From the President

For those reading this who were in attendance at our society’s annual award banquet in New York City, you already know that I avoided offering any sort of remarks – wanting instead to focus simply on the more important work of recognizing our award recipients. The departure from expectation was intentional, the last thing anybody really wants to do on a late evening in New York City is listen to anyone drone on about things that are supposed to somehow substantiate that the society made the correct choice for president. I would commend to all interested parties, Erving Goffman’s 1982 presidential address to the American Sociological Association – specifically the introduction/preamble to the talk, as Goffman expresses only all too well the folly that I fear, he writes:

You might gather from this preamble that I find presidential addresses embarrassing. True. But surely that fact does not give me the right to comment at length on my uneasiness. It is a disease of the self, specific to speakers, to feel that misuse of other people’s time can be expunged through confessings which themselves waste some more of it. So I am uneasy about dwelling on my embarrassment. But apparently I am not uneasy about my unease about dwelling on my embarrassment. Even though you are likely to be (Goffman 1983).

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be able to serve in this capacity for this academic year. Thank you for the opportunity to do so. My simple hope is that for the remainder of my time in service to you and the society, I can help ensure that the society continues to thrive and grow, and still offer the benefits each of us have come to appreciate about our membership in the SSSI.

Thankfully, I am not alone in my efforts. I’m thankful to be surrounded by an excellent Executive Council that is united in the effort to serve the interests of the society and its membership. Stacey Hannem, who with the help of her program committee, organized an excellent annual meeting in New York City serves the society as the Past Vice President. Along with Stacey, the remainder of the council is made up of Tim Hallett (Vice President), Staci Newmahr (President Elect), Judson Everitt (Vice President Elect), Lisa-Jo van den Scott (Treasurer), Laurie Linhart (Secretary), Eric Silva (Chair, Publications, Membership, and Communications Committee), and ex officio members Scott Harris (Editor, *Symbolic Interaction*) and William Force (Editor, *SSSI Notes*). It would be unfair for me to say anything about what the society is addressing and accomplishing without first acknowledging their leadership and contributions to the continued success of the society.

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Identities, Boundaries, and Social Divisions: Reconciling Competing Frames Couchstone 2020—X EUSSSI Conference

From June 29th to July 2nd, 2020, the Centre for Advanced Studies in Symbolic Interactionism and Grounded Theory – Department of Political Sciences, University of Pisa, will organize the Couch-Stone 2020 - X EUSSSI Conference.

The 2020 Pisa Conference is the result of the combination of two conferences with a long tradition in the history of Symbolic Interactionism: the Couch-Stone Conference, 2020 Edition, and the X European Conference of the SSSI.

The event, exactly ten years after the first EUSSSI Conference, which took place exactly at the University of Pisa, should not be considered as a mere celebration, but as a fundamental opportunity to meet up with the most well-known scholars of Symbolic Interaction and Grounded Theory from Europe, America, and around the world, a group that can address the challenges of contemporary society and is open to, and can open up, the future. After a decade, the return to Pisa is a concrete sign of Symbolic Interactionisms’ ability to take root in contexts beyond the United States, to dialogue with other theoretical traditions, and to combine with other cultural traditions. Therefore, the Conference will be a three-day meeting, exchange of reflections, and experiences of people – scholars, but not only – in the perspective of Symbolic Interactionism: its past, present and future, by adopting an open perspective of dialogue and negotiation between different fields and references, against any closure.

The topic of openness vs. closure invokes the core issue of the Conference.

The theme “Identities, Boundaries and Social Divisions: Reconciling Competing Frames” reflects contemporary questions about identity, closure, separation, and the developing needs of society.

The demand for recognition and integration of individual and collective identities carrying different characters from established social and cultural models is generating reactions characterized by closure and conflict. Consequences are the increasing of new borders (social barriers), and the resurgence of stigmatization, segregation, and segmentation processes, based on cultural divisions. If the socio-economic crisis provoked these dynamics, phenomena such as Brexit and the rise of populisms are some outcomes to promote national, political and cultural identities. Nevertheless, at the same time, we recognize that there is a need to generate new forms of dialogue and openness, to reconcile cultural visions and social positions that are diverse and in competition. Internationally, we are witnessing the spread of social and political movements from below that promote styles of participation and social integration based on meeting and enhancing diversity, evoking the need for innovative forms of coexistence, based on recognition (of social and civil rights, on the realization of ever higher levels of social justice, on the enhancement of common goods and local welfare and community).

