Remarks

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Message from Our Chair

With our annual meeting just weeks away, I hope everyone is enjoying the summer break, finding time to be productive and relax! I just returned from the International Sociological Association World Congress in Sweden where there were many excellent panels on theorizing and researching race and ethnicity globally. It would be really valuable for more of our members to participate in these dialogues internationally.

As scholars and activists, it is more important than ever that we continue to speak out through our research, teaching and involvement. Every few days there are new challenges to our human and civil rights, from the Arizona laws to the forced resignation of Shirley Sherrod, a black USDA officer whose comments for racial reconciliation were manipulated, edited and used to accuse her of racial discrimination. SREM can continue to inform through our research and rally against such troubling events. If you haven't already, make sure to read ASA's statements against Arizona's anti-immigration and ethnic studies laws, which our section was instrumental in rallying support for.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our SREM sessions and reception in Atlanta. We have excellent sessions planned (see pages 9-12) that showcase the newest research on race globally and locally, as well as challenge existing paradigms and trends from genetics to methodologies. Please make sure to attend our business meeting on Saturday August 14 because there are always many ways to get more involved. Also, don't miss our SREM reception on Saturday night where we will be celebrating and recognizing our 2010 award winners (see page 5). I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as chair for this past year, as I get ready to turn leadership over to David Embrick, our new Chair and chair-elect David Brunsm!

See you in Atlanta,
Erica Chito Childs

The artwork showcased on this page is a work entitled “The Sociological Imagination” by artist and activist Turbado Marabou, designed in collaboration with Eduardo Bonilla-Silva for his upcoming book Anything But Racism. For more information you can contact Mr. Marabou at marabouart@yahoo.com.
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New SREM Member Publications!

ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS


**BOOKS**

*By Joe R. Feagin*

This second edition of Joe Feagin’s *Racist America* is extensively revised and thoroughly updated, with a special eye toward racism issues cropping up constantly in the Barack Obama era. This tenth anniversary edition incorporates many dozens of new research studies on U.S. racial issues that significantly extend and update the first edition's major chapters. It accents exciting new and provocative concepts, especially the white racial frame and systemic racism.

*By: Joe R. Feagin*

In this book Joe R. Feagin extends the systemic racism framework by developing an innovative new concept, the white racial frame. Now four centuries-old, this white racial frame encompasses not only the stereotyping, bigotry, and racist ideology accentuated in other theories of "race," but also the visual images, array of emotions, sounds of language, interlinking interpretations, and inclinations to discriminate that are still central to the frame’s everyday operation. Deeply imbedded in American minds and institutions, this white racial frame has for centuries functioned as a broad worldview, one essential to the routine legitimation, scripting, and maintenance of systemic racism in the United States.

*By: Adia Harvey Wingfield, and Joe R. Feagin.*

This book offers one of the first sociological analyses of Barack Obama’s historic 2008 campaign for the presidency of the United States. Elaborating on the concept of the white racial frame, Harvey Wingfield and Feagin assess the ways racial framing was deployed by principal characters in the 2008 election. This book counters many commonsense assumptions about race, politics, and society, particularly the idea that Obama’s election ushered in a post-racial era. Readers will find this book uniquely valuable because it relies on sound sociological analysis to assess numerous events and aspects of this historic campaign.
CALL FOR PAPERS

Inequality & The Politics of Representation: A Global Landscape

Inequality & The Politics of Representation: A Global Landscape explores how cultures around the globe make social categories of race, class, gender and sexuality meaningful in particular ways. The book will examine power and privilege, as well as oppression and marginalization, as it illustrates how inequalities are constructed, mobilized, and challenged through language and representation. Analyses will take up the “politics of representation” — the cultural struggles over how events, processes, institutions, and people are to be understood. As such the collection will contribute insights into the production of culture, knowledge, and power.

Inequality & The Politics of Representation: A Global Landscape welcomes all styles of textual analysis and close reading. The collection will be edited by Celine-Marie Pascale, an Associate Professor of Sociology at American University, Washington D.C. <http://www.american.edu/cas/faculty/pascale.cfm>

The strongest manuscripts will present complex ideas with clear language. Please avoid jargon and define all specialized terms so that readers unfamiliar with textual analysis will be able to enjoy and appreciate the insights being offered.

All manuscripts should be submitted as Microsoft Word files, double-spaced, and between 25-30 pages in length, including references. Authors are responsible for securing permissions for all images and excerpts.

Manuscripts are due by December 1, 2010 to <celinemariepascale@gmail.com>.

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2010 SREM AWARD WINNERS!!

