with **Diana Crane-Herve**, **Paul DiMaggio**, **Robin Wagner Pacifici**, and **Eviatar Zerubavel**).

Thematic paper sessions will involve topics such as new forms of oppositional culture, class and culture of childcare, relational approaches to culture, culture in economic processes, and the culture of education. Here participants will include additional notables such as **Karen Hansen**, **Douglas Massey**, **Charles Tilly**, **Viviana Zelizar**, and the economist **Herbert Gentis** replying to an assessment of his pathbreaking book on "Schooling in Capitalist America" with **Samuel Bowles** 25 years ago. Along not unrelated lines, **George Ritzer** will describe "The McDonaldization of Sociology" elsewhere on the program.

"Author-Meets-Critics" sessions for new books will include **Rebecca Allahari's** *Visions of Charity*, **Dalton Conley's** *Honkey*, **Lyn Davidman's** *Motherloss*, **Anita Garey's** *Weaving Work and Motherhood*, **Stanley Lieberman's** *A Matter of Taste*, **Robert Manning's** *Credit Card Nation*, **Clint Sanders' Understanding Dogs**, **James Tucker's** *The Therapeutic Corporation*, and **Mary Waters' Black Identities**.

But there is more. **Myra Marx Ferree** will bring her Robin Williams Lecture off the road; there will be a celebration of the life and career of William F. Whyte, who died just this year. Friday night will offer a presentation of visual sociology. An early Saturday evening session will combine the annual ESS awards and **Jay Demerath's** Presidential Address in a confessional mode: "A Sinner Among the Saints."

And then comes the main course -- a profusion of paper sessions, panels, workshops and roundtables that represent sociology at its best and most diverse. By no means

constrained by the program theme, the topics range across the full breadth of the field. As members of the Program Committee (**Christine Bose**, **Jeff Beemer**, **Jesse James**, **Joya Misra**, and **Maynard Sieder**) fit abstracts into sessions and in turn into time slots, the task took longer as they shared their peeked interests. In sum, the ESS Meetings seem to have something for everyone, and they beckon us all.

Search for Next Editor of *Sociological Forum*

Richard H. Hall will complete his period as editor of *Sociological Forum*, the journal of the Eastern Sociological Society, on December, 31, 2001. Professor Hall has provided distinguished leadership to *Sociological Forum*, which has grown in pages, readership, prestige, and, most importantly, quality under his editorship. The Society announces its search for his successor with determination to find an editor who will continue *Sociological Forum's* remarkable development.

Candidates for the editorship may submit proposals to **Victor Lidz**, Ph.D., Chair, Publications Committee, Eastern Sociological Society, 1308 Valley Road, Villanova, PA 19085 before January 31, 2000. Nominations by persons other than candidates are welcomed before January 15, 2000. Candidates should be scholars who have published extensively in leading journals and have previous editorial experience. Proposals from or nominations of women or minority candidates are welcomed.

Proposals should include: a 2-4 page statement of planned editorial policies and innovations for *Sociological Forum*; a complete *Curriculum Vitae*; a statement of previous journal and/or book editorial experience; names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three senior scholars familiar with one's work and collegial relationships; and a letter addressing the possibility of support for service as editor from one's own academic institution.

It is customary for colleges or universities to offer at least modest support for members of their faculty who serve as journal editors. Such support may include released time from other duties, secretarial, administrative, and/or research assistance, office space, access to supplies, and/or direct financial assistance. Initial proposals need not include formal commitments to support, but should reflect discussion with a chair, dean, or other authorized official about the parameters of possible support.

The Publications Committee will begin to review proposals as they are received. A short list should be compiled by mid to late February, 2001. The Committee plans to submit a ranked list of three leading candidates to

the President and the Executive Committee after its session at the March meetings. Appointment in March will facilitate a smooth transition to the new editor by the end of the year.

Informal inquiries may be made to Victor Lidz at 215-762-7289 (office) or 610-525-3774 (home).

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For those wishing to explore Philadelphia's other art resources, there is the Philadelphia Museum of Art at the end of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. With outstanding impressionist and early 20th century collections, the largest collection of Rodin outside of the Louvre and outstanding special exhibitions (currently portraits by Van Gogh), the museum is well worth a visit. Closer to the ESS hotel at Broad and Cherry Streets is the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, a museum dedicated to American artists and itself one of the finest examples of High Victorian Gothic architecture in the U.S. Further afield in Merion but reachable in a 20-minute ride on the R5 line and a 10-minute walk is the Barnes Foundation, which houses a remarkable collection of late 19th and early 20th century art. Assembled and displayed from the vision of one man, it is easily worth the trip.

