Happy New Year Section Members!

2012 marks the fifteen year anniversary of the ASA Section on Sexualities. And, it is shaping up to be a ground-breaking year for us in several ways. Thanks to our student representatives, Trevor Hoppe and Eric Grollman, we now have an exciting (and up-to-date) website and a Facebook page. These new formats are enabling much more interaction and discussion between members, and showcasing our impressive history as a section.

As Chair, I want to acknowledge three recent and upcoming section “firsts”:

1) For the first time on record, one of the plenary sessions at the 2011 annual meeting was dedicated to the theme of sexualities. This plenary session operates, in some ways, as a legitimizing symbol, as it suggests that sexualities research warrants “general membership” space at the annual meeting. Such inclusion is welcome at this point in time, as many section members still face colleagues and departments that are hostile to sexualities research, and find it difficult to get funding for their research.

2) Showing the tenacity and vibrancy of sexualities research, we achieved 500 members in 2011, which is a new, and very exciting, record. A large portion of new members are graduate students, which ensures a long and healthy life to the section in years to come. And, we are rapidly approaching 600 members, which would give us 4 sessions at the annual meetings.

3) To celebrate the growth of the section, we are hosting the first sexualities “mini-conference” in August of this year prior to the annual meeting. One of the many exciting parts of this conference is that it is a format to bring together the people who made this section possible in 1997 with the people who are ensuring the future relevance of the section in the years to come. I strongly encourage our members to take part in the mini-conference, as it is going to be a key moment in the history of the section. You can come to present, to volunteer, or just to interact with other members of the section. See page 3, or http://www.crossing-boundaries.org, for details on the conference location, keynote speakers, and how to submit your work.

Reflecting on 2011-2012, I am thrilled to be section chair in such a vibrant and exciting period of growth.

Kristen Schilt
Chair, Section on Sexualities, ASA

Check us out on the web!

Official Sexualities Section website: www2.asanet.org/sectionsex/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/sociologyofsex
Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities Mini-Conference: www.crossing-boundaries.org
This Section

In the last decade 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.

Text written by Steve Seidman, Gil Zicklin, and Mark Hager

The Purpose

The purpose of the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities is to encourage, enhance and foster 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.

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

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Key Dates

Feb. 15, 2012: Submission deadline for “Crossing Boundaries” (the Sexualities Section mini-conference – see pg. 3 for details)
March 22-25, 2012: Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA
June 15, 2012: Submission deadline for the Summer 2012 issue of SexualitiesNews
August 15-16, 2012: Crossing Boundaries mini-conference, Denver, CO
August 17-20, 2012: ASA annual meeting (“Real Utopias”), Denver, CO

Have Something to Say?

Submit your brief announcements, 500-word essays, reviews, letters, art or photos for the next issue of SexualitiesNews to: Bayliss J. Camp, bayliss.camp@csus.edu, Dept. of Sociology, CSU Sacramento, 6000 J St., Sacramento, CA 95819 Fax (916) 278-6281.
Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities
The 2012 Sociology of Sexualities Mini-Conference

Co-sponsored by the ASA Section on Sex and Gender
August 15-16, Tivoli Student Union, University of Colorado-Denver (Downtown)

Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities, the first national mini-conference on sexualities studies in sociology, will be held August 15-16, just preceding the 2012 ASA Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities will bring together scholars working in the field of sexuality studies for an intensive two days of workshops, geared towards mapping and advancing the field, while building community and collective knowledge. To celebrate the vibrant life of the Sexualities Section, the conference also will include keynote panels by eminent sexualities scholars who will discuss the past, present, and future state of the field of sexualities research within sociology. This conference aims to unite junior and senior scholars working in related areas in an effort to share theoretical and methodological advances, create intellectual networks, and promote rich collaborations within the field of sexualities studies.

Conference participants can be involved in several ways. First, registered participants will be provided with a list of possible thematic workgroups to join. These workgroups are specifically geared toward networking and intellectual synergy. Second, conference participants can apply to present their work in one of three formats:

1. Dissertation Master Classes: Participants will submit a short version of a dissertation proposal to be workshopped in a small group with other scholars working in related areas. A senior scholar will lead each group, providing feedback on the methodological approach, theoretical import and feasibility of the proposed research.

2. Works-in-Progress Panels: Participants will submit a work-in-progress (e.g. a book chapter or a journal article). Selected scholars will receive feedback from panel attendees, who will read the work in advance.

