

2008 Mental Health Sessions of Interest (cont'd)

Table 11.

Discrimination and the Mental Health of Young African American Adults: The Role of Coping Resources and Behaviors. *Natalie O. Armstrong*, Florida State University

Racial-Ethnic Differences in Psychosocial Resources and Mental Health among Adolescents. *Anastasia S. Vogt Yuan*, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University

Table 12.

Race/Ethnic Differences in the Relationship Between Perceived Stress, Health Behaviors, and the Risk of Death in the U.S. *Patrick M. Krueger*, University of Texas; *Jarron M. Saint Onge*, University of Houston; *Virginia W. Chang*, University of Pennsylvania

Individual and Neighborhood Stressors among Urban African American Women: The Role of Social Support. *Kristine J. Ajrouch*, Eastern Michigan University; *Susan Reisine*, University of Connecticut; *Sungwoo Lim*, *Woosung Sohn* and *Amid Ismail*, University of Michigan

Table 13.

Efforts to Mobilize Around Smoking Cessation Among People With Mental Illness. *Erica Solway*, University of California-San Francisco

Nationalism and Madness: Towards Historical-Comparative Sociology of Mental Disease. *Liah Greenfeld*, Boston University

3:30 pm

Section on Sociology of Mental Health Business Meeting -- Boston Marriott Copley Place

Sunday August 3

8:30am

339. Section on Sociology of the Family Roundtable Session and Business Meeting

Sheraton Boston

8:30-9:30am, Roundtables:

Organizer: *Sharon Sassler*, Cornell University

Table 11. Parenting, Stress, & Quality of Life

Child Care Constraints among America's Working Families. *Lynda L. Laughlin*, U.S. Census Bureau

Effects of Paid versus Unpaid Family Leave on Quality of Life in Parents of Young Children. *Anmarie Widener*, Logistics Management Institute

More Roles, More Stress? Family Policy Institutions, Work and Perceived Stress in 20 Welfare States. *Ingrid Katarina Esser*, The Swedish Institute for Social Research; *Tommy Ferrarini*, Swedish Institute for Social Research

Second Births and Employment around the First Birth: A Focused Test of Preference Theory. *Sarah R. Hayford*, Arizona State University

10:30am

347. Regional Spotlight Session. Sociologists and the Health of Bostonians

Boston Marriott Copley Place

Session Organizer and Presider: *Alisa K. Lincoln*, Northeastern University

Forensic Mental Health Services - From Institution to the Community in Massachusetts. *Stephanie W. Hartwell*, University of Massachusetts-Boston

356. Open Refereed Roundtable Session III

Boston Marriott Copley Place

Organizer: Greg Walker, University of Pennsylvania

Table 2. Asian Immigrants and Identity

The Effect of Home Visits on Asian American Immigrants' Mental Health: Testing the Transnational Hypothesis. *Emi Tamaki* and *David T. Takeuchi*, University of Washington

Table 11. Mental Health

Dissecting the Influence of Racial/Ethnic Status and Socioeconomic Status on Mental Health. *Kryssia Mossakowski*, University of Miami

It's Just a Matter of Time: Stress and Discretionary Time at Work. *Daniel G. Glenday*, Brock University

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Stress, Status, and Gender in Decision-Making Groups: A Biosocial Approach. *Catherine J. Taylor*, Cornell University

2:30pm

423. Section on Sociology of the Family Paper Session. Family Patterns: Class and Race-Ethnic Variation

Sheraton Boston

Session Organizer: *Shirley A. Hill*, University of Kansas

President: *Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda*, Miami University

Gender, Race, and Socio-Economic Differences in the Marriage-Depression Relationship. *Susan Roxburgh*, Kent State University; *David Andrew Skubby*, University of Akron

Monday, August 4

8:30am

478. Section on Medical Sociology Refereed Roundtable.

Sheraton Boston

Organizer: *Brian Finch*, San Diego State University

Table 2. Gender & Health

President: *Annika Linnea Lillrank*, University of Helsinki

Gender, Stress and Self Rated Health in the 2004-2006 Midlife Development in the U.S. Survey (MIDUS2). *Michelle R. Walker*, University of Colorado-Boulder

