The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) will hold its annual meeting on August 21–23, 2015 in Chicago Illinois, at the Public Chicago Hotel, a short distance from the hotels used by the American Sociological Association for their annual meeting.

The Public Chicago is the Gold Coast’s famed Ambassador Hotel, rich with cultural heritage, and a fitting setting for our annual conference.

**Public Sociology as Conference Theme**

It has now been 10 years since Michael Burawoy’s famous presidential address to the American Sociological Association, which argued for a legitimate place for public sociology alongside other forms of research practice. Burawoy argued that public sociology, the kind of sociology that connects with, serves, and informs everyday people in civil society, has been largely unappreciated, and unfairly occupies a marginal space in the discipline. Since Burawoy’s call for a resurgence of public sociology, there have been countless articles, special issues, and edited books that have weighed in on the issue, written by scholars who have been both critical and supportive. Meanwhile, symbolic interactionists have had very little to say about the issue of public sociology, though there have been some notable exceptions. The literature that does exist indicates that interactionists have much to offer to conceptions of public sociology, and in turn, public sociology has the potential to reinvigorate interactionist research.

As such, we invite scholars to further explore this theme of public sociology and symbolic interactionism. We hope to have a number of sessions on this topic at our annual meeting. Further, a special issue on this same theme is planned for our flagship journal, *Symbolic Interaction*. The call for papers for this special issue will follow shortly after the 2015 annual conference.

**Keynote Speaker: Diane Vaughan**

We are very pleased indeed to announce that Diane Vaughan has agreed to be the keynote speaker for our 2015 annual conference. Dr. Vaughan is Professor of Sociology and International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. The theoretical focus of her research is how the social - history, institutions, organizations - affect individual meanings, decisions, and action. She is the author of *Controlling Unlawful Organizational Behavior, Uncoupling*, and *The Challenger Launch Decision*. She has two books in progress, *Theorizing: Analogy, Cases, and Comparative Social Organization*, and *Dead Reckoning: System Effects, Boundary Work and Risk in Air Traffic Control*. An extremely accomplished ethnographer, Dr. Vaughan’s work is also a great example of public sociology, and she has written prolifically on the different ways in which qualitative research can lend itself to public sociological work.

**The Public Chicago Hotel**

This will be the home of our annual conference in 2015. We have a special block of rooms reserved for conference participants, at the rate of $199 per night ($224 for double occupancy, $249 for triple occupancy, and $274 for quadruple occupancy). This rate applies to both standard
king and standard double rooms. The hotel is located at 1301 North State Parkway, Chicago, IL, 60610. Their website is http://www.publichotels.com/chicago/home. You can make reservations directly with the hotel prior to the cut-off date of July 21, 2015. Their toll-free number is 1-888-506-3471. When calling for a reservation, make sure to mention you are with the 2015 SSSI annual conference.

** SSSI Student Travel Grants **

Students who are traveling to the (2015) Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction to present or preside in a paper session may apply for $200 to help defray the costs of their attendance. Travel grant recipients will be expected to sign up for one or two shifts at the membership/information table during the Conference. After applying for the travel grant, students will be contacted by Tyler Schafer to organize the registration table schedule.

To qualify, you must provide a copy of your student ID and your mailing information, as well as the title of your paper or session, to the SSSI Treasurer: Lisa-Jo van den Scott, lvandenscott@brocku.ca

Applications will be accepted prior to and during the event. Checks will be distributed at the Conference, or may be mailed after the event. SSSI student travel grants receive additional support through the generosity of the Couch family, and may be supported by other donations.

** PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM:**

Thursday, 5:30-7:00PM: Informal Gathering at Hotel Bar (self-pay)

Friday, 7:45AM-8:45AM (SALON 1)
Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, 8:00AM-5:00PM
Registration (Second Floor Foyer)

Friday, 9:00AM-10:30AM

**FEATURED SESSION: Public Sociology I (SALON 2)**
Chair: Christopher Schneider

Stan Saxton’s “Citizen-Scholar” as Interactionism’s Preferred Approach to Public Sociology
Patrick J.W. McGinty, Western Illinois University

Unveiling the Façade: Exploring the Institutional Shaping of Public Sociology
Carrie B. Sanders and Katherine Rozad, Wilfrid Laurier University
Charles H. Cooley, Public Sociology and American Sentimentalism  
Natalia Ruiz-Junco, Auburn University

Jane Addams and the Emergence of the Liberal Public Sphere as a Symbolic Interaction  
Vessela Misheva, Uppsala University, Sweden

**Special Workshop: Constructing Grounded Theory (SALON 3)**  
**Kathy Charmaz, Sonoma State University**  
This is intended as an engaging workshop on the topic of improving our skills at qualitative analysis, inspired by Kathy Charmaz’s newly published (2014) book *Constructing Grounded Theory, 2nd Edition* (Sage).

**Sexualities (SALON 4)**  
Chair: Dennis D. Waskul (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

**Serial Monogamy: Understanding the Experiences of Men and Women with Complex Marital and Cohabitation Histories**  
Christopher Wienke, Southern Illinois University

**Stories of Non-Becoming: Non-Issues, Non-Events, and Non-Identities in Asexual Lives**  
Susie Scott, University of Sussex

**It Gets Better, But What About Now? The Persistence of Homophobia in American Society**  
Zachary Owens, University of Colorado

**The Technologies of Appetites: Transforming Food, Sex & Gender from Technologies into Generative Values**  
Alexander Stingl and Sabrina Weiss, STS Center Drexel University

Friday, 10:30AM-11:00AM  
Coffee Break

Friday, 11:00AM-12:30PM

**FEATURED SPEAKER SESSION:** (SALON 2)  
**Real Stories for Real Teens: Public Sociology in Young Adult Fiction**  
Greg Neri, Writer

**Sociology of Emotions I (SALON 3)**
Chair: Scott R. Harris

Finding Meaning within the Chaos: Response and Adaptation to Mental Illness in the Family
Doug Engelman, University of South Florida

Masculinity, Emotions, and Suicide: Individual Explanations and Social Problems
Amy Chandler, University of Edinburgh

The Emotional Aftermath of Suicide: Stigma, Feeling Rules, and Accounts
Tanetta Andersson, Trinity College

Working Towards Forgiveness after a Loved One Dies
Nancy Berns, Drake University

Media and Framing (SALON 4)
Chair: Alexander F. Smithers, University of South Florida

Problematising Sex Trafficking in the U.S.: Media Framing, Standing, and Policy Responses
Amy M. Denissen, California State University Northridge

Financial Crisis, Framing, and Popular Protest, Iceland October 2008-January 2009
Jon Gunnar Bernberg, University of Iceland

The Container Today: Re-examining Metaphors of Immigration in the British Press
Alexander F. Smithers, University of South Florida

Friday, 12:30-2:00PM
Lunch Break

Friday, 2:00-3:30PM

Difference, Inequality, and Interaction (SALON 2)
Chair: Daniel Morrison
Discussant: Patrick Grzanka

Does Identity Make Me Immune? An Intersectional Approach to HIV/AIDS Prevention for Black Lesbians
Brittany Taylor, Georgia State University

Undocumented and Unapologetic: The Moral Career of Undocumented Youth
Girsea Martinez, Texas Tech University
Social Class Differences in the Presentation of Self: The Example of Nursing Home Residents
Baptiste Brossard, University of Montréal

No Laughing Matter? Examining the Reception of Disability Humor
Melissa Jane Welch, Shawn Bingham, and Sara Green, University of South Florida

Place and Identity (SALON 3)
Chair: Stella Čapek, Hendrix College

Food, Identity, and Place: Expression of Traditionality through Exuberant Consumption
Lisa-Jo van den Scott, Northwestern University

Tiny Houses and the Self: Presentations of Agency and Morality
Jennifer Dunn, Texas Tech University

Shale County’s “Fog of Oppression”: How Pain and Suffering Haunt Areas of Advanced Marginality
Philip Lewin, Florida Atlantic University

A Symbolic Interactionist Approach to Language Use, Interactions and Identity Development during Study Abroad
Tomoko Wakana, University of Wisconsin Madison