It’s in this framework that the theoretical and methodological suggestions of Symbolic Interactionism can be helpful to analyze these processes, to interpret their scope and effects in people's lives, and to understand their relevance.

In this sense, the 2020 Pisa Conference is an invitation to dialogue, to confrontation, to affirm the importance of reconciliation between different points of view and between different cultural frames, aspects that are very much needed both in Europe and in the United States, as well as in all other parts of the world.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Call for sessions/panels
- November 20th, 2019: call for sessions
- December 31st, 2019: call for sessions deadline
- January 20th, 2020: sessions and panels acceptance

Call for papers
- February 1st, 2020: call for papers
- March 15th, 2020: call for papers deadline
- March 31st, 2020: papers acceptance

Program and Registration
- April 1st, 2020: draft program
- April 1st, 2020: registration
- June 20th, 2020: end of regular registration.
- June 21st, late registration and final program

REGISTRATION FEES

Regular Registration:

SSSI MEMBERS:
- Undergraduate, Post-graduate students: FREE
- PhD student: 50 EUR
- Researchers and Assistant Professor: 75 EUR
- Associate and Full Professor: 100 EUR
- Professionals, Institutions: 150 EUR

SSSI NON MEMBERS:
- Undergraduate, Post-graduate students: 20 EUR
- PhD student: 75 EUR
- Researchers and Assistant Professor: 120 EUR
- Associate and Full Professor: 175 EUR
- Professionals, Institutions: 225 EUR

Late Registration:

SSSI MEMBERS:
- Undergraduate, Post-graduate students: 10 EUR
- PhD student: 70 EUR
- Researchers and Assistant Professor: 105 EUR
- Associate and Full Professor: 150 EUR
- Professionals, Institutions: 225 EUR

SSSI NON MEMBERS:
- Undergraduate, Post-graduate students: 30 EUR
- PhD student: 100 EUR
- Researchers and Assistant Professor: 155 EUR
- Associate and Full Professor: 240 EUR
- Professionals, Institutions: 315 EUR

ALL PRESENTERS MUST BE SSSI MEMBERS
The Website of the Conference will be: http://grounded-theory.sp.unipi.it/
The Website is under construction, it will be ready for Christmas, 2020!

For further information, please, write to:
Andrea Salvini (andrea.salvini@unipi.it), Irene Psaroudakis (irene.psaroudakis@sp.unipi.it)

Deadlines
Decisions will be communicated to the corresponding organizer before
January 21st, 2020

Proposals have to be sent both to Andrea Salvini (andrea.salvini@unipi.it) and Irene Psaroudakis (irene.psaroudakis@sp.unipi.it)
Theme of the Conference

In today's societies, the demand for recognition and integration of individual and collective identities carrying different characters from established social and cultural models is generating social conflict, often worrying and disturbing. One of the reactions that appears to be more widespread is that of closure. From the construction of (new) walls to the closure of ports and borders, resistance to the acceptance of diversity is taking on new and unexpected forms, which cross a great number of phenomena. The resurgence of gender-based violence, and of stigmatization processes based on race, ethnicity, sexual, political and religious inclinations of people, are new mirrors of previous forms of segmentation and social and cultural division. Furthermore, we cannot forget that the economic crisis of the last 10 years is still manifesting its effects in many countries, such as the expansion of the poor and of marginal groups, which are located near social borders based on the difficulty of access to social resources that would guarantee a more dignified life. The anger and discontent that accompany these processes of new segregations and social and cultural confinements, are not adequately listened to and interpreted by the political classes, and in many European countries feelings of closure and mistrust begin to prevail; events and phenomena such as Brexit, sovereignty, the rise of populisms, however different, show different faces of the same process oriented to the enhancement of national, political and cultural identities instead of the search for relationships and negotiation. At the same time, there are processes that signal the need, by many groups, to go beyond the new social divisions, to generate new forms of dialogue and openness, in a word, of reconciling cultural visions and the diverse social positions that seem in competition with one another. Many, especially young people, but also adults and the elderly, prefer to go beyond the borders, and move in search of new opportunities so that their characteristics and skills are effectively recognized and valued. In many geographical areas we are witnessing the spread of social and political movements from below that promote styles of participation and social integration based on meeting and enhancing diversity; on the sensitivity to overcoming old and new selfishness and social divisions, evoking the need for innovative forms of coexistence, based on the recognition of social and civil rights, on the realization of ever higher levels of social justice, on the enhancement of common goods and local welfare and community. This also implies recognizing the importance that conflict can have in the dynamics of interaction, but to discover forms of overcoming or, at least, sublimation of the dynamics of division and conflicting competition.