Table 12. Mental Health

President: *Megan E. Gilster*, University of Michigan

Does Weight Change Lead to Higher Levels of Depression for Obese Individuals? *Krista Marie Clark Cline*, University of Missouri-Columbia; *Michelle Renee Rainey*, Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis; *Rachel Smederovac*, Purdue University

Insomnia and Mental Health as Gendered Comorbidities: Do Differences in Mental Health by Race and Gender Explain Differences in

Insomnia? *Lauren Elizabeth Hale*, State University of New York -Stony Brook; *D. Phuong Do*, University of Michigan; *Brian Karl Finch*, San Diego State University; *Ricardo Basurto*, RAND; *Melanie Heron*, Centers for Disease Control; *Tamara Dubowitz*, RAND; *Nicole Lurie*, RAND; *Jose Escarce* and *Teresa Seeman*, University of California-Los Angeles; *Chloe E. Bird*, RAND

Table 14. Social Determinants of Health

President: *Jinwoo Lee*, University of Texas-Austin
Social Support, Quality of Support, and Depression. *Jinwoo Lee*, University of Texas-Austin

Note from Departing Newsletter Editor

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the section members for their cooperation and positive feedback during the past years. It was a real joy working with all the section chairs and I look forward to contributing to the section in other capacities,

Sincerely,

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2008 SSSP Mental Health Division Schedule

Date: Thursday, July 31
Time: 04:30 PM - 06:10 PM

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 Session 44:**

**Crossing Borders and Mental
 Illness**
 Room: Whittier

*Organizer, Presider &
 Discussant:* R. Jay Turner, Florida State
 University

Papers: "Contexts of Immigrant Reception and Mental Health: Differences Among Cubans in Miami," Andrew M. Cislo, Duke University, Mathew D. Gayman and Naomi J. Spence, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"Immigration Age and Era as Contingencies in the Impact of Mental Health on Occupational Achievement in South Florida," Donald A. Lloyd, Florida State University

"Returning Home to the Talk of PTSD: How Transition Narratives of Veteran National Guardsmen Construct the Prevalence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder," Arturo Baiocchi and Thomas Walton, University of Minnesota

"Therapists: Attitudes and Reactions to Changing Formal Social Controls," Mike Ryan, Longwood University

Mental Health Division Reception 6:15PM - 7:30PM in Boston Park Plaza Hotel, room to be announced.

Date: Friday, August 1
Time: **4:30PM - 6:10PM (NOTE: changed from earlier schedule of 8:00AM - 09:40AM)**

Session 52: Emerging and Cutting Edge Issues in Research on the Stigma of Mental Illness
 Room: Lexington

Organizer, Presider & Discussant

Eric R. Wright, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Papers: "A Decade of Continuity and Change in the Stigma of Mental Illness: Evidence from Two National Surveys," Bernice Pescosolido, Jack Martin, J. Scott Long and Tait R. Medina, Indiana University, Bloomington, Bruce G. Link and Jo C. Phelan, Columbia University

"Comparison of Stigma and Status-Hierarchy Processes in Interpersonal Interactions," Jo C. Phelan, Columbia University, Jeffrey Lucas, University of Maryland and Bruce G. Link, Columbia University

"Taking the Bad with the Good: Negative Interactions, Stigma, and Quality of Life among Persons with Severe Mental Illness," Sarah Rosenfield, Rutgers University

"Extending Modified Labeling Theory: Self, Family, and Recovery Processes," Fred E. Markowitz, Northern Illinois University and Beth Angell, University of Chicago

Date: Saturday, August 2
Time: 08:30 AM - 10:10 AM

Session 101: Substance Abuse and Mental Illness
 Room: Stuart

Sponsors: Drinking and Drugs Division
 Mental Health Division

Organizers: Richard Carpiano, University of British Columbia
 Brian C. Kelly, Purdue University

Presider: Richard Carpiano, University of British Columbia

Papers: "The Mental Health Consequences of HIV Disease for Individuals with Substance Abuse Problems," Teresa Scheid, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

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“Addressing Smoking Cessation Among People with Mental Illness,” Erica Solway, University of California, San Francisco

