Our section continues to flourish, with membership currently at 390. As you make your arrangements to attend the upcoming Annual Meetings in Montréal, I hope that you will consider attending one of our exciting section activities which will take place on Friday, August 11, beginning with our council and business meetings at 10:30 a.m. With regard to sessions, Diane Illig (Salisbury University) and Julie Hartman (Michigan State University) have organized some great roundtable sessions which include the topics of Legal/Moral Discourse, the Family Experience, Theory and Methodology, Identity and Behaviors, and the Media. All of these roundtable sessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. We also have an invited session at 4:30 p.m., featuring Héctor Carrillo (Mexican Sexualities on the Move: Sexual Migration, Globalization, and Change), Gloria González-López (Breaking Sexuality Research Silences: Ethical Dilemmas and Fears while Conducting Sexuality Research with Incest Survivors in Mexico) and Jyoti Puri (Transgender/Transnational: Reframing Hijras and Heteronormativity). Our final official section activity will be the section reception, taking place at 6:30 p.m. at the Delta Centre-Ville hotel.

In addition to our official section sponsored sessions, there are numerous events on the program that you may find of interest. For example, Steven Epstein has organized a thematic session “Sexualities, Borders, and Boundaries” that will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Friday. The presenters include Yen Le Espiritu, Jorge Fontdevila, Jyoti Puri, and Steven Epstein. Barry Adam will provide comments in his role as discussant. Please see the online program for additional sessions of relevance.

I wish to express special gratitude to Tina Fetner of McMaster University for taking on the role of Chair-Elect of the section. As my term comes to an end, I am certain that the energy Tina brings will mean great things for the future of the section. Finally, I would also like to convey my appreciation for all those who have served the section in elected and non-elected roles as we prepared for this year’s meeting. I look forward to seeing you all in Montreal.

Tracy E. Ore
Chair, Sexualities Section
Saint Cloud State University

Volunteers Needed for Sexualities Section Meeting Mentoring Program

We are looking to connect newer members of the section with more established members to have a cup of coffee or a meal during the ASA meetings in Montréal. Newer members often find professional meetings to be intimidating experiences filled with unfamiliar faces, so this connection can make meetings more welcoming.

To volunteer please email Julie Hartman (hartma75@msu.edu) and please indicate if you would like to participate as a newer member or a more established section member.

It doesn’t take much to be an experienced section member, just a couple years of section membership, and some experience teaching or researching in a field related to sexualities.
MANY CONGRATULATIONS

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This Section

In the last decade [1990s] or so, the study of sexuality has emerged as a vibrant interdisciplinary field of social analysis. For many years, sexuality was approached as an individual, biological or psychological phenomena. Today, the idea of sexuality as a social fact or construction is the point of departure for much of the most exciting scholarship in the area...

Sections are an important mechanism for getting out information about our specialty area... Section status also affords a variety of institutional supports from the ASA, including funding for information dissemination and a guaranteed number of paper sessions at the annual conference.

In short, we believe it is in the best interests of the discipline of sociology to advance the sociological study of sexuality. One way to promote this goal is to support the... "Sociology of Sexualities" as an ASA section and to encourage you to join... when you renew your membership in the ASA.

Steve Seidman, Gil Zicklin, and Mark Hager

The Purpose

This Section encourages, enhances and fosters research, teaching and other professional activities in the sociology of sexuality, for the development of sociology and the benefit of society, through organized meetings, conferences, newsletters, publications, awards, and other means deemed appropriate by the Section Council.

It seeks to promote communication, collaboration, and consultation among scholars in sociology, the sociology of sexualities, and allied disciplines.

Kudos!

Adam Isaiah Green has recently accepted a position at the University of Toronto.

Andrea Miller has completed her Ph.D. from American University in Washington DC. Her dissertation title is Bi-Nary Objections: Voices on Bisexual Identity Misappropriation and Bisexual Resistance.

Peter Nardi, Pitzer College, presided over the Pacific Sociological Association’s 77th annual meetings in April, as President. The PSA is the largest and oldest regional association and has a very strong LGBT presence. Peter has two books Interpreting Data: A Guide to Understanding Research, and the second edition of Doing Survey Research: A Guide to Quantitative Methods, both published in 2006 by Allyn & Bacon.

2006 Annual Meeting Sessions

Sociology in Sexuality, Sexuality in Sociology

Friday, August 11, 2006, 4:30-6:10 p.m., Section on Sociology of Sexualities Invited Session
Session Organizer & Presider: Tracy E. Ore, Saint Cloud State Univ.