In this framework, Symbolic Interactionism constitutes one of the theoretical and empirical frameworks able to analyze these phenomena, to interpret their scope and effects in people's lives, and also to signal its relevance both on an empirical and theoretical level. Symbolic Interactionism can respond with its dual vocation and perspective oriented to grasping social processes in the depths of their making and unfolding starting from social and symbolic interactions, and at the same time oriented to enhancing those dimensions of existence that promote the recognition of rights, the attention to the least and the vulnerable, the overcoming of social boundaries and divisions and the reconciliation of competing perspectives in the dynamics of continuous negotiation and renegotiation of new and sustainable social equilibria.
Sessions Proposals:

We invite researchers, senior and junior scholars, and PhD candidates, to send us their proposal for panels/sessions. We encourage the submission of complete thematic panels (max 5 papers per session, each session will be 1:30 hours at maximum) about topics such as *Identities, Boundaries and Social Divisions* by:

- gender, race, ages, social classes, social stratification: *borders in human groups*
- mobility, migrations, social integration: *geographical borders*
- welfare policies, social work, social services: *borders in policies*
- Europe, Brexit and European Union: *borders in Europe*
- conflicts, violence and war: *borders in international relations*
- poverty, vulnerability, discomfort: *borders in accessing resources*
- populism, right, left: *borders in politics*
- religions, radicalization processes, secularization: *borders in religions*
- Social networks, technology and world wide web: *borders and digital divide*
- bureaucratization and power: *borders in social and public institutions*
- pollution and climate change: *borders in environment*

We accept both theoretical and methodological proposals: we’re interested in any aspects of symbolic interactionism. We also encourage other sessions related to Symbolic Interactionism or Grounded Theory, sessions which may not fit directly into the conference theme but nonetheless promote fresh thinking and reflection.

**Keywords:**

- Identity
- Human groups
- Deviance
- Stigma
- Relations and interactions
- Communication and Social Media
- Social Justice
- Social Policies
- Social Work
- Ethnography, Grounded Theory
- Interaction
- Culture

**Proposals should contain:**

- Title of the panel/session
- Contact information for a session organizer (name, institution, email)
- Abstract (maximum 500 words)
- Keywords
 Much of the work of the society often goes on behind the scenes and is addressed in our annual business meeting. However, there are a number of initiatives that have been taken up by the executive council that are significant and important developments for the society. First, I hope you’ve noticed an increased desire for member participation in the affairs of the society in the form of open calls to the membership to participate in the committee work of the society. It isn’t perfect, and we still have a long way to go in creating opportunities through which the SSSI can build capacity within and among our membership but it is a good start, and I am energized by the breadth of interest among those who responded. The SSSI is only as strong, active, and vital as our membership, and there is hope that this is the first step in developing and strengthening our membership in a positive way.

Second, the current executive committee is reopening the conversation about how we can be more open, supportive, and increasingly responsive to both the diversity that exists within our current membership as well as further increasing the diversity of membership. Following the above concern about the strength of the SSSI being reflected in the development of our membership it behooves us to ensure that the SSSI can be the best, most welcoming, and representative academic society that we can be. A few years ago an ad hoc diversity committee was organized to explore these same concerns and return a report to the executive council. Since that time, great strides have been made. However, the current executive council believes that there is more that can be done and would like to see a more sustained effort develop on that front. As the council continues to move this concern forward, the membership should expect to see additional calls for service on ad hoc committees. However, one need not wait for those calls to go out – you could instead send your self-nomination to SSSI-Nominations@gmail.com today.