Race and Symbolic Interactionism (SALON 4)
Chair: Brandon A. Jackson, University of Arkansas

Latino/a Students Constructing Identity in High School
Stacy Salerno and Brian Knop, Florida State University

Documentary, High School Football, and Race: An Intersection of Symbolic Interactionism
Travis Bell, University of South Florida

Managing Asymmetries: How Organizations Influence Local and Foreign Interactions in the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines
Victoria Reyes, Growth and Structure of Cities Department, Bryn Mawr College

“Crafting” White-Maleness through Cultural Forms: Reflections From Within the Craft Beer Industry
Erik Withers, University of South Florida

Friday, 3:30-4:00PM
Coffee Break

Friday, 4:00-5:30PM
Social Inequality (SALON 2)
Chair: Noreen M. Sugrue, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Being Respectable
Jacob Heller, SUNY, Old Westbury College

Mythbusters: A Micro-Level Approach to Understanding Social Inequality in the Mississippi Delta
Richard Thomas, Texas Christian University
An interactionist Investigation of Human Nature
Dave Schweingruber, Iowa State University

Marginalized Women Speak: Using Biographical Performance to Inform Gender-Responsive Policies
Telamisile Mkhatshwa, Lenore Matthew, Tumani Malinga, Elizabeth Sloffer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Urban Interactionism, Identity, and Culture (SALON 3)
Chairs: Richard Mitchell and Adele Kubein, Oregon State University

Portlandia’s Other Children: Banh Mi, Burkas and Bosniaks in the Land of Beer and Bicycles
Richard Mitchell and Adele Kubein, Oregon State University

Culture in Encounters: Shared Meanings and Solidarity
Roscoe C. Scarborough, University of Virginia

The Self in its Material Habitats: Materiality and Symbolic Interaction as Critical Animism
Eugene Halton, University of Notre Dame

Adapting to Disaster: Narrative Accounts of Detroit’s Ongoing Deconstruction
Paul Draus, PhD, The University of Michigan-Dearborn
Anthony McDuffie, Wayne State University
Juliette Roddy, The University of Michigan-Dearborn

Symbolic Interaction and the Environment (SALON 4)
Chair: Antony Puddephatt, Lakehead University

No Jobs on a Dead Planet: Keystone XL and the Obfuscation and Illumination of State-Corporate Crime
Jordan E. Mazurek, Eastern Kentucky University

Beauty is Precious, Knowledge is Power, and Innovation is Progress: Widely Held Beliefs in Policy Narratives about Oil Spills
Brenda Mason, University of South Florida

*Ecotourism Reconsidered: The Nature of Iceland*
Peter R. Grahame, Alyssa Maraj Graham, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Friday, 5:30PM-7:00PM
**Reception and Meet and Greet** (Ava)
*Cash Bar with Complimentary hor d’oeuvres served*
Enjoy the rooftop patio!!

Saturday 8:00AM-5:00PM
Registration (Second Floor Foyer)

Saturday 8:00-9:00AM
Business Meeting (SALON 1)

Saturday, 9:00-10:30AM

**Special Author Meets Critics Session**: (SALON 2)

Chair: Amanda Gengler, Wake Forest University

Commentators:
Kathryn Lively, Dartmouth
Ruth Horowitz, NYU
Steve Hitlin, University of Iowa
Kendra Jason, UNC-Charlotte

**The Strange, Uncanny, and Bizarre** (SALON 3)
Chair: Dennis D. Waskul, Minnesota State University, Mankato

*The Cloak of Incompetence: Deliberately Disguising, Downplaying, and Disregarding Personal Abilities*
Arthur McLuhan, York University
Dorothy Pawluch, McMaster University
William Shaffir, McMaster University

*Ghosts are People Too: The Narrative Construction of the Disembodied Self*
Marc Eaton, Ripon College

*Ghostly Reason and the Will to Believe: The Processes by which Uncanny Events Become Ghosts in Everyday Life*
Dennis D. Waskul, Minnesota State University, Mankato with Michele Waskul