3."Critical Issues" Workshops: Participants will present a brief (10 pages double-spaced maximum) “position paper” or “thought paper” on a topic related to sexualities broadly.

These panels and workshops are designed to foster common investigation of theoretical and methodological approaches across specific research topics.

We invite submissions on a range of topics, including intersectional analyses of race and sexuality; qualitative and quantitative methodologies; transnational, postcolonial, and/or decolonial queer people of color approaches; homophobia, heteronormativity and critical heterosexuality; transgender studies; LGBT social movements; mental and physical health among LGBT populations; queer theory; sexualities across the life course; organizations; and much, much more... Come to present your work in one of several formats, or simply to attend the varied sessions and think with scholars in the field.

Keynote speakers:
- Mary Bernstein, University of Connecticut                  - Amin Ghaziani, University of British Columbia
- Jyoti Puri, Simmons College                                         - Elizabeth Bernstein, Barnard College
- Héctor Carrillo, Northwestern University                     - Mignon R. Moore, UCLA

For information regarding submissions, see: http://www.crossing-boundaries.org/submit/
All submissions should be PDFs and emailed to: asasexualitiesconference@gmail.com

All submissions are due February 15, 2012, 5 p.m. EST
Sociology of Sexualities Section Awards – Call for Nominations for 2012

2012 Simon-Gagnon Award

The Simon and Gagnon Award honors career contributions to the study of sexualities as represented by a body of work or a single book. This award commemorates decades of research and writing on sexualities by Professor William Simon (University of Houston) who died on July 21, 2000, and his longtime collaborator, Professor John Gagnon (SUNY-Stony Brook). The recipient of the award will make a presentation to the Sexualities Section at the 2012 Annual Meeting, in Denver.

Nominations must include a letter that details how the nominee has made a significant contribution to the field of the sociology of sexualities. Nominations without such a letter will not be considered. Please submit letters of nomination via email to: Mary Bernstein, mary.bernstein@uconn.edu

Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2012.

Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship

The Martin Levine Memorial Dissertation Award was established to honor the memory of Martin Levine, who died of AIDS in 1993. It provides $3,000 to a graduate student (and $500 to an honorable mention) in the final stages of dissertation research and writing, who is working on those topics to which Levine devoted his career: 1) the sociology of sexualities, 2) the sociology of homosexuality, and 3) HIV/AIDS research. It is designed to help students complete their dissertations; the committee therefore evaluates dissertation proposals rather than completed work.

Please send your proposals to Michael Kimmel, Department of Sociology, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794, or Michael.kimmel@sunysb.edu

The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2012.

Best Graduate Student Paper

Papers are currently being accepted for the 2012 American Sociological Association's Sociology of Sexualities' Graduate Student Paper Award. This award is given to a paper authored by a student currently enrolled in a sociology graduate program. A paper may be coauthored by two or more students who would share the award. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible. The focus of the paper should be sexualities broadly defined. Winner(s) will receive the award at the annual meeting of the ASA in Denver in 2012.

Papers should be manuscript length and no longer than 35 typed, double-spaced pages. Self-nominations will be accepted. Please send a letter of nomination and a copy of the paper (PDF or Word format) via email to Laurel Westbrook at westbrol@gvsu.edu

The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2012.


Sociology of Sexualities Section Awards – Call for Nominations (cont.)

2012 Distinguished Book Award

A prize for the best book in the Sociology of Sexualities published in the 2010 through 2011 calendar years. Edited volumes will not be considered. Winner(s) will receive the award at the annual meeting of the ASA in Denver in 2012. Books may be self-nominated or nominated by another scholar/press. If you wish to nominate a book, please send a brief letter via email to: Elizabeth Bernstein, ebernste@barnard.edu

Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2012.

Presses must send 1 copy to each of the five members of the Book Award Committee listed below:

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New Sexualities Section Discussion Listserv

Each section of the ASA may maintain a listserv to facilitate communication among the membership. The Sexualities Section maintains a “discussion list” to facilitate intellectual exchange and networking among section members. To join the Sexualities Section discussion listserv:

- Send an e-mail to listserv@listserv.asanet.org
- Leave the subject field blank
- Make sure that the body of the message is entirely blank (no signatures, etc.), except for the following text: subscribe sexualities
- Send the message, and wait for a reply back with further instructions.