“Peeling Back the Layers: Multiple Disabilities among the Homeless,” Josie Parker, Georgia State University; Pathways Community, Jane Massey and Elizabeth Runkle, Pathways Community Network

“Rational Choice and Crimes of Survival: Mentally Ill Drug Offenders,” Stephanie Hartwell and Xiaogang Deng, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Rosalie Torres Stone and William H. Fisher, UMass Medical School Center for Mental Health

“PTSD, Substance Abuse, and Post-War Functioning in Vietnam Veterans,” J. Blake Turner, Columbia University

Date: Saturday, August 2

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Session 104: Mental Health Across the Life Course
Room: Cabot

Organizer & Presider: Kristen Springer, Rutgers University

Papers:

“Can and Should the Harmful-Dysfunction Framework of Disorder be Applied to the Study of ADHD?” Vivian Santiago, Columbia University

“The Pharmaceuticalization of Childhood: Ritalin Usage in France and the United States,” Manuel Vallee, University of California, Berkeley

“Differences in Partner Homogamy and Mental Health by Race/Ethnicity: The Role of Perceived Mate Availability,” Dawne Mouzon, Rutgers University

“A Thousand Tiny Cuts: The Social Roots of Postpartum Depression,” Carolyn Barber, Rutgers University

“The Effect of Sibling Number on Adult Self-Acceptance,” Laurie Cohen, Rutgers University

Date: Saturday, August 2

Time: 04:30 PM - 06:10 PM

Session 140: Sociology of Therapeutic Jurisprudence
Room: Hancock

Organizer & Presider: Stephanie Hartwell, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Papers: “Therapy as Social Control in a Maximum Security Prison for Women: Racial Differences in the Social Construction of Mental Illness,” Matthew Silberman, Bucknell University

“Event History Analysis of Mental Health Court Graduates,” Brad Ray, North Carolina State University

“The Effects of Mental Health Court on Criminal Recidivism, Stigma, Social Support and Self-Concept,” Christian Ritter, Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy, Kristen Marcussen, Kent State University and Mark Munetz, Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy

“The Old Diagnosis of ‘Dangerousness’: Should the Designation of ‘The Enemy Combatant’ become a New Category in DSM-V?” Siamak Movahedi, University of Massachusetts, Boston

“Does Civil Commitment Prevent Violence by Incapacitation?” Charles W. Lidz, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Edward P. Mulvey and Carol Schubert, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Steven Banks, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Jennifer Skeem and Candice Odgers, University of California, Irvine



Effective Communication

Effective Communication— For Everyone

(excerpted from “Universal Design: Creating Presentations That Speak to All” by Margaret Weigers Vitullo, ASA Academic and Professional Affairs Program, *Footnotes*, July-August 2008, Volume 37 • Issue 6).

More than 3,000 papers will be presented during the American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting in Boston, and between 5,500 and 6,000 people will attend the meeting. Given the size of the anticipated turnout and the prevalence of disability in the general population, it’s likely that some members of any audience at the Annual Meeting will have disabilities—whether those disabilities are visible or not.

According to the 2006 American Community Survey, 12.6 percent of the civilian non-institutionalized population between the ages of 16 and 64 reported having a disability, and the rate was 43 percent for those older than 65. If we apply these rates to Annual Meeting attendance, an estimated 700 people with disabilities will be attending.

Accessible presentations tend to be effective presentations, regardless of the characteristics of the audience. "Universal design" should be applied when developing accessible presentations. Universal design is "an approach to making facilities, information, and activities accessible to and usable by everyone," according to Sheryl Burgstahler, Director of the DO-IT Project at the University of Washington (2007).

A presentation created with universal design principles considers the broad range of audience members, including those with varying native language, gender, racial and ethnic background, age, and disability status. Applying universal design principles can lead to a presentation that creates better comprehension, as well as better feedback and discussion. When comparing presentation recommendations issued by groups interested in disability rights and full access (e.g., DO-IT Project) and suggestions from organizations interested in promoting effective academic communication, the similarities are striking. For example, Columbia University offers suggestions for effective academic presentations, and the tips parallel those on the DO-IT program’s website. The university suggests that authors keep in mind four basic concepts when preparing a conference presentation: big, simple, clear, and consistent.