Sociologists interested in material culture should visit the Atwater Kent Museum at 15 S. 7th, the museum of the history of Philadelphia; those interested in ethnicity might try the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies at 18 S. 7th. Another fascinating stop is the Mütter Museum of Medicine at 19 S. 22nd with its collection of 139 skulls which ostensibly represented the races of man at the end of the 19th century, its exhibit of a late 19th century physician's office, and other artifacts covering 300 years of medicine.

For those interested in the performing arts, there are always events worth attending. During the meetings, the Philadelphia Orchestra will perform with Vladimir Askenazy and Emmanuel Ax, and there are always concerts organized by the Curtis Institute of Music, Temple University, and the University of Pennsylvania. The Opera Company of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Ballet seasons will be in full swing. Several resident professional theater companies are nearby. The Wilma Theater is at Broad and Spruce, the Arden is on 2nd Street in Old City, the Walnut (America's oldest) at 10th and Walnut, the Freedom Theatre is on N. Broad, and the Harold Prince-dedicated to the musical theater. For jazz buffs, there is Zanzibar Blue, Warmdaddy's, and the North Star Bar. Welcome to Philadelphia!

Strengthening the Market for Sociology Ph.D.'s

**Walter Broughton, Chair
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During my three-year tenure, the Employment Center has registered roughly three times as many candidates as employers. This three to one ratio is consistent with the subjective impressions of candidates and employers alike that the job prospects in sociology are less than robust. In 1993, for example, ESS members deemed "employment prospects for MA's and Ph.D.'s" the number one problem facing the profession (Dotzler & Goodman, "Report of the Committee on the Profession of the ESS," unpublished manuscript, 1994). Fears that recent Ph.D.'s will be underemployed are particularly common.

Last year in Baltimore, the Employment Committee sponsored a session on the "Occupational Structure of Sociology." Presentations by Susan Hill, director of the NSF Doctorate Data Project, and Ed Murguia (standing in for Roberta Spalter-Roth) of the ASA's Executive Office shed some welcome light on the current market. In the notes that follow, I have drawn freely on these presentations and supplemented them with other observations in a commentary for which I alone am responsible.

Susan Hill and Roberta Spalter-Roth *et al.*, both drew on recent surveys of doctorate recipients in sociology and related fields. Both presentations addressed sociology's reliance on the academic marketplace. Hill, for example, reported 1997 NSF data indicating that of over 13,000 sociology doctorates working as social scientists, 75% were employed by educational institutions. Spalter-Roth and her colleagues analyzed the returns of the Commission on the Professionals in Science & Technology cooperative study of 15 scientific fields. This survey of 1996-97 expected doctorate recipients found that 83% of the sociologists employed the following Fall were working in academe. This was the highest proportion among the participating disciplines. Second highest was political science (78%), third among the social scientific fields was economics (59%) and fourth psychology (37%) (Roberta Spalter-Roth, Jan Thomas, & Andrew Sutter, "New Doctorates in Sociology: Professions Inside & Outside the Academy, draft manuscript, July 1999, Table 1).

Both presentations reported that almost 2 out of 3 recent sociology doctorates in academic positions had secured tenure-track appointments or were already tenured. Another 12 to 22% (the surveys differed on this point) had found permanent academic positions. The remaining 26 to 16% were in temporary positions.

Spalter-Roth *et al.* [p. 2] noted that within the social sciences only recent doctorates in economics have been more successful in securing tenured or tenure-track academic appointments.

Susan Hill's presentation provided some important historical data on the production of BA's, MA's and Ph.D.'s in sociology since 1967. The story is perhaps well known. Sociology undergraduate degrees peaked in 1973-74 at 35,491, reached their nadir in 1984-85 at 11,968 (a 67% decline) and have been recovering since then, nearing 25,000 in 1997. The numbers of Ph.D.'s awarded in sociology began to drop after 1975-76, reached their low point in 1989-90 and began to increase again during the past decade (*Digest of Educational Statistics, 1997*. Washington, DC, USDOE, Table 297). The reduction in Ph.D.'s, however, was only 40%. The impact of these trends on the market for sociologists during the 1980s was substantial, especially because sociology is so dependent on academe for employment.