Mexican Sexualities on the Move: Sexual Migration, Globalization, and Change, Héctor Carrillo, Univ. of California, San Francisco.

Breaking Sexuality Research Silences: Ethical Dilemmas and Fears while Conducting Sexuality Research with Incest Survivors in Mexico, Gloria González-López, Univ. of Texas, Austin.

Transgender/Transnational: Reframing Hijras and Heteronormativity, Jyoti Puri, Simmons College.

Section on Sociology of Sexualities Roundtables

Friday, August 11, 2006, 4:30-6:10 p.m.
Session Organizers: Diane Illig, Salisbury University & Julie Hartman, Michigan State University

Table 1: Sexuality and Legal/Moral Discourse
What is Wrong with Prostitution? Assessing Dimensions of Exploitation in Legal Brothels, Barbara G. Brents & Kathryn Hausbeck (UNLV)
Gay Marriage in a Welcoming World: Understandings of the Legal Right to Marry in a Liberal Religious Congregation, Emily Anne Kazyak (Univ. of Texas, Austin)
The Social Construction of Sex Trafficking: A New Moral Crusade, Ron Weitzer (George Washington Univ.)
Presider: Denise Bullock (Indiana Univ. East)

Table 2: Sexuality and the Family Experience
It's More What Goes On Outside of the Bedroom: Long-Term Marriage, Sex, and Gender, Sinikka G. Elliott & Debra Umberson (Univ. of Texas, Austin)
A-kin to Whom: LGBT Families, Courts and Marriage, Jennifer M. Raymond (Univ. of Massachusetts, Boston)
The Lesbigay-by Boom: How Coming Out Affects Parenthood Expectations for Lesbian, Bisexual, and Gay Parents, Cara Bergstrom (Univ. of Michigan)
Toward a Structural Definition of Sexuality: The Changing Landscape of Marriage and Family Formation, Carol Walther (Texas A&M Univ.)
Presider: Diane Illig (Salisbury Univ.)

Table 3: Sexuality, Theory and Methodology
An Approach for Obtaining Accurate Information on the Incidence of Bias Motivated by Sexual Orientation, Judith Rosenstein (Cornell Univ.)
Deconstructing the Essential Family: A Feminist Analysis of Gay and Lesbian Families, Dana Berkowitz (Univ. of Florida)
Sexual Citizenship, Racialized Heterosexism and Teenagers: Some Preliminary Theoretical Considerations, Emily Mann (Univ. of Maryland College Park)
Presider: Dustin Mark Kidd (Temple Univ.)

Table 4: Sexual Identities and Behaviors
Anything But Straight: Bisexual Voices on "Passing", Andrea D. Miller (American Univ.)
Bi Outside the Bedroom: The Performance of Bisexual Identity, Julie E. Hartman (Michigan State Univ.)
HIV Risk-Taking Among Older Gay Men, Joseph Brian O’Shea (Concordia Univ.)
Negotiating Stigmas: Black Gay Males Reconciling Race and Sexuality, Marcus Anthony Hunter (Northwestern Univ.)
Drunk Girls are Easy: Engagement with the 'Slutty' Discourse and its Implications for Sexual Violence, Katherine P. Luke (Univ. of Michigan)
Presider: Pamela McMullin-Messier (Univ. of Southern California)

Table 5: Sexuality and the Media
Framing of Gay Rights in Mass Media Outlets: A Content Analysis of Newspaper Editorial Pages, Tina Norris (Kent State Univ.)
From Fire and Brimstone to Property Values: The Changing Moral Content of Arguments Against Pornography (Atlanta, 1967-1997), Danielle Jeanne Lindemann (Columbia Univ.)
Romance Novels and Female Sexuality: Vicarious Participation?, Huei-Hsia Wu (Boise State Univ.)
Sexually Explicit Materials on the Internet: Gender Barriers to Access vs. Gender Barriers to Usage, Lisa J. Byers (McMaster Univ.)
Presider: Daniel Farr (Univ. at Albany, SUNY)
2006 Annual Meeting Sessions (con’t)

Sexualities, Borders & Boundaries
A THEMATIC SESSION
Friday, August 11, 2006, 8:30-10:10 a.m.
Session Organizer & Presider:
Steven G. Epstein (Univ. of California, San Diego)

Going on the Job Market as a LGBTQ Sociologist Workshop
Saturday, August 12, 2006, 8:30-10:10 a.m.
Organized & Presided by Naomi Braine, Beth Israel Medical Center
Panelists: Jodi O’Brien (Seattle Univ.), Brian Powell (Indiana Univ.), Celine-Maria Pascale (American Univ.)
Sponsored by the Sociologist’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus

Intersectionality and the Microdynamics of Hate Violence, Kathleen M. Blee (Univ. of Pittsburgh)
“Sorry, I Don’t Dance: White Male Bodies and the Dance Floor,” Maxine Craig (California State Univ-East Bay)
Black, Woman, or Lesbian: Master Statuses, Cleavages and Constraints, Mignon Moore (UCLA), Elaine Harley (Columbia Univ.)
Why Does Boys’ Academic Achievement Lag Behind Girls?: A Quantitative Analysis of Intersectionality, Irene R. Beattie (Washington State Univ.)
Crossing Borders for Sex: The State of Intersectionality within Late Capitalist Discourses on Trafficking and Prostitution, Elizabeth Bernstein (Barnard College, Columbia Univ.)
Discussant: Judith Stacey (New York Univ.)

The State of Intersectionality in Feminist Research: Race, Class, Sexuality & Nationality
A THEMATIC SESSION
Friday, August 11, 2006, 4:30-6:10 p.m.
Session Organizer & Presider: France Winddance Twine (Univ. of California, Santa Barbara)

Performing Gender and Sexuality: the Political Work of Drag, Verta A. Taylor (Univ. of California, Santa Barbara)
Eddie and Gwen, Candace West (Univ. of California, Santa Cruz)
Imagining a World Without Gender, Judith Lorber (Graduate School and Brooklyn College, CUNY)
Presider & Discussant: Sarah Fenstermaker (Univ of California, Santa Barbara)

Blurring Gender/ Sexual Boundaries
A THEMATIC SESSION
Saturday, August 12, 2006, 2:30-4:10 p.m.
Session Organizer: Joan H. Fujimura (Univ. of Wisconsin)

Session Organizer: Joshua Gamson (Univ. of San Francisco)
Presider: Suzanna Danuta Walters (Indiana Univ.)

Sexual Literacy: Recent Trends and Findings, Ruth Westheimer (Yale Univ. and Princeton Univ.)
Sex and Intimacy in the United States: Past, Present, and Future, Edward O. Laumann (Univ. of Chicago)
Sexuality and Sexual Identities in the Age of Visibility, Suzanna Danuta Walters (Indiana Univ.)

Sexualities in the 21st Century: Changing Boundaries, Changing Practices
A THEMATIC SESSION
Sunday, August 13, 2006, 10:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
Expanding the Boundaries in the Study of Lesbian- & Gay-Headed Families

A THEMATIC SESSION
Monday, August 14, 2006, 8:30-10:10 a.m.

Session Organizer & Discussant:
Mignon Moore (Univ. of California, Los Angeles)

Regular Session: Sexuality, Trangression & Social Control
Saturday, August 12, 2006, 10:30am-12:10pm
Session Organizer & Presider: Salvador Vidal-Ortiz (American Univ.)
Problem Bodies, Public Space: Policing Gender, Sex, and Race as Nuisance in Nineteenth-Century San Francisco, Clare Sears (Univ. of California, Santa Cruz)
Managing the Toll of the Sex Industry: How Exotic Dancers Establish Boundaries, Bernadette Barton (Morehead State Univ.)
Nude Dancing in the Arctic: Community Reactions to Strip-Clubs in Akureyri, Iceland, Andrea Sigrun Hjalmsdottir (Univ. of Akureyri), Olina Freysteinsdottir
The Politics of Pleasure: Robert Mapplethorpe’s The Perfect Moment and the Culture Wars, Lisa Aslanian (The New School for Social Research)

Regular Session: Sociology of Sexuality
Saturday, August 12, 2006, 10:30am-12:10pm
Session Organizer & Presider: Mimi Schippers (Tulane Univ.)
Polyamorous Ideology: Democracy and Power in Intimate Life, Alyssa Montgomery (Northwestern Univ.)
The Social Construction of Heterosexual Identities, James J. Sears (Sonoma State Univ.)
Not for Men Only: The (De)Construction of Lesbian/Queer Public Sexualities, Corie Jo Hammers (Armstrong Atlantic State Univ.)
Queering Childhood, Karl Bryant (Univ. of California-Santa Barbara)
Queer Theory and Sociology: Locating the Self and the Subject in Sexuality Studies, Adam Isaiah Green (Univ. of Toronto)
Discussant: Mimi Schippers (Tulane Univ.)