SREM Graduate Student Paper Award

Avi Astor (University of Michigan): "Toward a Relational Approach to Studying Inter-group Conflict: The Origins of Mosque Opposition in Spain."

Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award


SREM Early Career Award (co-winners)

Erica Chito Childs (Hunter College and the CUNY Graduate Center)

Tanya Golash Boza (University of Kansas)

SREM ELECTION RESULTS

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Announcements

- Jim Loewen invites members of SREM to visit the "sundown towns" page of his website, http://sundown.afro.illinois.edu/sundowntowns.php, for three reasons:

  **First**, see what I already know about towns in your state by going to the interactive map, http://sundown.afro.illinois.edu/content.php?file=sundowntowns-whitemap.html. It lists towns that have been confirmed or suspected as sundown towns and counties -- places that for decades were all white on purpose. (Some still are.)

  **Second**, read my short article, "How to Confirm Sundown Towns," http://sundown.afro.illinois.edu/content.php?file=sundowntowns-howto.html. Consider getting your students involved in this quest. Students from middle school through Ph.D. are now undertaking serious research on sundown towns. You can too! Another short article, "Future Research Areas," http://sundown.afro.illinois.edu/content.php?file=sundowntowns-future.html, suggests important sociological issues that can be addressed through sundown town research, such as comparing a sundown town with a nearby similar town that admits blacks as residents. If you or your students do confirm at town as sundown (or not), share results with me for the interactive map.

  **Third**, write a short announcement of your work or a longer article for "Sundown Town News," the e-newsletter. Earlier issues are available at http://sundown.afro.illinois.edu/index.php. Issues reach 3,000-4,000 readers by email, including social scientists, policy makers, educators, etc.

Doing sundown town research helps lead to social change. Every sundown town in the U.S. that has not become substantially interracial needs to take three steps to get over this legacy: (1) Admit it. (We did this.) (2) Apologize. (We did this and we're worry.) (3) State "we don't do it any more." (And that final step needs to have teeth -- such as the announcement of affirmative hiring of black teachers, street workers, etc., with assistance helping them live in their new community of employment.) Simply "outing" the town with good research is a first step toward making this happen.

- This is an urgent appeal to all social scientists interested in disability scholarship to join the newly formed Section-in-Formation of the American Sociological Association: Disability in Society. We want to encourage scholars who are interested in the experiences of racial and ethnic minorities to join our Section-in-Formation. Not only are racial and ethnic minorities more likely to experience many diseases, illnesses and disabilities than other groups, responses to their situation are often riddled with racism, disability discrimination, and other forms of oppression such as sexism. We are keen to explore the connections between various forms of social inequality and a disabling society and urge you to join with us. This new Section-in-Formation is a great place to network, engage with other scholars, discuss recent events, and pursue avenues for grants, teaching, research and service. The existence of the Disability and Society Section is dependent on our ability to attract at least 300 paying members by September 2010, or we have lost the opportunity to become a section of ASA. If you would like to advance the continuation of disability scholarship in sociology, please join us today. The Disability section is also pleased to be offering FREE membership to graduate students who are current members of ASA who would like to join the section. Please contact Valerie Leiter valerie.leiter@simmons.edu to make those arrangements. Please feel free to contact Liat (lbenmosh@maxwell.syr.edu) with any inquiries about the section and becoming a member.
Thomas F. Pettigrew, Research Professor of Social Psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz received two awards during the summer of 2010. The International Society for Political Psychology presented him with the 2010 Harold Lasswell Award. The award is given for distinguished scientific contributions in the field of political psychology. Pettigrew received the award at the annual meeting of the Society held in San Francisco in July, where he gave an address entitled “The Post-Racism Myth and Mass Media Mistakes.” Pettigrew also received the Ralph K. White Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society for Peace, Conflict, and Violence. His speech topic was “Structurally Grounded Psychological Insights: Toward Sustainable Effects.”

Rashawn Ray will be a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Research Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley for two years and then an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Adia Harvey’s 2009 paper “Racializing the Glass Escalator: Reconsidering Men’s Experiences with Women’s Work” (in Gender & Society) won the Race Gender and Class Section’s Distinguished Article Award. In addition, she won the Outstanding Junior Faculty Award from Georgia State University.

Helen Marrow is beginning a new position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Tufts University in September 2010.