*Sweet Symbol: A Study of Sugar and Sweets’ Symbolic Value through the Sociology of Cognition and Semiotics*
Caroline Erb-Medina, City University of New York

**Early Interactionist Sociology** (SALON 4)
Chair: Lonnie Athens, Seton Hall University

*Ernest Watson Burgess, Sociologist and Social Researcher*
Raffaele Nicola Maria Rauty, University of Salerno, Italy

*Governance of the Self as Articulated by Mead’s Generalized Other & Smith’s Impartial Spectator*
Paul Fuller, Illinois College

*The Sociology of Signs in Culture and Everyday Life: The Thought of Japanese Pragmatist Shunsuke Tsurumi*
Masaya Terada, Meisei University

*The Belated Appearance of Radical Interactionism on the Sociological Stage*
Lonnie Athens, Seton Hall University

Saturday, 10:30-11:00AM
Coffee Break

Saturday, 11:00AM-12:30PM

**FEATURED SESSION: Public Sociology II** (SALON 2)
Chair: Simon Gottschalk, University of Nevada

*The architecture of humor as a public sociologist: A symbolic interaction perspective*
Carla Corroto, Radford University

*Public Sociology, Middle-class Ideology and Early Interactionist Thought*
Alan Dahl, Columbus State University

*How to Become a Public Sociologist: A Semi-Practical Guide*
Ben Merriman, University of Chicago
Symbolic Interaction, Public Sociology, and the Potential of Open-Access Publishing
Taylor Price and Antony Puddephatt, Lakehead University

City and Community (SALON 4)
Chair: Maggie Kusenbach, University of South Florida

Preserving Status through Symbolic Reconstruction: Jacksonville’s Historic Avondale Neighborhood
Krista E. Paulsen, University of North Florida

Transforming Urban Space Through Mobile Entrepreneurship
Cate Irvin, Tulane University

It’s For Everyone, It’s for No One: Managing Multiple Meanings of Community and Place at a Las Vegas Community Garden
Tyler S. Schafer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

The Photo-Drift: A Methodological Tool for Sensuous Urban Field Research
Timothy Melnyk, Brian S. O’Hara, and Michael Ian Borer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Saturday, 12:30-2:00PM
Lunch Break

Saturday, 2:00-3:30PM

Sociology of Emotions II (SALON 2)
Chair: Scott R. Harris

Courage as Interactional and Emotional Accomplishment
Poul Poder, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Doing Loyalty by Doing Teamwork: Dramatic Productions and Reductions in Swedish Courtrooms
Lisa Flower, Lund University, Sweden

Scarred for Life: Identity Spillover among former White Supremacists
Pete Simi, University of Omaha

Emotional Dramas of Affirmation and Discovery
Doyle McCarthy and Michelle Rufrano, Fordham University

Our Personal, Political, and Professional Selves: Coping with Deviant Identities in Academia
(SALON 3)
Chair: Linda Liska Belgrave, University of Miami

*Reflections from a Closeted Botox User in the Women’s Studies Classroom*
Dana Berkowitz, Louisiana State University

*Identity*?
Kapriskie Seide, University of Miami

*The Contingent Department Chair*
Erica Owens Yeager, Anne Arundel Community College

*Once a Misfit, Always a Misfit? Rejecting the Concept of Deviance*
Linda Liska Belgrave, University of Miami

**Stigma and Deviance** (SALON 4)
Chair: Mathew Gougherty, Indiana University

*Academic inattention, Accounts and the normalization of scientific misconduct*
Thaddeus Müller, Erasmus University Rotterdam

*Organizational Stigma: An Examination of the Catholic Sex Abuse Scandal*
James Vela-McConnell, Augsburg College

*Deviant: Mexican-American, Veteran, and Young Professional*
Robert Cancio, Jr., University of Miami

Saturday 3:30-4:00PM
Coffee Break

Saturday 4:00-5:30PM

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** (SALON 2, 3, and 4)
*How Theory Travels: Public Sociologist by Accident*
Diane Vaughan, Columbia University