2006 Annual Meeting Sessions (con’t)

Section on Sex and Gender Paper Session: Transnationalism in Gender and Sexuality Research
Sunday, August 13, 2006, 4:30-6:10pm
Session Organizer & Presider: Ada Cheng (DePaul Univ.)
Inside the Wound, Back Home: Transnational Feminist Research with Incest Survivors in Mexico, Gloria González-López (Univ. of Texas at Austin)
Girls for Sale in Bangladesh: Network of Global, Regional, and Local Advocacy Groups and the Transformation of Trafficking Policies, Afoza Anwary (Minnesota State Univ-Mankato)
Gender Meaning Parity and the Gay Movement: A Cross-Cultural Study of Developing Movements, Noorna Queen Oh (Univ. of Georgia), Christopher D. Moore (Univ. of Georgia)
Sexual Citizenship and Social Regulation: Towards a Comparative and Intersectional Model, Nancy Naples (Univ. of Connecticut)
The Masculinized Terrain of the Global Economy: Identifying Fractals at Work, Leslie Satzinger (Boston College)

Regular Session: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies II
Monday, August 14, 2006, 10:30am-12:10pm
Session Organizer: Barry D. Adam (Univ. of Windsor)
Presider: Adam Isaiah Green (Univ. of Toronto)
Do Partnered Gays and Lesbians Differ from Married Heterosexuals in their Perception of Well-Being, Chris Wienke & Gretchen J. Hill (Arkansas State Univ.)
Power Structure, Conflict Resolution, and Relationship Satisfaction: Evidence from Gay and Lesbian Partners in Taiwan, Wen-Yi Wendy Shieh (Shih Chien Univ.), Ying-Ling Hsiao (Fu-Jen Catholic Univ., Taiwan)
The Division of Household Labor in Same Sex Couple, Suzanne Taylor Sutphin (Univ. of South Carolina, Columbia)
Same-Sex Marriage as Risk Management, Jaye Cee Whitehead (Univ. of California-Berkeley)

ASA PRESENTATIONS OF INTEREST ACROSS THE DISCIPLINE
[The following is a partial list of presentations of interest. Check the Official Program for the complete list.]

Friday, August 11, 2006
Exploited or Exploiting: The Case of Sex Workers in Bangkok, Thailand, Randall Karen Rogers (New School Univ.), 10:30-11:30am, Section on Organizations, Occupations, & Work Roundtable.
Gender Discrimination in Transgender Workplace Transitions, Kristen Rose Schilt (Univ of California-Los Angeles), 10:30-11:30am, Section on Organizations, Occupations & Work Roundtable.
The Boundaries of the Body in Sexual Harassment Laws, Abigail Saguy (UCLA), 2:30-4:10pm, Thematic Session. Rethinking the Boundaries of the Body in Law.
Women, Queers, & People of Color Transforming the Academy, Brett Stockdill (Northeastern Illinois Univ.), Mary Yu Danico (California State Polytechnic Univ., Pomona), 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Paper Session. The Politics of Race, Class & Gender in the Academy (co-sponsored with Section on Sex & Gender).

Saturday, August 12, 2006
Status, Stigma & the Social Value of Whiteness: Same Sex & Heterosexual Interracial Intimacy & the Negotiation of Race & Racism, France Winandt Rice Twine (Univ. of California, Santa Barbara), Amy Steinbugler (Temple Univ.), 8:30-10:10am, Regular Session. Micro-sociologies.
When It Takes (More Than) Two to Tango: Negotiations of Connectedness in Lesbian & Gay Families, Maura Ryan (Univ. of Florida), Dana Berkowitz (Univ. of Florida), 8:30-10:10am, Section on Sociology of Emotions Paper Session. Theory & Research in the Sociology of Emotions.
Are You a Whosoever? Deceit & Disclosure on Gay Church Websites, Jeffrey Dennis (Lakeland College), 8:30-10:10am, Open Refereed Roundtable 16. Religion & Religious Attitudes.
Towards an Ethical Practice of Discourse: Case Studies from TLGB Christians of African Descent, Dale Vereegge (Univ. of Michigan), 8:30-10:10am, Open Refereed Roundtable 16. Religion & Religious Attitudes.
Framing the Debate?: Front Page Reporting of Same-Sex Marriage in the Atlanta-Journal Constitution from 2003-5, Deena Alexandra Fidas (American Univ.), 8:30-10:10am, Open Refereed Roundtable 17 Gender & Sexualities.
Gender as a Sex Toy: Female Masculinity in a Sadomasochistic Context, Emily Cook (Univ. of California-Berkeley), 8:30-10:10am, Open Refereed Roundtable 17 Gender & Sexualities.
The Embodied Experiences of Old Lesbians, Kathleen Slevin (College of William & Mary), 10:30am-12:10pm, Regular Session. Sociology of Aging: Not Just for the Young.