Third, in early Summer 2019, the updated web presence for the society went online and by the time the annual meetings concluded the need for a web manager was already evident. We’ve had individuals that occupy different roles in the society manage these needs in the past, and we are grateful to each of them. However, time and other commitments being what they are the executive council felt that finding an individual from within our membership that could serve as web manager and help to educate the council on how to structure that role of web manager was going to be key in order for the society to have a sustained web-presence. I am pleased to inform the membership that Beverly Yuen Thompson will be filling that role.

Lastly, in support of these initiatives and efforts, Leslie Irvine is chairing an ad hoc committee in order to make recommendations for changes to the by-laws of the society so that there can be greater institutionalized support for these efforts by the society in the future. The society is making exceptional progress administratively, and I am looking forward to the fruits of these labors being shared with the membership in the future as the work develops. However, the major challenge the society faces is with respect to membership. In some way, each of the administrative efforts being undertaken by the executive council supports or enhances our ability to address the issue of needing to grow the membership of the society. After all, there is much more to the society than just the administration of tasks.

This society is a collaborative effort of the most creative, interesting, dynamic and welcoming scholars I have ever found myself associated with. That is as true today as it was twenty years ago when I attended my first SSSI.
annual meeting. While the faces have changed, and my appreciation for the society has matured I’ve never not appreciated being a part of this organization and the manner in which it has added to my experiences as a scholar and contributed to my professional and intellectual growth. I have the sense that every member of the society feels the same way too.

For example, a colleague of mine – who does not actually think of himself as an interactionist – recently told me that he joined the society in support of my presidency, and that he had just received his first issue of *Symbolic Interaction*. My colleague then expressed his surprise at how good the articles were and apologized for his past misconceptions regarding the content of the journal. I don’t tell of this interaction to paint my colleague in a negative light, he is an excellent scholar and has a keen mind and wit that I have yet to match. However, I do think there is something to be learned from it. As the society moves forward, each of us needs to continue to play a part in the active efforts of the society. One of those active efforts is the finding of ways to continue to grow our membership. I’m not suggesting we go door-to-door proselytizing for the SSSI. However, I would suggest that we need not be shy about our membership in the SSSI. It reminds me of the actions of my mentor Peter Hall. Even in his critical questioning of those he perceived as “true believers”, Peter had no problem extolling the benefits of membership in the SSSI. I would like to think that each of us can do the same. To that end, you’ll find in this issue of SSSI Notes a number of excellent opportunities to have those kinds of conversations with your colleagues. The most notable of which are the calls for sessions and for papers associated with the 2020 meetings in Pisa, Italy being organized by Andrea Salvini.

- Patrick McGinty
  Western Illinois University

**REFERENCES**

Carley Geiss is a doctoral candidate (ABD) in the Department of Sociology at the University of South Florida. Her areas of interest include medical sociology, disability, emotions, narrative, work, organizations, bodies, methodology, and public sociology. Geiss’ research agenda broadly investigates how cultural values and beliefs influence institutional standards and practices, and how this structuring informs interactions within institutional worlds. Currently, she is working on her dissertation, a multi-level project that explores the cultural meanings of compassionate health care, the ways compassion is promoted and structured by healthcare institutions, the practical consequences of such promotion, and how compassionate care is understood by workers charged with putting such ideals into practice. In addition to theoretical and empirical contributions, Geiss’ research directly addresses practical concerns of policy-makers, institutional actors, and administrators regarding service delivery and outcomes. Geiss’ 2019 article in Symbolic Interaction, “Connecting Practical Doings to Cultural Meanings: Exploring the Work of Moral Mediators in Human Service Organizations” employs her macro-meso-micro perspective, linking the organizational deployment of cultural codes to the everyday work of organizational actors. A version of this paper was awarded the 2019 Graduate Student Paper Award from the American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Emotions. Geiss also received the 2018 Graduate Student Paper Award from the American Sociological Association Body and Embodiment Section for her co-authored paper, “‘Having a Sexual Outlet Changes Everything:’ Examining Organizational Narratives of Legal Sex Workers and Disabled Clients.” In addition to her national recognitions for high quality research, she has received multiple awards from the Department of Sociology at the University of South Florida for teaching excellence of introductory and upper-level courses.


