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Of Interest:

Upcoming ASA Annual Meetings

2008

August 1-4, 2008
Boston, Massachusetts
Boston Sheraton
Boston Marriott Copley Place

2009

August 8-11, 2009
San Francisco, California
Hilton San Francisco
Parc 55 Hotel

2010

August 14-17, 2010
Atlanta, Georgia
Hilton Atlanta
Atlanta Marriott Marquis

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From the Chair



Dear comrades,

Very soon, we'll be in Boston together! I hope you're as excited as I am. Even though we'll be spending most of the time in air-conditioned rooms, I look forward to a little heat (as in heated discussion) and a lot of warmth (as from friendly colleagues). As I have mentioned before, we are a sociable and welcoming group. If you're new to the section, please be sure to come to the reception, and please say hello to me.

Fernando Rivera has filled this newsletter with information on sessions of possible interest to section members, including mental health sessions, sessions presented by other ASA sections, and sessions of the Mental Health Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Also, please see the excerpted article concerning how to make your presentation clear and accessible to all, including people with disabilities. It contains very good, practical advice on making presentations.

Here I want to highlight a few things in the schedule:

Please attend the session I organized titled **“What matters to people with mental illness? What can sociologists do?”** I'm making a special plea, because the session is at 8:30 a.m. It should be interesting enough to wake you up, with talks by Eric Wright and Linda Morrison, as well as anthropologist Kim Hopper and Daniel Fisher, psychiatrist and director of the National Empowerment Center. Plus a discussion by Bruce Link – irresistible, right? Hope to see you there.

SCHEDULING QUIRKS TO BE AWARE OF:

Reception is the evening before mental health day.

Mental health sessions are on Saturday, August 2, but no section receptions are allowed on Saturday evening. Therefore, the reception is on Friday. Don't forget!!

Roundtables, council meeting, business meeting, and Pearlman award talk are all combined in one session, from 2:30 to 4:30 on Saturday, August 2. Roundtables and council meeting begin at 2:30. Business meeting begins at 3:15. The Pearlman award talk by James House follows the business meeting. The session officially ends at 4:10 but will be extended to 4:30.

I apologize that this information is not all reflected in the official ASA schedule. Unfortunately, ASA has restrictions on how sessions may be officially scheduled and listed.

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From the Chair (cont)

Finally, congratulations to Mark Tausig, the new chair elect, and all the newly elected officers, thank you to Fernando Rivera, who has done such an excellent job of producing this newsletter over the last four years, and thanks to you for entrusting me with the leadership of the section this year!

Sincerely,
Jo Phelan

Election Results

Chair-Elect

Mark Tausig, University of Akron

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JAMES S. HOUSE TO RECEIVE LEONARD I. PEARLIN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY OF MENTAL ILLNESS AT 2008 ASA MEETINGS

Contributed by David Mechanic

James S. House, Angus Campbell Collegiate Professor of Sociology and Survey Research and Research Professor in the Survey Research Center at the Institute for Social Research and the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Michigan will receive the Leonard I. Pearlin Award for his notable contributions to the sociological understanding of mental illness. Professor House is a highly distinguished sociologist, an innovative scholar of the highest rank and a wonderful teacher and mentor who has made many theoretical and empirical contributions to the study of mental illness and other disabilities. His research on both social support and occupational stress and its effects on health and social functioning has guided decades of endeavors in these social science fields.

Pearlin Award (Cont)

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<http://asa-mentalhealth.unl.edu/>

Through outstanding longitudinal analyses over the life course, Jim House has elucidated the complex interaction of risk factors and especially the role of chronic stress, occupational stress and social support on morbidity and mortality patterns. His influential work on social support processes made this a key research area in understanding health over the life course. Jim's research is characterized by a deep theoretical perspective applied empirically to problems of health. Over the past three decades he has beautifully blended a sophisticated theoretical approach with elegant longitudinal epidemiological investigations to elucidate how age, socioeconomic status, race, social stress and other factors contribute to or protect against morbidity and mortality.