Sociology was not the only social science to suffer a decline in undergraduate majors at this time, although it was perhaps hardest hit. Psychology saw a 23% decline, political science 19% and economics 18%. These were relatively modest losses, however, and easier to regain; each of these disciplines had fully recovered their undergraduate enrollments by the late 1980s (*Digest of Educational Statistics, 1997*. Washington, DC, USDOE, Tables 294 & 297). (History, sometimes classified as a social science, suffered a decline of 63% and like sociology has not yet returned to the undergraduate enrollments it once enjoyed; it is, moreover, likely to be the most dependent upon academic employment of the fields considered here.)

Kim *et al.* have recently argued that the labor market for sociologists may have turned the corner. They calculated the ratio of sociology B.A. to Ph.D. degrees from 1949-50 to 1992-93. After bottoming out in 1986-87, this measure of demand has been increasing steadily and, in the last year calculated, equals that of the average for economics, political science and history (Kim *et al.*, "Trends & Future Directions in the Academic Job Market for Ph.D.'s in Sociology," *The American Sociologist* Winter, 1998: Figure 4). It seems likely that this trend will continue. Undergraduate interest in sociology as a major is likely to increase in the next decade as the employment market for college graduates strengthens in response to the vacancies created by retiring 'boomers'. As that market strengthens, it is probable that students will return to majors that interest them, shunning those they once chose because they led with presumable certainty to a job. (The retirement of the generation of sociologists hired during the "Golden Years" of the 1960s and early '70s should itself further heighten demand for sociology Ph.D.'s.)

One of the responses to the tight labor market of the 1980s was an increase in non-academic employment among sociologists (Bettina J. Huber, "Employment Patterns in Sociology: Recent Trends and Future Prospects," A Special Publication of the Arnold & Caroline Rose Fund. Washington D. C., ASA, 1985). Susan Hill's 1997 data indicate that of 13,230 sociology doctorate holders in social science positions, there are now 820 (6.2%) in private-for-profit corporations, 940 (7.1%) in government positions, 1,020 (7.6%) in the not-for profit sector and another 450 (3.4%) who are self-employed. No match for either economics or psychology, but numbers that may be approaching a critical mass. These colleagues in non-academic settings represent a resource sociology can draw upon to further strengthen employment opportunities and to provide a margin of job security should undergraduate interest wane again.

I believe the ESS is well positioned to draw upon our colleagues in non-academic settings to strengthen the market for sociologists. The society meets in the Northeast where a large proportion of these sociologists are employed. Spalter-Roth's data [p. 11] indicate that among recent sociology Ph.D.'s employed in non-academic settings, participation in regional societies is more common than among their academically employed counterparts. Her data further suggest that non-academics draw more fully on informal networks in their job search than their peers employed in academic settings [p. 7]. The Easterns could become an important staging point for non-academic sociological careers.

For several years the Employment Committee has sponsored a workshop on non-academic careers in sociology. Perhaps it is time now to consider sponsoring graduate internships in non-academic settings and programs to provide mentors for graduate students considering non-academic careers. And, of course, we need mechanisms to encourage more non-academic employers to recruit at our meetings.

**Deadline for
Submissions
For Spring Issue
January 31, 2001**

Employment Center Available at March Meetings

By Walter Broughton

The Employment Center will be open again at the Philadelphia meetings this March. As in the past, the Center will list vacancies and candidates and provide a place where conversations can be held.

If you or your organization will be recruiting this spring, please take advantage of the ESS meetings to interview candidates. I especially encourage ESS members in nonacademic settings to exploit this year's Philadelphia location. Wherever employed, please bring your jobs to the meetings!

Forms for listing vacancies and candidacies are included in this issue of the Newsletter. Employers are encouraged to submit their listings to me at Marywood by February 1st so their vacancies can be posted on the society's website (<http://www.essnet.org>) prior to the meetings. We hope this will make it easier for candidates and employers to prearrange interviews at the March meetings. Candidates are asked to submit their forms to me at Marywood by February 22nd so that they can be duplicated and bound; employers will then receive an individual copy of all candidate forms. (We will continue to accept both employer and candidate forms at the meetings.) Please note that the center's services are only available to employers and candidates who have paid the center's registration fee.