2019 SSSI Award Winners

George Herbert Mead Award for Lifetime Achievement
Gary T. Marx, M.I.T (Emeritus)

Charles Horton Cooley Book Award
Eviatar Zerubavel, Rutgers University for *Taken for Granted: The Remarkable Power of the Unremarkable*

Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award
Max Papadantonakis, CUNY for “Cultural Othering: Interpersonal Foundations of Nationalist Ethnic Conflict in a Greek Street Market.”

SSSI Early-in-Career Award
Stacey Hannem, Wilfred Laurier University

Helena Lopata Mentor Excellence Award
Lisa-Jo van den Scott, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Nominations for 2020 Awards

George Herbert Mead Award
The George Herbert Mead Award For Lifetime Achievement is given annually to recognize a scholar's career contributions to the field of symbolic interactionism. Nominations are also open to those who have proposed scholars in the recent past, but a new nomination with supporting materials is required.

Submit nominating letters and relevant materials by **March 1, 2020**.

Chair: Dennis Waskul (dennis.waskul@mnsu.edu)
Members: Patrick Williams (subcultures@gmail.com)
          Gary T. Marx (gtmarx@mit.edu)
Charles Horton Cooley Book Award

The Charles Horton Cooley Book Award Committee announces its call for nominations for the 2020 award. This award is given annually to an author for a book that represents an important contribution to the perspective of symbolic interaction. To be eligible for the 2020 award, a nominated book should have a publication date between 2017 and 2019. Previously nominated works within this three-year publication period remain eligible but must be re-nominated.

Please send nominating letters and copies of books to all three committee members by March 1, 2020.

Chair: Maggie Kusenbach (mkusenba@usf.edu)
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Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award

The Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award is presented annually to the author of the best graduate student paper in the tradition of symbolic interaction. To be eligible for this award, authors must be enrolled in a graduate program. Submitted papers cannot have been accepted for publication at the time of this submission, although papers under review may be submitted. The winner of this award may submit the paper for publication in any appropriate journal, including but not limited to Symbolic Interaction.

Submit papers by March 1, 2020.

Chair: Vessela Misheva (Vessela.Misheva@soc.uu.se)

Members: J. E. Sumerau (jsumerau@ut.edu)
         Max Papadantonakis (spirosmx@gmail.com)
**Nominees for 2020 Awards**

**SSSI Early-in-Career Award**

The SSSI Early-in-Career Award Committee recognizes junior scholars’ contribution to the field of symbolic interaction and potential. The award specifically honors those scholars who have made significant contributions within the first ten years since the completion of their PhDs. Nominations are made through support letters sent (by SSSI members) to the chair of the award committee. Support letters should include the following information: the candidate’s most noteworthy research and publications thus far; contributions to symbolic interaction; and the candidate’s CV.

Submit nomination letters and relevant materials by **March 1, 2020**.

Chair: Xioli Tian (xltian@hku.hk)

Members: Robert Dingwall (robert.dingwall@ntlworld.com)
          Stacey Hannem (shannem@wlu.ca)

**Helena Lopata Mentor Excellence Award**

The relationship between a student and a faculty member can have a profound, lifelong influence on both parties. Likewise, established and accomplished teacher-scholars can serve equally influential and encouraging roles for junior colleagues and provide crucial support for early and midcareer transitions. In sum, the mentoring relationship inspires, gives confidence, and culminates in valuable collegial relationships. The effective mentor serves as advisor, teacher, advocate, and role model. The SSSI Helena Lopata Mentor Excellence Award recognizes these important contributions to our society and craft. Nominees must be members of SSSI to be eligible for this award. We seek nominees who show evidence of:

- a sustained career as a beneficial role model;
- a sustained record of mentoring students and junior colleagues in acquiring the skills and resources necessary for career success;
- promoting successful and timely completion of students’ degree programs;
- supporting attendance and participation at conferences;
- imparting informed advice relating to career opportunities and choices;
- establishing opportunities for networking and professional connections;
- motivating students and junior colleagues about research and teaching activities;
- helping students and junior colleagues develop a range of talents including skills in research, teaching, professional presentations, writing, preparation of grant and fellowship applications, etc.;
- integrating students and junior colleagues into the broader culture of the SSSI.