Body Depiction in Gay Men’s Travel Literature, Daniel Farr & Erin Mulrooney (Univ. at Albany, SUNY), 10:30am-12:10pm, Research Poster Session. Communicating Sociology II Poster 25.
The Effect of HIV Discordance in the Sexual Life of Gay Couples in Mexico, Benjamin Nieto-Andrade (Univ. of Texas, Austin), 10:30am-12:10pm, Research Poster Session. Communicating Sociology II Poster 41.

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Wage & Occupation Variation by Race, Class, Gender, & Sexual Orientation. Danielle MacCartney & Makiko Futawa (Univ. of California, Irvine), 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Race, Gender, & Class Paper Session. Quantitative Research on Race, Gender, & Class Inequalities in the Labor Market.

Collective Identity & Race: A Preliminary Look at Whiteness in the U.S. Gay & Lesbian Movement, Christopher Scott Chambers (Texas A&M Univ.), 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Collective Behavior & Social Movements Referred Roundtable 16 GLBTQ Movements.

Human Rights & Lesbian & Gay Organizing: A Preliminary Sociological Analysis, Antonio Pastrana (The Graduate Center, CUNY), 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Collective Behavior & Social Movements Referred Roundtable 16 GLBTQ Movements.

Queering the Family: The Same-Sex Marriage Movement in Vermont, Mary Bernstein & Mary Burke (Univ. of Connecticut), 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Collective Behavior & Social Movements Referred Roundtable 16 GLBTQ Movements.

Sunday, August 13, 2006


Political Institutions & Policy Discourse: Comparing Lesbian & Gay Social Movements in Canada & the U.S., Miriam Smith (Trent Univ.), 10:30am-12:10pm, Regional Session. Canadian Social Movements in Comparative Perspective.

Queer Spaces, Places, & Gender: The Tropologies of Rupa & Ronica, Roksana Badruddoja (Rutgers Inter.), 10:30-11:30am, Section on Asia & Asian America Referred Roundtable 6. Gendered Identities.

The Economics of Marriage: A Case for the Expansion of Rights to Same-Sex Couples, Christy Glass (Utah State Univ.), Nancy Kubasek (Bowling Green State Univ.), 10:30am -12:10pm, Regular Session. Marriage, Civil Unions & Co-habitation.

I Feel So Much More in My Body: Challenging the Significance of the Penis in Transsexual Men’s Bodies, Kristen Rose Schilt (UCLA), Elroi Waszkiewicz (Georgia State Univ.), 12:30-2:10pm, Section on Sex & Gender Paper Session. Gender & the Body.

Medicalizing & Managing Intersubjectivity, Lauren Jade Martin (CUNY Graduate Center), 12:30pm -2:10pm, Student Forum Session. Graduate Student Roundtable 6. Health, Diagnostic Labeling, & Mental Distress: Transcending Medical Boundaries.

Girls are Worse: Ghetto Girls, Tomboys & the Meaning of Girl Fights, Linda Waldron (Christopher Newport Univ.), 12:30-2:10pm, Regular Session. New Gender Challengers: Plus Ça Change, Plus C’est Le Meme Chose?

Sexuality, Modernity & Ethnic-Cultural Belonging: French Canadian Daughters Negotiating with Parents over Sexual Freedom, Patricia Pryde Langlois (Univ. of Toronto), 12:30-2:10pm, Regular Session. New Gender Challengers: Plus Ça Change, Plus C’est Le Meme Chose?


Whose Rights are Civil Rights? Black College Students & the Gay Rights Movement, Mikaela Rabinowitz (Northwestern Univ.), 12:30-2:10pm, Student Forum Session. Graduate Student Roundtable 7 Sexual Identity, Civil Rights, & Influences on the Development of Self.

Doing Bisexuality: This is What a Bisexual Looks Like?, Andrea Milier (American Univ.), 4:30-6:10pm, Regular Session. Doing Gender Border Transgressions.

Doing Drag: Masculinity Beneath the Makeup, Megan Suzanne Wright (Univ. of Arizona), 4:30-6:10pm, Regular Session. Doing Gender Border Transgressions.

A New Citizen Queer?: Theorizing Lesbian Reproduction, Laura Mama & Vrushali Patil (Univ. of Maryland), 4:30 -6:10pm, Session on Sociology of Culture Roundtable 1 Culture & Parenting.