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CALLS FOR PAPERS

RESEARCH IN SOCIAL STRATIFICATION SPECIAL ISSUE VOLUME 20 THE STATE OF MARKET TRANSITION

Since the fall of state socialism in Eastern Europe, scholars from a wide variety of disciplines and perspectives have been monitoring changes in the economies and social systems of former state socialist nations. Still others have combined studies of the development of market institutions with the study of development and change in political systems, usually focusing on movements toward democracy.

The implications of these vast changes for the social stratification systems that affect a majority of the world's peoples, and the policy choices that individuals and political leaders face in light of these changes are (arguably) the most significant humanistic and social scientific issues of the 21st century. This special issue of *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* seeks to bring together scholars from a wide variety of theoretical perspectives, different nations, and different empirical research traditions to shed light on the implications of market transitions for individual life chances, state economic policy, and social stratification systems. Scholarship focusing on single nations as well as cross-national research are welcome, as are research contributions that compare state socialist/former state socialist political economies with conditions elsewhere in the world. All theoretical, methodological, substantive, and empirical contributions will be considered.

The deadline for submissions to this special issue of *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* is **MAY 15, 2001**. Please send three (3) copies of your submission to:

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More information on *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* is available through the journal website: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~strat/index.htm>.

Society for the Study of Social Problems

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) invites proposals for its 51st Annual Conference, to be held August 17-19, 2001 at the West Coast Anaheim Hotel in Anaheim, CA. Theme: "CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS." Only through this pursuit can we act on our putative ideals. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2001. Complete papers, abstracts, or 2-3 page outlines should be sent to the Program Committee Chair: Lionel Maldonado, Chicano Studies Department, California State University-Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032-8221; email: lmaldon2@calstatela.edu.

2001 Annual Meeting, August 17-19, West Coast Anaheim Hotel, Anaheim, CA

Society Business

Minutes - Publications Committee, August 14, 2000 Washington, DC Prepared by Ronald L. Taylor

Members in attendance: **Liliane Floge** (Chair), **Janet Alger**, **Steve Alger**, **Mary P. Baumgartner**, **Leslie Miller-Bernal**; **Jay Demerath**; **Richard Hall**, **Jean Potuchek**, **Ronald Taylor**.

Following a lengthy discussion of the current backlog of manuscripts accepted for publication in Sociological Forum, the following motion will be submitted to the Executive Committee of ESS for action:

Action item: that a one-time increase in membership dues of \$3-5 be approved in order to finance the cost of 350 extra pages of Sociological Forum per year over the next two years.

A second item of discussion resulted in the following recommendation to the Executive Committee:

Action item: that the ESS reopen negotiations with Kluwer/Plenum to discuss the contract and any other matters (e.g., electronic versions of the journal, J-store, etc.), and explore alternatives with other publishers.

Richard Hall pointed out that next year is his last year as Editor of Sociological Forum and requested an extension of one year to 2002. Upon consideration, the Publications Committee agreed to submit the following item for action by the Executive Committee:

Action item: that **Richard Hall** be given an extension of 1 year beyond the end of his current term as Editor to December, 2002.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a motion expressing the gratitude of the Publications Committee to **Liliane Floge** for her leadership as chair was passed unanimously.

Executive Committee, Meeting Minutes, August 14, 2000 Prepared by Russell K. Schutt

The 2001 Annual Meeting. President **Jay Demerath** is working on next March's meeting, assisted by **Christine Bose**. There will be 12-15 thematic forums that will highlight luminaries and involve debates about topics related to the role of culture. It is hoped that some will be published in a "forum section" of *Sociological Forum* and that this will become a regular section.

The budget. Executive Officer **Mary Pat Baumgartner** had distributed a statement before the meeting in which she detailed what she identified as the Society's financial crisis. The multiple sources of this crisis include extra costs incurred at the Baltimore meeting due to insufficient numbers of room reservations by meeting participants; the cost of Sociological Forum (\$16-17,000 per year, of which \$4500 is not recouped through sales); and dues that have not kept up with inflation. Most other topics discussed during the meeting were related to the budget crisis.

Meeting costs. Due to low attendance at the Baltimore meeting, fewer rooms were used by Society members than required by terms of the contract with the hotel. This required an extra payment to the hotel (most of which the hotel forgave). In addition, taxes had to be paid because the Society did not qualify for tax exempt status.