Jim was among the first researchers to study systemically social support in disease processes and show its impact on mortality in the Tecumseh Community Health Study. His research on social support, and especially his influential paper on social support and health in *Science* showing that the influence of social support on mortality was comparable to the effect of smoking, were highly influential in bringing social support research to a wide audience and helped to make it a key concern in research and intervention programs. He was also one of the first scientists to study and understand the importance of occupational stresses that set the stage for the growth of research in this area.

Jim's work on the life course perspective has elucidated the differential effects of social and social psychological variables on varying age cohorts and has been important to understanding coping and adaptation among elderly populations and approaches to promoting health and functioning over the life course. He has splendidly integrated work in physical and psychological functioning and measures of well-being and has been one of the most astute observers of how social processes contribute to racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities.

All of these contributions to the field of sociology and the sociology of mental health are the basis of our desire to honor Jim House with the Mental Health Section's most distinguished award. Jim will deliver the Leonard I. Pearlin Award lecture, "Back to the Future: Toward a Sociology of Health: Mental and Physical" at 3:30PM on August 2nd at the Mental Health Section Business meeting.



Section Awards

BEST PUBLICATION AWARD IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH

The award for the best publication in the sociology of mental health over the past two years will be presented to Jane D. McLeod, Professor of Sociology and Director of Research for the Karl F. Schuessler Institute for Social Research., Indiana University, and Danielle L. Fettes, Research Associate, Department of Psychiatry, University of California, San Diego, for their publication, "Trajectories of Failure: The Educational Careers of Children with Mental Health Problems" published in the American Journal of Sociology, 2007. The significance between early childhood mental health problems and socioeconomic attainment and life chances is of critical importance to scholars across many disciplines, policymakers and families. The authors draw on developmental psychopathology, life course sociology and scholarship on educational processes to present new understandings and critical insight into the association between child and adolescent mental health problems and educational attainment. Their integrated theoretical analyses and presentation of sociological data make this a noteworthy contribution not only for the sociology of mental health, but for the entire field of sociology.

AWARD FOR THE BEST DISSERTATION IN MENTAL HEALTH

Among several outstanding submissions of papers based on recently defended dissertations, this year's award will be presented to Sigrun Olafsdottir, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boston University, for her paper titled "Beds or Meds? The Changing Societal Responses to Mental Health Problems in Advanced, Industrialized Nations, 1960-2003." Dr. Olafsdottir presents an elegant multi-method, multi-level, cross-national examination in 19 advanced, industrialized nations of issues of social construction, political systems and professional power on processes of medicalization of mental health measured by institutionalization and use on psychiatric medications. Her paper represents a most ambitious and synthetic theoretical and empirical approach to global trends in mental health care systems.

All three of these awards will be presented at the Business Meeting of the Mental Health Section on Saturday, August 2nd at 3:30 PM. Please see program for details of the room location.



August 1 - 4, 2008

Sheraton Boston, Boston Marriott Copley Place, the Hilton Boston Back Bay, and the Hynes Convention Center.

Boston MA

2008 Mental Health Sessions of Interest

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Friday, August 1st

8:30am

20. Section on Children and Youth Roundtable Session, Sheraton Boston

Organizer: *Allison Pugh*, University of Virginia
Table 7. What Affects the Health of Children and Youth? Presider: *Hayley A. Hamilton*, University of Toronto
Changes in Romantic Attraction and Mental Health Amongst Adolescents: A Nationally Representative Study. *Bethany Grace Everett*, University of Colorado-Boulder

2:30pm

82. Regular Session. Mental Health Boston Marriott Copley Place

Session Organizer: *Mercedes Rubio*, National Institutes of Mental Health

Occupational Status Attainment and the Life Course Timing of Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders. *Donald A. Lloyd*, Florida State University

Post-Migration Immigration Status and Mental Health Outcomes among Immigrant Survivors of Political Violence. *Tracy Chu*, City University of New York-Graduate Center

Quasi-Primary Suburban Relationships Mitigated the Post-Traumatic Stress Anniversary Effect. *David Clark*, Brooklyn College