Queer Production: Marketing Hegemony-Lite, Valerie Trujillo (The Graduate Center), 4:30-6:10pm, Session on Sociology of Culture Roundtable 10 Media & Representation.

Monday, August 14, 2006

Gays, Drugs & Schools: Protecting Kids in Gentrifying Communities, Leslie Martin (Boise State Univ.), 10:30am-12:10pm, Section on Community & Urban Sociology Roundtable 5 Social Consequences of Community Revitalization.

Bisexual Identity: Can It Be Both Fluid & Stable?, Kristin Scherrer (Univ. of Michigan), 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Sex & Gender Roundtable 1 Blurring Boundaries.

Sex Seen: The Social Enactment of Sex, Asia May Friedman (Rutgers Univ.), 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Sex & Gender Roundtable 1 Blurring Boundaries.

Men, Jason Aaron Rosow & Rashawn Jarab Ray (Indiana Univ.-Bloomington), 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Sex & Gender Roundtable 7 Gender Normativity & Sexuality.

Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women’s Gender Strategies & Anti-Lesbian Discrimination, Laura Theresa Hamilton (Indiana Univ.), 2:30-4:10pm, Session on Sex & Gender Roundtable 7 Gender Normativity & Sexuality.

What Would a Sexual Fingerprint Look like? Exploring Sexual Selves, Rebecca Plante (Ithaca College), 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Sex & Gender Roundtables 7 Gender Normativity & Sexuality.

Why Do Some Heterosexual Men Have More Female Sex Partners Than Others?: Sexual Conservatism, Rape Myth Acceptance, Preference for Temporary Relationships, & Socioeconomic Status, Shyamal Kumar Das (Minot State Univ.), Lisa Eargle (Francis Marion Univ.), Ashraf Esmail, 2:30-4:10pm, Section on Sex & Gender Roundtable 7 Gender Normativity & Sexuality.

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**Annual Meeting Activities**

**Section Business Meeting**
August 11, 2006, Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Everyone invited.

**Section Reception**
August 11, 2006, Friday, 6:30–8:15 p.m. Everyone invited.

**Section Listserv**
Subscribe to the Sexualities Discussion Listserv.

In addition to the official announcement listserv to which all section members are automatically subscribed, we have an informal discussion listserv to which you may subscribe by sending an e-mail message to Majordomo@listerv.asanet.org.

In the body of the message, type “subscribe sexualities” (without the quotation marks). Leave the subject line blank, and make sure that anything else in the body is removed, such as any signature your e-mail program may automatically insert.

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**Recent Articles**


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**Recent Books**


Kivisto, Peter and Elizabeth Hartung. 2006. Intersecting Inequalities: Class, Race, Sex and Sexualities. Prentice-Hall.

Plante, Rebecca F. 2006. Sexualities in Context: A Social Perspective. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. This book presents focused overviews and explorations of some of the most timely issues in the social construction of sex. This brief text is suitable for courses with coverage of gender and sexuality in sociology, psychology, women’s and gender studies, and human development. The only book of its kind to address sexualities from a social perspective, Plante’s analysis of the context of sexuality, sexual behaviors, and identities is both intelligent and readable. With contemporary topics such as “hooking up,” sexual fantasies, and bisexualities, along with examples of how to apply critical thinking, students are empowered to think outside their comfort zones and encourages to explore the topic of sex in a new context. Employing useful pedagogical features like end-of-chapter questions and suggested projects, this book is the ideal text to help students see that sex is not only personal but social and political as well.

Reiss, Ira L. 2006. An Insider’s View of Sexual Science since Kinsey. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. This book is an informal, non technical account of Reiss’s fifty plus years in sexual science. Reiss comments on the wide range of controversial situations and people that the author has encountered over the years. Reiss discusses the sexual science issues still relevant today in social science, therapy, biology, psychology, sexual organizations, politics, public health crises, radical social constructionism, international trends in attitudes and behaviors, the movement toward a PhD in sexual science and more. Reiss presents an evaluations and suggestions concerning these areas and the future of sexual science. The key audiences for this book are those people in any profession whose work involves understanding more about human sexuality and that certainly includes those new to the field as well as those who are “old timers” like the author.