For guidelines regarding discussion etiquette, please see: www.asanet.org/about/sections/listservs.cfm
Sexualities Section 2012 ASA Sessions

Session I (Co-sponsored with the Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements)
Session Title: Sexualities, Social Movements, and Institutions
Description: This session will examine how social and political movements related to sexualities and/or sexual issues interact with institutions, such as the media, the law, governmental agencies and bodies, marriage, and the family. Topics might include (but are not limited to) media representations of sexuality-centered social movements, legal struggles over rights for existing and emerging sexual minority groups, the strategic use of institutions by social movement actors, and the outcomes of institutionalization on sexuality-based activism. Papers on transnational and/or U.S. movements are welcome.

Session Organizers: Tey Meadow, Princeton University, tmeadow@princeton.edu and Tina Fetner, McMaster University, tina.fetner@mcmaster.ca

Session II (Co-sponsored with the Section on Sex & Gender)
Session Title: New Transnational Research on Gender and Sexualities
Description: This session showcases recent research on gender and sexualities in a transnational context. Topics might include (but are not limited to): research on gender and/or sexuality based social movements and not-for-profits; constructions of gender and sexual norms in law, media, and government; HIV organizations/programs; same-sex marriage; hate crimes; reproductive rights movements; transgender policies; sex work and trafficking; gender and sexualities in the global south. Comparative research is welcome.

Session Organizer: Kimberly Kay Hoang, Rice University, kayhoang@rice.edu

Session III
Session Title: The Charmed Circle and the Outer Limits: Thinking Sexualities
Description: In Gayle Rubin’s canonical article, “Thinking Sex,” she theorizes sexualities as a series of circles. At the center sit sexual practices and identities deemed “normal” and normative, and at the outer edge lie “deviant” sexualities. This panel invites research that examines the social processes that create, reproduce, and challenge sexual normativity & deviance. Topics could include (but are not limited to): constructions of “normal” and “deviant” sexualities in medicine, demography, law and psychology; heterosexuality studies & critical heterosexualities; demographic studies of sexualities; allegiances and/or boundaries between marginal sexual groups/identities; relationships between sexualities at “the center” and those at “the margins,” normative and anti-normative sexualities-based social movement agendas; “sex panics;” and historical research on shifting sexual boundaries.

Session Organizer: Kristen Schilt, University of Chicago, kschilt@uchicago.edu

Roundtable Organizers: Abigail Ocobock, University of Chicago, Jill Weinberg, Northwestern University.

Kudos!
To us! For enrolling 500 members in the Sexualities Section. If we maintain 500+ for 3 years, we can start considering an ASA-sponsored Sociology of Sexualities journal.
Call for Applications: Visiting Scholar at Boston University

Visiting Scholar in Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Boston University.

The Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Program at Boston University announces an opening for a post-doctoral Visiting Scholar, the appointment to run from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. Scholars of all disciplines who would enjoy working in an interdisciplinary environment are encouraged to apply. No stipend is provided, but the Visiting Scholar will have access to the Boston University Libraries and will have an office in the Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Program on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. The Visiting Scholar will be expected to present an informal seminar on work-in-progress at some time during the residency.

Applications should include a current curriculum vitae, a 1-2 page letter describing the research activities the Scholar will conduct during the residency, and one letter of reference.

Applications and reference letters should be addressed to: Deborah Belle, Director, Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Program, at debbelle@bu.edu.

Review of application materials will begin on February 1.

Social Movements Blog: Mobilizing Ideas

http://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com

The Center for the Study of Social Movements (CSSM) at the University of Notre Dame is excited to announce the launch of a new social movements blog – Mobilizing Ideas – edited by Grace Yukich, David Ortiz, Rory McVeigh, and Dan Myers.

This blog publishes interdisciplinary perspectives on social movements, social change, and the public sphere. To enhance dialogue between scholars and activists, Mobilizing Ideas hosts exchanges between leading scholars from the social sciences and humanities and the activists they study, featuring original essays responding to a wide variety of problems related to social movements and social change.


There is also a section of the blog called “Daily Disruption” that features up-to-date news about and analysis of social movement activism, with recent posts like “Race, Class, and Gender among the 99%” and “Panopticon Policing?”

CSSM hope Mobilizing Ideas will become the leading online source for information and debate on social movements and activism. Subscribe to the blog's RSS feed or leave comments – they would love to hear what you think!


**Recent Books**

Adams, Mary Louise. 2011. *Artistic Impressions: Figure Skating Masculinity, and the Limits of Sport*. Toronto, ON: Univ. of Toronto Press.