All nominations should include (a) a letter of nomination and, (b) multiple letters of support, ideally from people with different mentoring relations with the candidate, that testify to a sustained career of outstanding mentorship.

Submit materials by **March 1, 2020**.

Chair: Beth Montemurro (eam15@psu.edu)

Members: Lisa-Jo van den Scott (lvandenscott@mun.ca)
          Deana Simonetto (dmonet@mail.ubc.ca)
Vegas Brews: Craft Beer and the Birth of a Local Scene
Michael Ian Borer

As of 2019, there are more than 7000 craft breweries and 1.2 million home brewers making their own beer in the United States. The craft beer industry has exploded, offering an alternative to commercial beverage conglomerates via creative flavors, quippy names, and perhaps most importantly, local spirit.

In a commercialized metropolis like Las Vegas, the craft beer movement acts as a resistance to presiding norms that favor corporate contracts and mass production. The Vegas that we know by its sensational (sometimes salacious) reputation has been catered to tourists first and residents second; by contrast, the craft beer scene is carving out a creative enclave made specifically by and for locals.

In Vegas Brews: Craft Beer and the Birth of a Local Scene, Michael Ian Borer studies this phenomenon and more, locating the craft brewing movement as an important site of community building in Sin City. The subculture that Borer describes is an asylum from the neon glow and spectacle of the Strip, and has become a catalyst for forging a local urban identity. In this vividly-observed book, Borer demonstrates the capacity of craft breweries and other urban cultural practices to organize sociability in resistance to the dominant logic of the city. Vegas Brews explores the connection between people and where they live, work, and drink, as an urban ethnography in one of America’s most fascinating cities.

Available now on NYU Press.

Forgetting Items: The Social Experience of Alzheimer’s Disease
Baptiste Brossard

From the moment a person is suspected to be suffering from Alzheimer’s or another form of dementia, the interactions they encounter progressively change. Forgetting Items focuses on that social experience of Alzheimer’s.

The book delineates the ways "symptoms" manifest and are understood through the interactions between patients and the people around them. Mapping out those interactions takes readers through the offices of geriatricians, into patients' narratives and interviews with caregivers, down the corridors of nursing homes, and into the discourses shaping public policies and media coverage. This results in the conceptualization of the disease as a progressive alteration of the interaction order, thus proposing an innovative adaptation of the Goffmanian perspective to the sociology of health.

Published by Indiana University Press.
Indigenous Sustainable Wisdom: First Nation Know-How for Global Flourishing

Edited By Darcia Narvaez, Four Arrows (Don Trent Jacobs), Eugene Halton, Brian S Collier and Georges Enderle

Indigenous Sustainable Wisdom: First Nation Know-How for Global Flourishing’s contributors describe ways of being that reflect a worldview that has guided humanity for 99% of human history; they describe the practical traditional wisdom stemming from Nature-based relational cultures that were or are guided by this worldview. Such cultures did not cause the kinds of anti-Nature and de-humanizing or inequitable policies and practices that now pervade our world. Far from romanticizing Indigenous histories, Indigenous Sustainable Wisdom offers facts about how human beings, with our potential for good and evil behaviors, can live in relative harmony again. Contributions cover views from anthropology, psychology, sociology, leadership, native science, native history, and native art.


Inward: Vipassana Meditation & the Embodiment of the Self

Michael Pagis

Western society has never been more interested in interiority. Indeed, it seems more and more people are deliberately looking inward—toward the mind, the body, or both. Inward focuses on one increasingly popular channel for the introverted gaze: vipassana meditation, a Buddhist meditation of mindfulness that was revitalized and adapted for a secular audience. Based on a rich ethnographic account, Inward unravels the social dynamics that lie at the heart of meditation practice while simultaneously supplying a sociological framework for the study of the place of the human body in the enduring process of self-awareness. The book tracks the westward diffusion of meditation, enters the silent meditation retreats where people experience solitude in the presence of others, and follows practitioners’ interactions at work and home, as well as their relations with their significant others. It uncovers the multiple ways practitioners use the meditative focus on the inner-lining of embodied experience as a way to transcend the shocks and splits to the self that occur as they move between social relations and identities. At the close of this ethnographic journey, the reader will see how, through communities, routines and rituals, individuals turn their attention inward without stepping out of society and negotiate the tensions engendered by contemporary social life.