The Work of an Urban Safety-Net Psychiatric Emergency Room: Measurement and Preliminary Understandings. *Alisa K. Lincoln*, Northeastern University; *Cassandra Aldsworth*, Boston University; *Andrew White*, Portland DBT; *Peggy Johnson*, Boston University; *Lee Strunin*, Boston University

Discussant: *Aileen Shulte*, National Institutes of Mental Health

102. Section on Crime, Law and Deviance Refereed Roundtable Session

Boston Marriott Copley Place

Organizer: *Scott Phillips*, University of Denver
Table 6. Mental Health, Crime, and Justice
Presider: *Stephanie W. Hartwell*, University of Massachusetts-Boston
Mental Illness, Substance Abuse, and Recidivism among Severely Mentally Ill Inmates. *Jill H. Harrison*, Rhode Island College

Symbolic Interactionism: Emerging Adults with Psychiatric Disabilities Involved with the Criminal Justice System. *Stephanie W. Hartwell*, University of Massachusetts-Boston; *William H. Fisher*, University of Massachusetts

Risk Factors for Jail Incarceration among Male Veterans. *Greg Greenberg* and *Robert Rosenheck*, Yale University

Gender Differences in Drugs, Depression, and Crime. *Melissa Thompson* and *Stephanie Reinauer*, Portland State University

Social Distance, Causal Attributions, and Attitudes toward Forced Treatment for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Problems. *Lauren M. Kaplan*, *Terrence D. Hill* and *Jomills Henry Braddock*, University of Miami

6:30pm

Section on Sociology of Mental Health Reception Boston Marriott Copley Place

2008 Mental Health Sessions of Interest (cont'd)

Saturday August 2

8:30 am

178. Section on Sociology of Mental Health Invited Session.

Boston Marriott Copley Place

Session Organizer and Presider: *Jo C. Phelan*, Columbia University

Building it in from the Start: Participation as Empowering Practice. *Kim Hopper*, Columbia University

Consumers' Perspectives on Needs for Sexuality Support. *Eric R. Wright*, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Making it Work: Consumer Voices and Service Transformation in Mental Health. *Linda Morrison*, Duquesne University

Citizenship: The Pathway to Recovery. *Daniel B. Fisher*, National Empowerment Center

Discussant: *Bruce G. Link*, Columbia University

10:30am

206. Regular Session. Disaster Boston Marriott Copley Place

Session Organizer: *Henry W. Fischer*, Millersville University

Presider: *Pamela Jenkins*, University of New Orleans

Depression and Resistance in Louisiana FEMA Parks. *Ashley Marie Barras* and *Mark J. Schafer*, Louisiana State University

222. Section on Sociology of Mental Health Paper Session. New Directions in Stress Research

Boston Marriott Copley Place

Session Organizer and Presider: *John R. Taylor*, Florida State University

Externalization and the Incongruity in Person/Environment Affluence in Explaining the Continuity of Negative Self-feelings. *Heili Pals* and *Howard B. Kaplan*, Texas A&M University

Gene-Environment Interplay Across the Life Course: Problematics at a New Frontier. *Michael J. Shanahan*, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; *Jason D. Boardman*, University of Colorado

Perceived Mistreatment among Obese Americans: Do Race, Class, and Gender Matter? *Deborah Carr* and *Karen Joy Jaffe*, Rutgers University

Stress Processes and Trajectories of Depressive Symptoms in Early Life: Gendered Development. *Daniel Eugene Adkins*, *Lin Wang* and *Glen H. Elder*, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Discussant: *R. Jay Turner*, Florida State University

12:30pm

266. Section on Sociology of Mental Health Paper Session. Social Inequalities and Mental Health Boston Marriott Copley Place

Session Organizer and Presider: *Tony N. Brown*, Vanderbilt University

Can a High Sense of Control and John Henryism Be Bad for Mental Health? *K. Jill Kiecolt* and *Michael Hughes*, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University; *Verna M. Keith*, Florida State University