Saturday 6:00-7:00
**Informal Social Gathering at the Bar**
(Pay your own way please)
Saturday 7:00-9:00PM

**Banquet Dinner**
(SALON 2, 3, and 4)

Sunday, 8:00AM-12:00PM
Registration (2nd floor foyer)

Sunday, 9:00-10:30AM

**FEATURED SESSION: Critical and Public Sociology** (SALON 2)
Chair: Christopher Schneider, Wilfrid Laurier University

*Decolonial Options for the Social Sciences*
Alexander I. Stingl, STS Center, Drexel University

*Public Sociology and Symbolic Interactionism: Participatory Research and Writing Culture with a Southern Native-American Tribe*
Michael Spivey, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

*Teaching (White Dudes) to Transgress*
William Ryan Force, Western New England University

*Surrogate Ethnography: Resistance, Reflection, and the Relinquishment of Ethnographic Authority*
Stacey Hannem, Wilfrid Laurier University
Staci Newmahr, SUNY Buffalo State

**Interactionist Analyses of Violence I** (SALON 3)
Chair: Don Weenink, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

*Violentization*
Lonnie Athens, Seton Hall University

*A Symbolic Interactionist Approach to Violent Protests*
Anne Nassauer, Freie Universität Berlin

*Bullying: The Neuro-Sociological Significance of Shame (and the neuro-sociological possibilities for bystander empathy)*
Laura Martocci, Wagner College Staten Island, NY

**Work and Inequality (SALON 4)**
Chair: Mathew Gougherty, Indiana University
Negotiating Gender and Power: The Role of Gender in Negotiating Organizational Change
Kylie Parrotta, Delaware State University
Alison Buck, North Carolina State University

"Chewed Up:" Adversarial Workplace Interactions that Result from In-house Outsourcing
Jacqueline M. Zalewski, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Determining Worth and Mobility Prospects for Low-Skilled Workers
Kendra Jason, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Power and Authority in the Hospital: Interactions between Male Nurses and Female Physicians
Stephanie Wilson, University of Northern Colorado

Sunday, 10:30-11:00AM
Coffee Break

Sunday, 11:00AM-12:30PM

Interactionist Analyses of Violence II (SALON 2)
Chair: Don Weenink, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Emotional dynamics in case of revenge oriented violence on the street – applying competing or supplementing theories?
Poul Poder, Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen

Violent Emotions beyond the Face: Bodily Postures as a Micro-Sociological Tool to Analyse Video Footage of Situational Violence
Lasse S. Liebst, University of Copenhagen
Richard Philpot, University of Exeter
Marie Lindegaard, Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law,
Marie B. Heinskou, University of Copenhagen
Charlotte Bloch, University of Copenhagen

The Sociological Norming of Members’ Concepts of ‘Violent Music’
Bernard Glowinski, Texas State University

Technologically mediated interaction (SALON 3)
Chair: Julie B. Wiest

Restore Bisexual Cullen! Negotiations of Player and NPC Sexual Orientation in Dragon Age: Inquisition
Sabrina M. Weiss, Rochester Institute of Technology

*Birds of a Feather Flock Together through Social Networking Sites: How online artifacts influence offline interpersonal interaction*
Xiaoli Tian, University of Hong Kong

*Oppositional Identity Work within a Student Gaming Group*
Bertan Buyukozturk, Florida State University

*Violations Via Vague-ing: Interaction Norms on Social Media*
Julie B. Wiest, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

**Culture, Art and Creativity (SALON 4)**
Chair: Maggie Cobb, University of South Florida

*Sluts, Puppets and Glitter: Towards a Theory of Spectacle*
Daniel D. Martin, University of Minnesota Duluth

*The Double-Edged Sword of the Belly Dancing Body*
Rachel Kraus, Ball State University

*Careers of Tattooing: The Politics of Cultural Production*
David C. Lane, University of South Dakota

*Feeling Heavy, Feeling Doomed: Somatic Experience and Authentic Cultural Engagement*
Benjamin L. Hutcherson, University of Colorado, Boulder

