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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION **SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES SECTION**



The Chair

The week I write this, Rev. Jerry Falwell has just passed away, giving us cause to reflect on his legacy. Though far from the only man responsible for the development of the religious right in the United States, Falwell played a pivotal role by inspiring massive numbers of conservative evangelical Protestants to end their withdrawal from secular politics and become conservative activists, setting the stage for the later shift in the Republican Party and the extremely divisive political context we have today. Falwell did this by rallying his followers primarily around two sexualities-related issues: homosexuality and abortion. He was able to harness outrage over these issues, raise millions of dollars in donations, and solidify a fledgling conservative social movement. His agenda of socially and legally marginalizing lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals, eliminating women's right to abortion, and reducing teenagers' access to birth control and to accurate information about sexuality provides the context for much of our section members' scholarly work on sexualities in the United States. In such a context, it has become crystal clear that our collective endeavor to expand the breadth and depth of knowledge about sexualities is critically important both academically and politically.

In this context, our section membership continues to grow. Last year, we passed the 400 mark for members, and while there is still evidence that as a subfield we continue to be mar-

ginalized, we see excellent work in the sociology of sexualities published in top journals and university presses. Looking forward to the ASA meetings, our section has a great set of events put together. The section's day of business is Sunday, August 12. Our greatly successful section roundtables will continue to provide places for sexualities-related works-in-progress to be discussed. The program also offers a section session on "Politics, Conflict, and Sexualities," and we will have an Author Meets Critics panel to discuss **Gloria González-López's** book, *Erotic Journeys*, winner of the 2006 Sexualities Section Book Award.

Please mark your calendars for our section reception on Sunday night, August 12, from 7:30-9pm at the recently renovated LGBT Community Center. We are especially proud to partner with the Center for this event. As the central gathering space for activism around lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and transgender, as well as AIDS activism, the LGBT Community Center in New York City is alive with memories of ACT-UP, Queer Nation, SAGE, and dozens of other organizations. In addition, the Center hosts the National Archive of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History, with documents and photos from thousands of LGBT people and organizations, a bounty for sexualities researchers. I look forward to seeing you there!

Tina Fetner
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Seeking Newsletter Editor

Peter Chua

Completes His Term

By **TINA FETNER**

On behalf of the entire section, I want to extend our most heartfelt thanks to Peter Chua, who has exceeded all expectations in the position of section newsletter editor. Peter's professional, well-designed newsletters have been a great benefit to the section, and we wish him well now that his term is coming to an end.

We will be looking for an editor to replace Peter, for whom this newsletter will be the last. Section newsletters are produced twice yearly in the Winter and the Summer. Anyone who is interested in this position, or who has questions, is encouraged to get in touch with me by email at tina.fetner@mcmaster.ca.

KEY DATES

August 11-14, 2007
102nd Annual Meeting of the ASA at New York City, NY

December 1, 2007
Submission dateline for the Winter 2008 issue of *SexualitiesNews*

January 2008
Open paper submission dateline for the upcoming ASA meeting

Officers

This Section

In the last decade [1990s] or so, the study of sexuality has emerged as a vibrant interdisciplinary field of social analysis. For many years, sexuality was approached as an individual, biological or psychological phenomena. Today, the idea of sexuality as a social fact or construction is the point of departure for much of the most exciting scholarship in the area...

Sections are an important mechanism for getting out information about our specialty area... Section status also affords a variety of institutional supports from the ASA, including funding for information dissemination and a guaranteed number of paper sessions at the annual conference.

In short, we believe it is in the best interests of the discipline of sociology to advance the sociological study of sexuality. One way to promote this goal is to support the... "Sociology of Sexualities" as an ASA section and to encourage you to **join**... when you renew your membership in the ASA.

Steve Seidman, Gil Zicklin, and Mark Hager

The Purpose

This Section encourages, enhances and fosters research, teaching and other professional activities in the sociology of sexuality, for the development of sociology and the benefit of society, through organized meetings, conferences, newsletters, publications, awards, and other means deemed appropriate by the Section Council.

It seeks to promote communication, collaboration, and consultation among scholars in sociology, the sociology of sexualities, and allied disciplines.

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Kudos and Announcements!

The *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services: Issues in Practice, Policy & Research* invites submission of manuscripts for an upcoming special issue on "Examining the Lives of GLBTQ of Color." Deadline for submission is July 31, 2007 with a planned publication in 2008. Early submissions are encouraged and appreciated. Inquiries for the special issue should be directed to **Chong-suk Han**, guest editor, at chan@temple.edu or cwhan@u.washington.edu. Further information about the journal may be obtained at www.haworthpress.com.