Big refers to large fonts that are easy to read from any place in a room. Simple includes limiting text to six lines on a slide, with no more than seven words per line. Clear means choosing sans-serif fonts (such as Arial and Tahoma) in colors and sizes that produce high-contrast visuals. Consistent means creating a presentation with a logical sequence, with transitions that explain how the parts of the presentation are related to each other and the big picture.



Effective Communication (cont)

With the principles of universal design in mind, here are a few guidelines for creating effective presentations for both those with and without disabilities.

PowerPoint

- * Use big, simple, clear, and consistent text.
- * Use high-contrast templates. Check the contrast by printing in black and white without using the "grayscale" option.

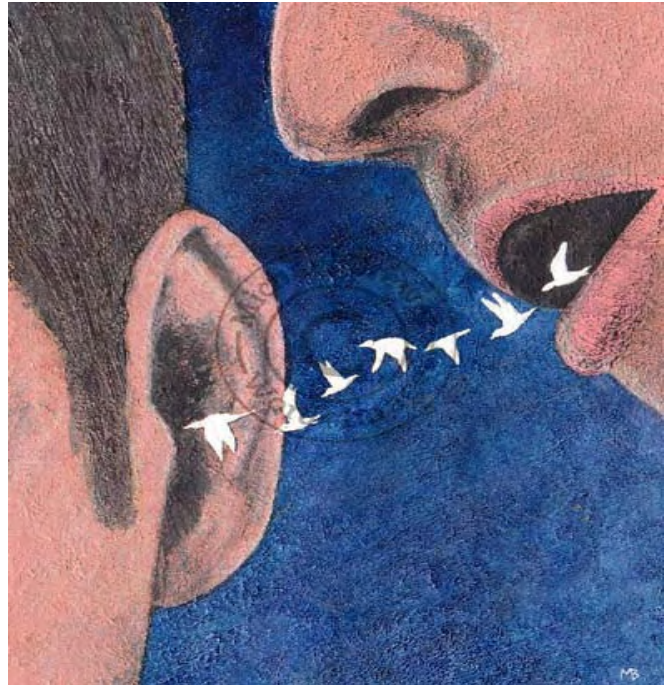
Handout

- * Provide handouts of overheads and PowerPoint slides.
- * Bring a few copies of handouts in 16- to 18-point font size, as well as a digital copy on a disk.
- * If you refer to a handout, allow the audience time to look at the material before you begin talking about it.

Delivery

- * Use the microphone and speak clearly at a pace slightly slower than normal conversation.
- * Identify yourself clearly at the beginning of your talk.
- * Do not turn away from the audience when speaking.
- * Describe all non-text elements (e.g., images, tables) on each slide. Identify rows and columns and describe where figures are located in a table when you are discussing them.
- * Since the lines of text on your PowerPoint slides will be brief phrases, repeat the phrase within the more extended narrative discussion of each point.
- * Repeat all questions and comments from the audience into the microphone.
- * If members of the audience are using interpreters or personal assistants, address all comments directly to the person and not their interpreter or assistant.
- * If possible, give interpreters copies of presentation materials to review before the presentation.

If you have a physical disability and need special services, equipment, or accommodations at the ASA Annual Meeting, fill out the Accessibility Services portion of the meeting's registration form, or call ASA Meeting Services (202-383-9005 x305) to arrange for services such as interpreters, CART, and motorized scooters in advance of the meeting.





Announcements

Announcing the Publication of the Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008

The SSSP is pleased to offer you the Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008, which represents an effort by our professional association to nourish a more "public sociology" that will be easily accessible and useful to policy makers. It is also a way to give something back to the people and institutions that support our scholarly endeavors. We hope that you find it helpful in your challenging work of crafting successful solutions to contemporary social problems. In all, it contains 11 pieces by SSSP members, covering a variety of social problems in three sections: global issues, Americans at risk, and health & welfare. This is an effort on the part of scholars at the Society for the Study of Social Problems to disseminate the findings in social problems research as freely and as widely as possible. The web page for the project is located here: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323>. On that page, you can download the full version, and you can link directly to the one-page briefs and individual chapters. The chapters are available for free download, and may be suitable as cost-effective supplementary readings in many social problems-related courses.

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