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The Sexual Self: Exploring Gender and Sexualities Through Popular Culture

Highlights of Rebecca Plante’s Keynote Speech

New York State Sociological Association
53rd Annual Conference, October 16, 2005

Given that our discussions of all things sexual are marked by ambivalence, confusion, and contradictions, I wanted to tell a cultural story, to paint a picture of the ways in which sexuality is configured right now, in the United States. We live in a culture where individual self-concept is still largely defined by several narrow ‘identity’ labels: man, woman, heterosexual, bisexual, homosexual. We are welcome and even encouraged to see ourselves as air-breathing, food-eating, walking, talking extensions of our sexuality, in a cultural landscape in which sexuality is still defined in the most hegemonic ways. Gayle Rubin wrote, over 20 years ago, about a hierarchy of sexual selves, identities, and activities. The usual suspects—missionary-style penile-vaginal intercourse occurring between apparently male and female people, copulating in monogamous, loving, married pairs come out on top, so to speak. Then, as now, kinky people, gay men and lesbian women (but especially gay men), nonmonogamous people, and people who refute the idea that there are only two genders or sexes are crushed at the bottom of this hegemonic hierarchy. Three key questions were foundational to this talk:

- So what does it mean to define the self in the context of a perpetually narrow view of personhood, one that enforces binaries, eschews gray areas, abhors fluidity, and reinforces itself through mass, popular culture?
- What forms of sexualities and genders do we see when we observe popular culture?
- Finally, what inferential thinking can we do to determine the links between and among culturally hegemonic sexual scripts, pop culture, and individual sexual selves?


Two San Francisco State University Job Announcements

The Medical Sociology Position

The Department of Sociology invites applications for a ten-ure-track position at the rank of assistant professor in the field of Medical Sociology/Sociology of Health. The appointment will begin in August 2007. We are particularly interested in scholars researching inequalities in health as they relate to low-income communities, immigrant communities, LGBTQ communities, and/or women. The subfield of expertise is open. We expect the new faculty member to teach the Department’s existing undergraduate course in Medical Sociology and to contribute to curricular innovation. Special consideration will be given to candidates who can teach introductory sociological methods and/or quantitative analysis. We also expect the new faculty member to become an active member of the health equities research community on campus and to contribute to the development of a new MA program in Sociology.

Applicants should send a letter describing teaching and research interests, a current curriculum vita, three letters of recommendation, a teaching portfolio, and a sample of written work. Send all materials to Chair, Hiring Committee/Medical Sociology, Department of Sociology, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132. Review of applications will begin on September 15, 2006 and continue until the position is filled.

The Criminology Position

The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor in the field of criminology. The appointment will begin in August 2007. We are particularly interested in hiring a Criminologist whose critical research focus is on issues of inequality and social justice. We expect the new faculty member to teach some of the Department’s existing courses in Criminology and to contribute to curricular innovation. Special consideration will be given to candidates who can teach introductory sociological methods and/or quantitative analysis.

Applicants should send a letter describing teaching and research interests, a current curriculum vita, three letters of recommendation, a teaching portfolio, and a sample of written work. Send all materials to Chair, Hiring Committee/Criminology, Department of Sociology, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132. Review of applications will begin on September 15, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled.

About SFSU and the Two Positions

For both positions, Ph.D. in Sociology required by May 2007. Salary is commensurable with qualifications and fully competitive. San Francisco State University, a member of the California State University system, serves a diverse student body of 27,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The mission of the University is to promote scholarship, freedom, human diversity, excellence in instruction, and intellectual accomplishment. San Francisco State University faculty are expected to be effective teachers and demonstrate professional achievement and growth through continued research, publications, and/or creative activities. SFSU is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity/ADA Employer and strongly encourages applications from people of color, women, sexual minorities, and people with disabilities.
New Program at Syracuse University to Explore Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies from Interdisciplinary perspective

What does architecture or education or history or politics have to do with sexuality? In what ways does our society create, reinforce or challenge ideas of heteronormativity? How does heteronormativity influence all of our identities, families, institutions and communities? To address and explore such questions, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies (LGBT) minor in The College of Arts and Sciences will welcome students this fall. The minor will be housed within the LGBT Studies Program, which was approved April 1.

The minor introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of LGBT studies. Open to all students, regardless of their sexual orientations, it is designed to offer a sustained opportunity to learn about LGBT experiences, history and scholarship, and to explore fundamental questions about sexualities, bodies, identities, communities, social movements and liberation politics.

Although the LGBT program is a part of The College of Arts and Sciences, it will contain courses from all over SU, including the School of Architecture, the School of Education, the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Students in the program will be able to choose from a diverse set of courses that is truly interdisciplinary in scope.

“LGBT studies is a vibrant area of scholarship within many disciplines,” says Andrew London, associate professor of sociology in the Maxwell School and co-chair of the University Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns. “More and more, faculty members are infusing LGBT scholarship into their classes in order to meet their LGBT and non-LGBT students’ needs for opportunities to be exposed to, discuss, analyze and know about LGBT experiences and perspectives.”