Downward Social Mobility and Major Depressive Episodes among Latino and Asian American Immigrants to the United States. *Emily Joy Nicklett* and *Sarah Burgard*, University of Michigan

PTSD and Depression Symptoms among Jews and Arabs Exposed to Repeated Acts of Terrorism in Israel. *Robert J. Johnson*, University of Miami; *Daphna Canetti-Nisim*, University of Haifa; *Patrick A. Palmieri*, Summa Health System; *Sandro Galea*, University of Michigan; *Joseph Varley*, Summa Health System; *Stevan E. Hobfoll*, Kent State University

The Quality of Schools and Children's Mental Health Problems. *Melissa A. Milkie*, University of Maryland

Discussant: *Blair Wheaton*, University of Toronto

2:30pm

304. Section on Sociology of Mental Health Refereed Roundtable Session and Business Meeting Boston Marriott Copley Place

2:30-3:30pm, Roundtables:

Organizer: *Sara A. Kuppin Chokshi*, Columbia University

2008 Mental Health Sessions of Interest (cont'd)

Table 1.

Asperger Syndrome: Further Support for Demedicalization and Reframing. *Sarah Lee Allred*, Berry College

The Emerging Medicalization of Postpartum Depression: Tightening the Boundaries of Motherhood. *Pam Regus*, Georgia State University

Table 2.

Driving Cessation, Social Integration and Perceived Social Support among Older Community-dwelling Adults. *Briana Mezuk*, University of Michigan; *George Rebok*, Johns Hopkins University

Retirement, Housework and Psychological Well-Being. *Yujing Song*, University of Texas-Austin

Table 3.

Emotion Management and Health: The Influence of Work, Family, and Inauthenticity. *Richelle D. McGuigan* and *Rebecca J. Erickson*, University of Akron; *Christian Ritter*, Kent State University

Why is the Sex gap in Depression Wider in High Gender Equity Countries? *Rosemary L. Hopcroft* and *Julie McLaughlin*, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Table 4.

Multiple Roles and Well-being among Gay Men and Lesbians. *Chris Wienke* and *Gretchen J. Hill*, Arkansas State University

Romantic Relationships and Mental Health in Early Adulthood: Is There a Closer Link for Women than for Men? *Robin W. Simon* and *Anne E. Barrett*, Florida State University

Table 5.

Abuse in Childhood and Depressive Symptoms in Young Adulthood: Poor Relationship Quality in Three Role-Domains as Mechanisms of Risk. *David Russell* and *Emily A Greenfield*, Rutgers University

Does it Matter When Parents Work: The Effect of Shift Hours on Child's Mental Development. *Deniz Yucel*, Ohio State University

Table 6.

Internet Usage and Mental Health. *Melinda Goldner*, Union College; *Shelia R. Cotten*, *Timothy M. Hale* and *Patricia Drentea*, University of Alabama-Birmingham

Out of Control?: The Relationship between Obesity and Sense of Control. *Andrea Henderson*, University of Texas-Austin

Table 7.

Education, Social Relationships, Depression, and Mortality in Taiwan. *Wei-Pang Wang*, University of Texas-Austin

Women's Socioeconomic Status and Distress - Comparative Study between Japan and Korea -. *Junko Nishimura*, Meisei University

Table 8.

Negotiating an Exit: Existential, Institutional, and Cultural Obstacles to Disidentification. *Jenna Howard*, Rutgers University

Dying From to Living With: Framing Institutions and the Coping Processes of Black Women Living with HIV/AIDS. *Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes*, *LaShawnDa L. Pittman* and *Jean Beaman*, Northwestern University

Table 9.

Maternal Depression and Race: The Consequences of Neighborhood Perceptions and Neighborhood Location. *C. Andre Christie-Mizell*, Kent State University; *Robert L Peralta* and *Mary T. Laske*, University of Akron

Neighborhood Residential Segregation and Mental Health among Hispanic Americans in Chicago. *Min-Ah Lee*, Cornell University

Table 10.

Childhood Social Correlates of Adult DSM-IV Intermittent Explosive Disorder. *William A. Anderson*, University of Alabama-Birmingham