Dear Sexualities Section Members:

Twenty years! You read that right, twenty years! The Sexualities section of the ASA is celebrating its 20 year anniversary in 2017. We have come a long way in that time. For several years we have maintained over 500 members, and almost half of our members are graduate students. That means we have a very bright future ahead of us. Looking back over these 20 years we see how far we have come, and looking forward over the next 20 years we can only dream how far we will go.

Looking a bit less far into the future, I want to encourage everyone to join us at the 112th Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The meeting will be held from August 12 through August 15. Our session day is Tuesday August 15. Once again we will hold a joint reception with the Body & Embodiment section. We are planning for that reception to be Monday August 14 at L’Assommoir Notre Dame (211 Rue Notre-Dame Ouest). The reception will start at 6:30pm; L’Assommoir is just a quick five minute walk from the Palais des Congrès. I don’t know about you, but my high school French is pretty rusty. I’m definitely going to need to do some studying before August.

To recognize our anniversary we have a session on “20 Years of Sexualities” planned for the August meeting. Our three other sessions are on “Transnational Sexualities,” “Intersectionalities and Sexualities,” and “Criminalizations and Decriminalizations of Sexuality.” I cannot wait to hear the interesting and groundbreaking research presented at these sessions.
We will also have our usual large roundtable session, and immediately following that, the business meeting. Please make sure to attend the business meeting, where we will honor award recipients and plan for the future.

As I conclude I want to remind everyone of the next Sexualities Preconference, scheduled for 2018 in Philadelphia. The chairs and committee members are putting together a schedule highlighting great research and facilitating mentoring and networking opportunities. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Cheers, Dawn

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**PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST**


Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Place (Humphreys, Laud 1975; Kao, Ying-Chao trans. 2016, New Taipei City: Socio). This book was sold over a thousand copies and won the 2017 Editor Award of Translated Books, Taipei International Book Exhibition.
NEW SECTION BOOKS

Professor Amy Adamczyk
John Jay College and the Graduate Center,
City University of New York

Book link to California Press website:
www.ucpress.edu/go/crossnationalpublicopinion

Public opinion about homosexuality varies substantially around
the world. While residents in some nations have embraced gay
rights as human rights, people in many other countries find
homosexuality unacceptable. What creates such big differences
in attitudes? This book shows that cross-national differences in
opinion can be explained by the strength of democratic
institutions, the level of economic development, and the religious
context of the places where people live. Amy Adamczyk uses
survey data from almost ninety societies, case studies of various
countries, content analysis of newspaper articles, and in-depth
interviews to examine how demographic and individual
characteristics influence acceptance of homosexuality.

Dr. J. Sumerau (University of Tampa) has published a new book
exploring bisexual and non binary experience. Cigarettes & Wine is
a southern bisexual and non binary coming of age story set in the
1990's, and based on hundreds of formal and informal interviews with
LGBTQIAP people throughout the south. For more information about
the book and links for purchasing it, see https://jsumerau.com/
cigarettes-wine/ and for an explanation of the theoretical and
methodological process behind the book, see https://
www.writewhereithurts.net/creating-cigarettes-wine-a-southern-
bisexual-and-non-binary-coming-of-age-story/

Robert Wyrod. AIDS and Masculinity in the African City:
Privilege, Inequality, and Modern Manhood.
AIDS has been a devastating plague in much of sub-Saharan Africa,
yet the long-term implications for gender and sexuality are just
emerging. AIDS and Masculinity in the African City tackles this issue
head on and examines how AIDS has altered the ways masculinity is
lived in Uganda—a country known as Africa’s great AIDS success story.
Based on a decade of ethnographic research in an urban slum
community in the capital Kampala, this book reveals the persistence of
masculine privilege in the age of AIDS and the implications such
privilege has for combating AIDS across the African continent.
Three new and concise books exploring the diverse experiences across LGBT communities throughout the United States—including Puerto Rico—have just been published by Palgrave Macmillan. The three books utilize personal narratives and survey data from more than 5,000 Black, Latinx, and Asian and Pacific Islander respondents. The authors document and celebrate many of the everyday strengths and strategies employed by this extraordinary population to navigate and negotiate their daily lives. Topics include race, sexuality, current trends, health disparities, immigration, LGBT outness, religion & spirituality, family life, future research and more.


This trio of 2017 books (each volume runs approximately 65 pages and contains more than a dozen B&W illustrations) are available for immediate course adoption.
2016 ASA AWARD WINNERS

2016 Distinguished Book Award

2016 Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities
Sarah A. Miller, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, “How You Bully a Girl”: Sexual Drama and the Negotiation of Gendered Sexuality in High School.”

Honorable mention:
Brandon Andrew Robinson, University of Texas at Austin, “Personal Preference” as the New Racism: Gay Desire and Racial Cleansing in Cyberspace.”

2016 Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship
Stefan Vogler, Northwestern University, “Legal Bureaucracies and the Production of Sexual Knowledge.”

2017 Sociology of Sexualities Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award*
Mary Bernstein, University of Connecticut
*The Sociology of Sexualities Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award is now presented every two years, beginning in August 2017. The recipient of the 2017 award was selected this year to allow time to organize a 2017 section session around the scholarship of the recipient. We will formally present this award in 2017.
From the Sociologists for Trans Justice initiative:

The subcommittee "Advancing Trans Studies in Sociology" is compiling a list of scholars with expertise in trans-related topics who are willing to serve as journal referees. The goal of this initiative is to help spread the labor that is often placed on a few well known Trans Studies scholars, as well as to promote quality peer review in social science trans scholarship. Click here to add your name to the database, and please share widely!

***If you would like to be featured as a “Graduate Student on the Market,” please send me your name, affiliation, a short description of your work (300 words or less), and picture of yourself.

***We are also welcoming suggestions for newsletter content. If you have an idea for a section/feature (such as pedagogy, publication tips and tricks, etc.), send me an email!

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