Sunday, 12:30-2:00
Lunch Break

Sunday 2:00-3:30

**Heroes and Villains (SALON 2)**
Chair: Erica Yeager

*Autobiography as Symbolic Interaction*
Sarah Epplen, Minnesota State University, Manketo

*Sinister Fog and Symbolic Crusaders: An Inquiry into the Contested Social Meanings of Electronic Cigarettes*
John P. Gonzalez, Florida Atlantic University
From Family Men to Crime Organization Kingpins: The dramatic self-change of the film characters Michael Corleone and Walter White
Vidar Halldorsson, University of Iceland

Fictive Heroism Among Table-top Role-playing Gamers
Heather Shay, Lake Superior State University

Ritual and Ceremony (SALON 3)
Chair: Russell Chabot, Johnson and Wales University

Communities of practice, National Signing Day, and Byron Cowart: A qualitative analysis of deference and demeanor.
Travis Bell, University of South Florida

Not so Fast! A Visually Informed reconsideration of the ‘Alterative’ Memorial Service
Russell Chabot, Johnson and Wales University

“If you want to do it, you will have the time”: Combining Family, Work, and Leisure Among Scrapbookers
Stephanie Medley-Rath, Indiana University Kokomo

Acts of Mothering and the Exclusivity of Mother
Melissa Day, University of New Hampshire

Identity (SALON 4)
Chair: Laurie Linhart, Des Moines Area Community College

Identities in Context: The Impact of Agency and Change
Jessica L. Burke, Francis Marion University
Jessica M. Doucet, Francis Marion University
Richard T. Serpe, Kent State University

Charismatic Evangelistic Identity and Self Transformation
Francis Mueller, Zurich University of the Arts

Anonymous: The Performance and Impact of Hidden Identities
Thomas DeGloma, Hunter College, City University of New York

Becoming an Ex-: Narrating the Exit to a Life Sentence
Laurie Linhart, Des Moines Area Community College

Sunday 3:30-4:00PM
Coffee Break

Sunday 4:00-5:30PM

Organizational Culture (SALON 2)
Chair: Jacqueline Glickman Ioli, Widener University

The Organization of Care: How Professionals Perform, Routinize, and Downgrade Screening for Down Syndrome in the Prenatal Clinic
Dr. Gareth M. Thomas, Cardiff University

Embedded Elaborations: Adult Socialization, Experience, and Institutional Environments in Teacher Careers
Judson G. Everitt & Taylor Tefft, Loyola University Chicago

Basic Social Processes of Primary Care Outpatient Staff RNs
Jacqueline Glickman Ioli, Widener University

Dupes or Schemers? Resistance, Compliance, and Agency among Nursing Assistants
Jillian Crocker, SUNY College at Old Westbury

Symbolic Interaction and the Nonhuman Entity (SALON 3)
Chair: Andrea Laurent-Simpson, Texas Woman’s University

The Interactional Construction of Moral Discourse and Moral Decisions within Groups
Robert Young, University of Texas at Arlington
Carol Thomas, Texas Christian University

What if God’s an asshole: Elaborating an Interactionist Approach to the Supernatural
J. Edward Sumerau, University of Tampa
Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, Florida State University
Ryan T. Cragun, University of Tampa

Animals and Humans in Symbolic Interaction: An Ethnographic Approach
Giuseppina Cersosimo, University of Salerno, Italy

The Animal Parent Identity: Childless Couples, Animal “Children,” and Fertility Choices
Andrea Laurent-Simpson, Texas Woman’s University

Sociology of Emotions III (SALON 4)
Chair: Scott R. Harris, St. Louis University
The Holy Spirit Speaks through our Affects: Embodied Self-Reflexivity & the Discernment of Spirits in a Catholic Contemplative Community
Erin Johnston, Princeton University

Preschool Teachers and the Discourse of Caring
John C. Pruitt, University of Missouri

Detour as Narrative Strategy: The Narrative Management of the Co-Existence of Contradictory Attitudes towards Uncertainty
Hwa-Yen Huang, Rutgers University

Labeling Emotions: Towards a Comprehensive Theory
Scott R. Harris, St. Louis University

Questions?
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