Socionomy Department Newsletter

SU “Rocks” the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting

Syracuse Sociology was very well represented at this year’s ESS conference. Most of our faculty were at the conference presenting work or involved in some way, and Yingyi Ma organized an entire “mini-conference” featuring scholarship on China. Many of our graduate students presented papers which were excellent and quite professionally delivered. About a dozen of our grad students were involved in helping to organize the paper sessions, and a number of them also did volunteer hours at the conference registration desk. And it was especially wonderful to see so many of our outstanding alumni on the program. President Marj DeVault enjoyed presiding at the conference and only wishes she could have heard ALL the presentations! Tre Wentling and Tracy Peterchak were “totally awesome” program assistants, Marj says. Tre made all the hard work fun, and Tracy organized a very nice party for us in the Presidential Suite. Professor Charles Willie, who taught at SU from 1950 to 1974, was on hand to greet old friends and to present the first Charles V. Willie Minority Graduate Student Award, named in his honor.

Professor Marjorie DeVault and Ph.D. Student Tre Wentling
**FACULTY PRESENTATIONS AT ESS**

**Marj DeVault**
Presider at *Really Invisible: Breathing, Waiting, Listening*
Organizer and Presider at *Focus on Civil Rights: Legacies and Extensions of the Civil Rights Movement*—Special Presidential Session
Presider and Discussant at *Unpaid Carework: Gender, Aging, and Health*—Mini-Conference on The Invisible Work of Care
Organizer and Presider at *The 1964 Civil Rights Act, 50th Anniversary Reflections*—Plenary
Organizer of *Conversation with Dorothy Smith*—Conversation
Panelist on *Time and Craft in the Practice of Slow Sociology*

**Dawn Dow**
Presented “Families”—*Invisible Work in the Family*—Thematic Session

**Cecilia Green**
Presented “The New Chinese Presence in the Caribbean: Donor State and Entrepreneurial Immigrant”

**Madonna Harrington Meyer**
Presented “Intensive Grandmothering” *Invisible Work in the Family*—Thematic Session

**Christine Himes**
Organizer—*Health and Aging*—Regular Paper Session & presented “Relationship of Obesity to Physical Performance Measures”

**Richard Loder**
Panelist at *Focus on Civil Rights: Legacies and Extensions of the Civil Rights Movement*—Special Presidential Session

**Andrew London**
Presider—*Aging: Neighborhoods, Social Supports, & Participation*—Regular Paper Session
Presented “Veteran Status, Gender, and Extramarital Sex: Results from the General Social Survey” with Janet Wilmoth and Natalee Simpson

**Julia Loughlin**
Presider—*Work, Community, and the Environment*—Regular Paper Session

**Amy Lutz**
Organizer—*Invisible Work and the Undocumented: A Conversation with Roberto Gonzales and Robert Smith*—Thematic Session
Presented “Helping with Homework Versus Reaching Homework Independence: Parents’ Experiences with Helping and Not Helping with Eighth Graders’ Homework” with Pamela Bennett (Queens College-CUNY) and Lakshmi Jayaram
FACULTY PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Yingyi Ma
Presider - Educational Opportunities, Choices, & Outcomes
Presented “Money Cannot Buy Satisfaction—the Labor Market Outcomes of Student-Turned-Immigrants in the U.S.” with Yan Liu
Organizer - Contentious Politics and State-Society Relationship – Mini Conference: China
Organizer & Discussant - Migration, Education and Health – Mini-Conference: China
Organizer - Social Change and State Legitimacy – Mini-Conference: China
Organizer - Frontiers of Development Strategy and Practice – Mini-Conference: China
Organizer – Identity, Culture and Religion – Mini-Conference: China

Jackie Orr
Presider & Discussant - Affect and Assemblage – Mini Conference: Sociology of the Body
Presented “Thinking with Oil: Magical Sub-Realism and BP’s Macondo” at Extended, Technological, Virtual Bodies – Mini-Conference: Sociology of the Body
Introduced Marj DeVault’s Presidential Address