Sociological Forum. The Publications Committee reported that the journal is in good shape, with many submissions, a high rejection rate, and a reasonable turn-around time for decisions, but there is a large backlog of accepted articles. The Society is losing \$4500 per year on *Forum*, in part because of the low number of library subscriptions. Other societies renegotiate their contracts to reduce expenses and the ESS should do so too (the Society has already revised their contract with Plenum and received a lower rate--and in consequence an extension of the contract to 2006--but there is interest in revisiting the contract again). The Publications Committee proposed to have *Forum* publish an extra 350 pages per year in order to reduce the backlog (with a corresponding increase in dues). The Publications Committee also proposed to reopen negotiations with Kluwer-Plenum about electronic publication and electronic archiving, in order to reduce costs. However, Kluwer-Plenum has already indicated that they are not interested in this possibility. Motion passed: To form a committee to explore publication issues with Kluwer-Plenum. The committee will be led by President **Jay Demerath** and will include **Richard Hall**, **Victor Lidz**, and **Mary Pat Baumgartner**.

The Publications Committee moved to reappoint **Richard Hall** as editor for one more year (beyond the expiration of his term on December 31, 2001). Extensive discussion of this motion covered such issues as the possibility of changes in the journal, the possibility of renegotiating the Kluwer-Plenum contract, and the contribution of the journal to the Society's deficit. The motion was defeated. As a result, a new editor will be recruited in 2001.

Budgeting. **Jay Demerath** is now developing what will be the Society's first budget. **Mary Pat Baumgartner** will convene a financial committee to

advise the Society about budgeting, accounting, and investments. The Society uses academic year accounting, but should shift to calendar year accounting in order to more clearly show income and expenses in each year.

Terms of office. It was suggested that officer terms should be lengthened in order to create a better institutional memory. After some discussion about the need for turnover, the importance of relying on the Executive Office staff, and the participation of the top officers on the Executive Committee for 3 years each, this proposal was dropped.

Membership dues. The Society has relatively high dues for a regional society, in part because of the cost of *Sociological Forum*. The Society has not raised dues since 1994, in spite of inflation. Allowance of credit card payments on the Society's new Web-based membership form will require an additional payment to a credit card company, as well as payment to the assistant needed to enter credit card information. Motion passed: To raise dues as per **Mary Pat Baumgartner's** proposal, but keeping the increase for regular members to \$10 rather than \$15. New members will be offered the old rate until January 2001.

News of Members

Judith Lorber (Professor Emerita of Sociology and Women's Studies, Brooklyn College and Graduate School, CUNY) was a keynote speaker at the International Conference on Women, Equality and Democracy, Ben Gurion University, Beersheva, Israel, November 13-15, 2000. The title of her talk was "Paradoxes of Identity Politics."

The second edition of **Judith Lorber**, *Gender Inequality: Feminist Theories and Politics* will be available from Roxbury Press in January 2001 <http://www.roxbury.net/>

Gender Inequality is a concise but comprehensive introduction to contemporary feminism, designed for undergraduates who are unfamiliar with current feminist perspectives and politics. The book focuses on current feminist theories on the origins of gender inequality, the policy recommendations they offer for eliminating it, and the contributions they have made to raising the status of women in Western industrialized countries. Each discussion of a particular perspective outlines its theory as to the chief causes of gender inequality, what can be done about them, the perspective's contributions to social change, and theoretical limitations. It introduces students directly to

original theoretical writings through the inclusion of two short, excerpted readings from primary sources for each of the 11 feminist perspectives presented.

The perspectives are organized into Gender Reform Feminisms (liberal, Marxist and socialist, post-colonial theories), Gender Resistance Feminisms (radical, lesbian, psychoanalytic, and standpoint theories), and Gender Rebellion Feminisms (multicultural, men's, social construction, postmodern and queer theories)

New in the Second Edition:

Feminist Theories of the Body -- current feminist takes on the "nature-nurture" debates with 6 excerpts
Feminist Politics for the 21st Century -- Lorber's own theoretical and political directions for feminism
Websites for research on women, men, and gender

Scholarships

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is recruiting applications for the 2001 Minority Scholarship. Persons accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the Social and/or Behavioral Sciences are invited to apply for **two \$10,000 Minority Scholarships**. Deadline for submission is March 16, 2001. For additional information and an application, contact: Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer, 906 McClung Tower, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0490; (865) 974-3620; fax: (865) 974-7013; email: mkoontz3@utk.edu or visit our homepage: <http://www.it.utk.edu/sssp>. Upon completion of the application, it should be forwarded to Donald Cunnigen, Chair. Full address is contained in the application form.

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