The new minor will also be connected to a LGBT learning community that will be located in Watson Hall for the 2006-07 academic year. The learning community will be open to sophomores and upper-class undergraduate SU and SUNY-ESF students enrolled in QXS 112: Sexualities, Genders and Bodies, which will be taught in the fall by visiting scholar, activist and acclaimed author Minnie Bruce Pratt.

In response to high student and faculty interest, the University Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns was formed in 2001. Since 2002, co-chairs London and Margaret Himley, associate professor of writing and rhetoric in the Writing Program in The College of Arts and Sciences, have spearheaded the effort to make the minor and program a reality. With support from two Vision Fund grants, the Senate Committee conducted student and faculty focus groups, brought in speakers and experts on LGBT programs, organized a faculty reading group and sponsored a regional LGBT studies conference in 2004.

Himley and London also reached out to faculty members in search of support for the minor and ideas about courses that could be taught in the program. The response was overwhelming with faculty members from across campus responding with enthusiasm and volunteering their time and effort to develop a curriculum to support the minor.

“We had an amazingly positive response from faculty,” says Himley. “We are thrilled that departments across campus are making a commitment to teaching courses in LGBT studies.”

In addition, the LGBT Resource Center at SU provided help in the form of meeting spaces and administrative support, as well as creating opportunities to collect student input on the program. With the continued assistance of the center and the University community, Himley and London hope the minor will increase dialogue on campus about LGBT issues and meet the needs of LGBT and non-LGBT students by filling the existing gap in curricular offerings at SU.

“There is a range of human experiences out there,” says London. “We’d like to see students take an introductory class and see the ways in which sexuality affects them and their view of the world. Then we can begin to talk, to break silences and bridge differences.”

The advanced courses are clustered thematically around (1) communities, places and identities, (2) histories and knowledge, (3) representation, media and performance, and (4) institutions and public policy.

For more information, contact Andrew S. London, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research and Co-Director, LGBT Studies Program at anlondon@syr.edu. For a listing of courses offered this fall, visit http://thecollege.syr.edu/depts/lgbt/Minor.htm.

Irresponsible & Inaccurate Article about Children of LGBT Parents Published

Dear Colleagues:

You may have heard that Paul Cameron, the homophobic researcher who publishes articles (maybe it would be more accurate to call them stories) on sexuality recently authored a piece in the Journal of Biosocial Science (it was previously reviewed and rejected by Pediatrics). The article is titled, “Children of Homosexuals and Transsexuals More Apt To Be Homosexual.” (For more info about Cameron who was removed from the APA in 1986, see: http://psychology.ucdavis.edu/rainbow/html/facts_cameron_sheet.html.)

His methodology is ridiculous and totally illegitimate. Basically his “sample” is not really a sample at all. He claims to have 77 participants but really, he knows nothing of those individuals as they are all interviewees in three books: Families Like Mine: Children of Gay Parents Tell It Like It Is by Abigail Garner, Out of the Ordinary: Essays on Growing Up with Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Parents edited by Noelle Howey and Ellen Samuels, and Sons Talk About Their Gay Fathers: Life Curves by Andrew Gottlieb—in fact five of the individuals appear in more than one of these three books, so its really just 72 individuals... that’s just the tip of the iceberg. Its a stellar example of “what not to do” for students in a Research Methods course. For a point by point analysis of the entire flawed article, see: http://www.boxturtlebulletin.com/Articles/000,012.htm.

Abigail Garner has contacted the editors at Cambridge University Press and has been instrumental in fostering dialogue about this issue (see her blog at: http://damnstraight.oversampled.net/2006/04/20/). I am among the individuals interviewed in Abigail’s book. The Journal should be held accountable. Ideally they will receive enough letters demanding a retraction they will have new choice but to retract the article, or at least agree to publish a rebuttal. A number of us included in the book have also contacted the APA, ASA, NCFR and other academic groups to notify them of the situation. It wouldn’t hurt for them to hear from other concerned members.

We are very worried that his official-sounding article will end up being used in a court of law regarding the custody of a child of LGBTQ parent(s), or will be cited in future studies, and that it will continue to perpetuate the prevailing myths about LGBTQ parents and their children. The Family Research Institute (where Cameron works) has already released a press release, stating as if it is fact, “A third of homosexuals’ children become homosexual.”

Please help to denounce this distorted and dishonest work by Cameron in whatever way you can. Make sure that your colleagues are aware of the situation. Please consider writing letters to the editor and other public forums demanding a retraction and apology.

Thank you!

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