The Race, Sex, Power: New Movements in Black & Latina/o Sexualities

Conference organizers at the University of Illinois at Chicago are seeking interested participants to submit an abstract (approx. 300 words) for individual papers, panels and roundtables (approx. 4 persons), poster presentations, or visual presentations. Submit abstracts (as well as any queries) to RACESEXPOWER2008@DEPAUL.EDU. The deadline for submission of abstracts is September 15, 2007. This April 11-12, 2008 conference brings attention to the "bodies of knowledge"—in their biological, social, cultural, and political forms—to rethink how the relationships between race, sexuality, and power has, and continues to, shape Black and Latina/o sexualities in the U.S. This conference intends to highlight debates, ideas, and practices relating to the meanings assigned to black and brown bodies in the U.S., how black and brown people experience their socially regulated bodies, and how those bodies are positioned vis-à-vis knowledge, truth, politics, and history.

Adam Isaiah Green recently published the following: "Queer Theory and Sociology: Locating the Subject and the Self in Sexuality Studies" *Sociological Theory* 25(1) in 2007, "Crystal Methamphetamine and Sexual Sociality in an Urban Gay Subculture: An Elective Affinity" *Culture, Health and Sexuality* 8(4) with **Perry Halkitis** in 2006, and "Until Death Do Us Part?: The Impact of Differential Access to Marriage On a Sample of Urban Men" *Sociological Perspectives* 49(2) in 2006.



2007 Annual Meeting Sessions

Politics, Conflict and Sexualities

SECTION ON SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES REGULAR SESSION

Sunday August 12, 2007, 12:30-2:10 p.m.

Session Organizer: *Karl Bryant* (Univ. of California, Santa Barbara) and *Jyoti Puri* (Simmons College)

Presider: *Karl Bryant* (Univ. of California, Santa Barbara)

Out to Get Us: Islam, Security, and Queer Sexuality, *Ibrahim Abraham* (Monash Univ.)

Radicalizing public sphere: Analysis of a case study of Poznan March of Equality, *Anna Katarzyna Gruszczynska* (Aston Univ.)

Responding to Transgender Smear Tactics: The Political Negotiations of LGBH Activists, *Amy L. Stone* (Trinity Univ.)

The Social Construction of Sex Trafficking: Ideology and Institutionalization of a Moral Crusade, *Ronald Weitzer* (George Washington Univ.)

Author Meets Critics: Erotic Journey's: Mexican Immigrants and Their Sex Lives by Gloria González-López

SECTION ON SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES INVITED SESSION

Sunday August 12, 2007, 2:30-4:10 p.m.

Session Organizer & Presider: *Tina Fetner* (McMaster University)

Panelists: *Adam Isaiah Green* (Univ. of Toronto), *Michael Kimmel* (State Univ. of New York-Stony Brook) and *Jyoti Puri* (Simmons College)

Sociology of Sexualities

A REGULAR SESSION

Saturday, August 11, 2007, 4:30-6:10 p.m.

Session Organizer and Presider: *Laura A. Mamo* (Univ. of Maryland)

Discussant: *Paisley Currah* (CUNY)

Cowboys, Queens, Fags, and Papis: The Heterogeneous Cultural Production of Gay Male Identity, *Anthony Christian Ocampo* (UCLA)

Discovering and Explaining "Sexual Transgressions:" Sexuality and Gender Constructions Among Latina Mothers and Daughters, *Lorena Garcia* (Univ. of Illinois, Chicago)

Queer Bodies in Sexed Spaces: The Examination of a Lesbian/Queer Bathhouse, *Corie Jo Hammers* (Armstrong Atlantic State Univ.)

Reclaiming a Better World: Sex-Gender Systems & Reproductive Restraint in Non-Capitalist Cultural Contexts, *Nicole J. Grant* (Northern Kentucky Univ.)

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Annual Meeting Activities

Section Business Meeting

August 12, 2007, Sunday, Everyone invited.

Section Reception

August 12, 2007, Sunday, 7:30- 9p.m. LGBT Community Center. Everyone invited.

Section Listserv

Subscribe to the **Sexualities Discussion Listserv**.

In addition to the official announcement listserv to which all section members are automatically subscribed, we have an informal discussion listserv to which you may subscribe by sending an e-mail message to Majordomo@listserv.asanet.org.