Louise Cainkar (Marquette University) has received a 2010 Book Award from the Arab American National Museum for her book HOMELAND INSECURITY: THE ARAB AMERICAN AND MUSLIM AMERICAN EXPERIENCE AFTER 9/11 [New York: Russell Sage Foundation]. She also received the Scholar of Courage Award from the Council on American Islamic Relations-Chicago.
FROM THE EDITOR

Once again I want to give my thanks to all those who contributed to our July 2010 newsletter. I also want to recognize that in many of your emails you have thanked me for my work on the SREM newsletter; it is my sincere pleasure to do this work for our section, as well as to correspond with such an intellectually diverse and stimulating group of scholars.

I hope that in future issues many more of you will contribute by sending me news of your scholarship and service in any and all forms that it takes. Please do not feel hesitant to send in your recent publications!! Remarks gives us all an opportunity to be recognized for the work that we do, but it also provides us all with valuable information about the latest work being done in our area. When we present your publications in Remarks we all benefit, so be sure to send me your citations whenever you publish something new!

Although I will not be able to be at the 2010 annual meeting in Atlanta, I have spoken with the incoming Section Chair David Embrick to let him know that I am happy to continue organizing and producing the SREM newsletter. Hopefully many of you will attend our business meeting this year, and if you have suggestions for the content or form of the newsletter, please let Dr. Embrick know and he can pass along your comments to me. Also, if any of you are interested in contributing a new idea to the newsletter, we would all welcome more exciting and creative content.

As always, if you want to direct your comments or suggestions to me I welcome them at any time, and you can reach me at the email address below. Have a wonderful and productive time at the ASA annual meetings in Atlanta!

—Wendy Leo Moore

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If you have comments, concerns, or ideas for future issues, please contact Wendy at wlmoore@tamu.edu.
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Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Session Cheat List

Saturday August 14th

SREM Business Meeting Atlanta Marriott Marquis 9:30-10:30 [immediately following Roundtables]

SREM Reception Atlanta Marriott Marquis 6:30

8:30-9:30am, Roundtables

032. Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Roundtable Session (one-hour)

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: Stephanie Laudone, Fordham University


### Roundtables Continued.....

Table 06. Race Relations: Prejudice, Discrimination and Racism A New Approach to the Study of Young Children's Racial Attitudes. *Khaya Delaine Clark*, Emory University The "Obama Effect" on attitudes toward diversity in NASCAR. *Lee G. Streetman*, Delaware State University "I have Native friends, but this is going too far": Group Threat and Group Positioning Tactics. *Jeff Steven Denis*, Harvard University


Table 09. Racial and Ethnic Stratification: Class, Occupational and Inequities Why Are the Migrant Workers Treated So Badly in S. Korea? *Sung-Min Lee*, Yonsei University Being Black in America: The Obama Factor. *Mamadi Corra*, East Carolina University Self-Employment Immigration and Race: A Respecification of the Model. *John Sibley Butler*, University of Texas at Austin; *Tod Guessnar Hamilton*, University of Texas at Austin


Roundtables Continued...


Table 16. Racialization of Whiteness and Racial Others Santa Ana: The REAL-ity in Orange County. Celia Olivia Lacayo, UC Berkeley The Racialization of Asylum in Provincial England. Steve Garner, Aston University The "Non-White" "Whites" of Europe: Racialization of Albanian Migrants. Lulzim Traga, University of California, Santa Barbara

Saturday August 14th Continued…

10:30am
062. Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Paper Session. Methods, Logic and Race
Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: David G. Embrick, Loyola University-Chicago

Presider: Saher Farooq Selod, Loyola


2:30 pm
098. Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Paper Session. A Global Look at Race, Immigration and Citizenship Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: Erica Chito Childs, City University of New York-Hunter

Saturday August 14th Continued...

4:30pm
126. Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Paper Session. Race, Genetics, and the Genome Project
Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: Tyrone A. Forman, Emory University


Sunday August 15th

8:30 am
163. Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Paper Session. Race and New Media
Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: Jessie Daniels, Hunter College

Blogs and Belonging: Online Representations of Harlem. Danielle M. Jackson, City University of New York - The Graduate Center Describing the Process of The Mexican Cyber-Moral Panic in The United States. Nadia Yamel Flores, Texas A&M University; Guadalupe Vidales, University of Wisconsin, Parkside; April Plemons, Texas A&M University Facebook: A "Raced" Space or "Post-Racial"? Stephanie Marie Laudone, Fordham University Reviewing Whiteness: The White Savior Film and the Online Film Reviewers. Matthew W. Hughey, Mississippi State University

10:30am
202. Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Paper Session. Race Matters Deep In the Heart of Dixie: Toward a Post-Racial Era In the American South?
Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: Earl Wright, Texas Southern University