Available through the University of Chicago Press.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SSSP ANNUAL MEETING
The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, August 7-9, 2020, San Francisco, CA. The program theme selected by President Heather M. Dalmage is Bringing the Hope Back In: Sociological Imagination and Dreaming Transformation. SSSP is an interdisciplinary community of scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in the application of critical, scientific, and humanistic perspectives to the study of vital social problems. For more information contact sssp@utk.edu or visit https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/783/2020_Annual_Meeting/

SSSP CALL FOR PAPERS
The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) invites submissions for the 70th Annual Meeting, to be held August 7-9, 2020, at the Park Central Hotel in San Francisco, CA. The program theme selected by President Heather M. Dalmage is Bringing the Hope Back In: Sociological Imagination and Dreaming Transformation. The submission deadline is January 31, 2020. SSSP is an interdisciplinary community of scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in the application of critical, scientific, and humanistic perspectives to the study of vital social problems. If you are involved in scholarship or action in pursuit of a just society nationally or internationally, you belong in the SSSP. You will meet others engaged in research to find the causes and consequences of social problems, as well as others seeking to apply existing scholarship to the formulation of social policies. For more information contact sssp@utk.edu or visit https://www.sssp1.org/2020_Call_for_Papers

SSSP COMPETITIONS
The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is pleased to announce the 2020 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. In order to be considered for any of the Student Paper Competitions, applicants are required to submit their papers through the Annual Meeting Call for Papers, https://www.sssp1.org/2020_Call_for_Papers by January 31, 2020. This will ensure that winning papers are both designated and included in the program. Please note that students may only submit to one division and that each division has its own deadline and submission process. For information, visit https://sssp1.org/2020_SPC_and_OSA

SSSP FUNDING
The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is soliciting applications for the 2020 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship. Persons identified as American Indian/Alaska Native, Arab/Middle Eastern/North African, Asian/Asian-American, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) from one of the aforementioned groups, accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences are invited to apply for the $15,000 fellowship. Two students will be funded. Applications must be received in their entirety no later than February 1, 2020. Applicants will be notified of the results by July 15, 2020. All applicants must be a current SSSP member at the time of their application. With the exception of DACA students, who are also eligible, applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Contact Dr. France Winddance Twine, Chair, with questions concerning the fellowship: winddance@soc.ucsb.edu or visit https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/261/Racial/Ethnic_Minority_Graduate_Fellowship/
The (UK) Socio-Legal Studies Association have awarded Robert Dingwall their 2020 Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community. The citation refers to “[his] extensive and excellent academic contributions to the field, [his] dedication to mentoring junior academics, and [his] continuing active contributions to the SLSA Annual Conference. [His] commitment to and advocacy for socio-legal studies at a national level, including through the Academy of Social Sciences, also featured strongly in the nominations.” Robert Dingwall is a Professor and founding director at the Insitute of Science and Society at the School of Social Sciences at Nottingham Trent University.

Joe Kotarba (Department of Sociology, Texas State University) was interviewed for the *OH Project: Oral Histories of HIV/AIDS in Houston, Harris County, and Southeast Texas*. This formal interview elicited his personal and professional history while conducting research on and advocating for people living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS. The interview was commissioned by and archived by the Woodson Research Center at Rice University (May 22, 2019). The interview can be found [here](#).

Jenny Korn is the founding coordinator of the Race+Tech+Media working group at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. She has won the Outstanding Book Chapter Award from the African American Communication and Culture Division of the National Communication Association for the following:

Editor's Introduction
Scott R. Harris

ORIGINAL ARTICLES
Negotiated Discretion: Redressing the Neglect of Negotiation in “Street-Level Bureaucracy”
Lars E. F. Johannessen

Connecting Practical Doings to Cultural Meanings: Exploring the Work of Moral Mediators in Human Service Organizations
Carley Geiss

Professional Socialization as Embedded Elaborations: Experience, Institutions, and Professional Culture throughout Teacher Careers
Judson G. Everitt and Taylor Tefft

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