In the body of the message, type "subscribe sexualities" (without the quotation marks). Leave the subject line blank, and make sure that anything else in the body is removed, such as any signature your e-mail program may automatically insert.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Send in your brief announcements, 400-word essays, reviews, letters, artworks, and photos for the next issue of *SexualitiesNews* to: Dr. Peter Chua, pchua@sjsu.edu, Dept. of Sociology, One Washington Square (0122), San José State University, San José, CA 95912-0122, 408-924-5322 (fax).

2007 Annual Meeting Sessions (con't)

Section on Sociology of Sexualities Refereed Roundtables Session

Sunday August 12, 2007, 10:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

Session Organizers: *Alison S. Better* (Brandeis University) and *Erin Calhoun Davis* (Cornell College)

Table 1: Identity Management and Stigma

(Bi)Identity Manuevers: Revealing, Concealing, and Resisting, *Andrea D. Miller* (Webster Univ.)

Margins Upon Margins: Managing the Stigma of Race and Sexuality, *Chong-suk Han* (Univ. of Washington), *Kristopher R Proctor* (University of California, Riverside), *Kyung-Hee Choi* (Univ. of California, San Francisco)

Talking Back: Lesbian and Gay Responses to the Religious Right, *Bernadette Barton* (Morehead State Univ.)

President: *Julie E. Hartman* (Michigan State Univ.)

Table 2: State Relations and Other Structural Factors in Sexuality Research

The Strength of the Nation: Why the U.S. is Panicked about Gay Marriage, *Jaime J. McCauley* (Univ. of Windsor)

Visibility in Anonymity: The Role of Lesbians in the Gentrification of an Urban, Lesbian Neighborhood, *Christopher J Stapel* (Univ. of Kentucky)

President: *Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo* (Univ. of California at Santa Barbara)

Table 3: Constructing Identities

Drag Kinging and the Creation of Cybernetworks, *Kegan Allee* (UC Santa Barbara)

Incidental Androgyny and Symbolic Gender Performance: The Case of SM, *Staci Newmahr* (SUNY Stony Brook)

Narrating Masculinity: Gender, Identity Work, and Heterosexual Male Sex Stories, *Brian C. Kelly* (Purdue University)

President: *Alison S. Better* (Brandeis University)

Table 4 : Framing Sexuality in Social Movements and Popular Culture

Discursive Framing of Teenage Sexuality: Virginity Loss on "Teen Drama" Television Programs, *Maura Flynn Kelly* (Univ. of Connecticut)

"Conservative and Gay... Why It's Okay: Organizational Framing and Identity Conflict Negotiation among Log Cabin

Republicans," *Courtney Ellen Muse* (Vanderbilt Univ.)

Single-Issue Idealism in LGBT Activism, Washington DC (1961-1980), *Rebecca Dolinsky* (Univ. of California Santa Cruz)

Diversity as Instrument: The Management of Difference in a Sexuality-Based Organization, *Meghan Duffy* (Univ. of California, San Diego)

President: *Jason Lee Crockett* (Univ. of Arizona)

Table 5: Theories of Pleasure and Desire

From Social Learning to Embodiment:

Toward a Sociology of Desire, *Adam Isaiah Green* (Univ. of Toronto)

The Body & Sexual Pleasure, *Lisa J. Byers* (McMaster Univ.)

Why don't sociologists discuss Sexual Compulsivity? New theoretical lenses for an emerging discourse, *Christian Grov* (CUNY Graduate Center)

President: *Heather Laine Talley* (Vanderbilt Univ.)

Table 6: Predicting Sexual Satisfaction and Practices

Defining a Lifetime of Purity: Diversity among adolescents who have taken an abstinence pledge, *Katherine C. Jones* (Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst)

Nest-Leaving and Union Formation among Sexual-Minorities and Heterosexuals:

Diverging Trajectories in the Emerging Adulthood Phase of Life, *Jennifer A. Brown & Nola Cora du Toit* (Bowling Green State Univ.)

Correlates of Sexual Satisfaction among Married Couples, *Margaret Gassanov & Deniz Yucel* (Ohio State Univ.)

Subjective Quality of Life: Do Indicators of Sexuality Function Differently by Gender and Marital Status?, *Kristina A. Dzara* (Southern Illinois Univ. Carbondale)

HIV Risk Practices Sought by Men Who Have Sex with Other Men, and Who Use Internet Websites to Identify Potential Sexual Partners, *Hugh Klein* (Kensington Research Institute)

President: *William L. Jeffries* (Univ. of Florida)

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