Arthur Paris
Panelist at Negotiating Race/Gender in Academic & Post Academic Careers – Panel

Gretchen Purser
Presented “The Dirty Work of Day Labor” at the Dirty Work Thematic Session

Merril Silverstein
Presented “Intergenerational Monetary Transfers and Health Care Service Utilization by Older Adults in Rural China” with Lu Zhuo and Yooumi Lee

Janet Wilmoth
Presented “Veteran Status, Gender, and Extramarital Sex: Results from the General Social Survey” with Andrew London and Natalee Simpson

Part-Time Instructors

Janet Dodd and Diane Swords
Presented “Standpoint Pedagogy” with Glenda Gross (OCC) in Pedagogy In and Beyond the Classroom – Roundtable

Douglas MacDonald
Presented “Adventure in Understanding: Breast Cancer Survivorship and the Embodied Self” with Maria DiTullio (LeMoyne College) at Chronic Illness & Disability – Mini-Conference: Sociology of the Body
### GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTATIONS AT ESS

**Ynesse Abdul-Malak**
- Presented “Health Impacts of Invisible Care Work: Immigrant Grandparents from the Caribbean and Latin America”

**Adrienne Atterberry**
- Presented “Education in Diaspora: Indian Women & International Higher Education”

**Marcus Bell**
- Presented “Working–Class Graduate Students and the Neoliberalization of Higher Education” with Aaron Hoy, Selene Cammer-Bechtold, and Mauricio Torres
- Presider at *Gender & Race in Student Cultures*

**Aaron Blasyak**
- Presider at *Intersections of Identity, Place & Sexuality*

**Nyasha Boldon**
- Presented “Between a Rock and Hard Place: The Impact of Funding Cuts on Services an HIV Agency Offers to Clients”

**Selene Cammer-Bechtold**
- Presider at *Higher Education-Roundtable*
- Presented “Working–Class Graduate Students and the Neoliberalization of Higher Education” with Marcus Bell, Aaron Hoy and Mauricio Torres

**Carrie Elliott**
- Presider at *Transgender & the Life Course—Invited Session*

**Maria Espinoza**
- Presented “Controlling the Population’s Health: From Cholera Epidemic to Family Planning in a new Neoliberal State”

**Jessica Hausauer**
- Presider at *Pedagogy: Classroom Activities*
- Presented “Sanctioning the Poor: The Distribution of Welfare Sanctions”

**Aaron Hoy**
- Presented “Working–Class Graduate Students and the Neoliberalization of Higher Education” with Marcus Bell, Selene Cammer-Bechtold, and Mauricio Torres
- Presider at *Sexual and Gendered Spaces*
Yan Liu
Presented “Money Cannot Buy Satisfaction—the Labor Market Outcomes of Student-Turned-Immigrants in the U.S.” with Yingyi Ma
Presented “At the Junction of Local Players and the Chinese State: The New Wave of Chinese Immigrants in the Eastern Caribbean”

Tracy Peterchak
Presented “Store Daze: Individual Responsibility, Self-Fulfillment, and the Precarity of Low-Wage Labor in Retail Sales”

Natalee Simpson
Presented “Sexual Identity and Sexual Activity among High School Students in New York”
Presented “Veteran Status, Gender, and Extramarital Sex: Results from the General Social Survey” with Andrew London and Janet Wilmoth

Mauricio Torres
Presented “Working-Class Graduate Students and the Neoliberalization of Higher Education” with Marcus Bell, Selene Cammer-Bechtold, and Aaron Hoy

Rebecca Wang
Presented “Change as the Rule, Not the Exception: Celebrating Diversity in Transgender Life Course”
Presider at Health and Aging

Tre Wentling
Presider at Sub-Cultural Sexual Practices
Organizer of Transgender & the Life Course Session
ALUMNI PRESENTATIONS AT ESS

Amy Best (George Mason University), SU Ph.D. ‘98
Presented “Confronting Inequalities, Constructing Health: School Food, Commercial Markets, Health and Moral Meaning”
Panelist at Keeping it Invisible or Flaunting It?: Cooking, Birth, and Pedagogy
Panelist at A Conversation with Joel Best

Jeremy Brunson (Gallaudet University), SU Ph.D. ‘07
Organizer and Presider of Deafness I: Social Relations of Communication Access–Mini-Conference: Deafness and Society
Coordinated Sign Language Interpretation for the Conference

Amy Denissen (California State University Northridge) SU M.A. ‘97
Presented “Responses to Sex Trafficking: Comparing Frames, Policies, and Solutions in Three U. S. Cities”

Lauren Eastwood (SUNY Plattsburg) SU Ph.D. ‘02
Discussant for Institutional Ethnography II: Navigating Institutions–Mini-Conference: Institutional Ethnography
Presider at Conversation with Dorothy Smith

Glenda Gross (Onondaga Community College) SU Ph.D.’13
Presented “My Work Enables Me to Put My Politics into Practice: Feminist Educators’ Teaching Work in the Academy”
Presented “Standpoint Pedagogy” with Janet Dodd and Diane Swords in Pedagogy In and Beyond the Classroom-Roundtable

Chrys Ingraham (SUNY Purchase) SU Ph.D. ‘92
Presented “Minding the Gap: The Textually Mediated Experience of Institutional Accessibility—Building an Institutional Ethnographic Research Model” with Joan Dacher (Russell Sage College)

Frank Ridzi (LeMoyne College & CNY Community Foundation) SU Ph.D. ‘03
Presented “Coalitions Social Capital and the Creative Class”
Organizer & Presider of Coalitions and Community Networks–Invited Session

Don Sawyer (Quinnipiac University) SU Ph.D. ‘13
Discussant for Research with Children: Managing IRB’s and Other Institutional Gatekeepers–Conversation
Presented “The 3 R’s in a Dismantled Urban School: Relationships, Respect, and Resistance”
Presider at Education and Employment–Regular Paper Session

Fumilayo Showers (Central Connecticut State University) SU Ph.D. ‘13
Presented “Care for Hire: African Immigrants as Invisible Labor Brokers in Health Care in Metropolitan Washington, D.C.”
Presider for Pedagogy In and Beyond the Classroom–Roundtable
ALUMNI PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Rene Spraggins (University of Maryland-University College) SU Ph.D. ‘98
Panelist for Negotiating Race/Gender in Academic & Post Academic Careers

Alecea Standlee (Concord University) SU Ph.D. ‘12
Presider at Thinking About Media—Regular Paper Session
Presented “Technology and Making Meaning in College Relationships: Reconsidering Presence”

Linda Waldron (Christopher Newport University) SU Ph.D. ‘02
Presider at Children and Violence-Roundtable

Ben Marley (Binghamton University) SU BA ‘08
Presider at Urban Politics and Development—Regular Paper Session
Organizer and presider at Capital, Resources, and the Crisis of our Times—Invited Session
Presented “Dethroning King Coal: Exhausting West Virginia’s Socio-Ecological Relations in the Rise of the Powder River Basin” with Samantha Fox (Binghamton University)

Program Committee

Marjorie DeVault
(Program Chair and ESS President)
Professors Yingyi Ma, Jackie Orr & Amy Lutz
Alumni—Lauren Eastwood & Frank Ridzi

Program Scheduling Committee & Program Coordinators
Ph.D. Students—Tre Wentling & Tracy Peterchak

Scheduling Committee
Ph.D. Students—Danelis Alejo, Marcus Bell, Aaron Blasyak, Nyasha Boldon, Selene Cammer-Bechtold, Elizabeth Daniele, Carrie Elliott, Maria Espinoza, & Aaron Hoy

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Additional Photos from the ESS Meeting

Professor Amy Lutz and Daughter Sonja Registering

Ph.D. Student Aaron Blasyak Volunteering

Professors Charles Willie & Arthur Paris

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