

The Sociology of

SEXUALITIES

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Section Newsletter

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WE DID IT!!!!

Welcome everyone to the first official newsletter for the Sociology of Sexualities section, and we are very close if not already an official ASA section. Steve Seidman gave me the news that we have **220** members currently, just in time for ASA's annual meeting. Hopefully everyone can make it to the meeting and attend our section meeting which will be at **2:30pm Sunday, Aug. 10th**. We will have a lot to discuss and to plan for like the election of officers and plans for future meetings. In preparation, the section By-Laws can be found within this newsletter.

Within this newsletter you will also find a listing of the sexualities related sessions to be presented at both the ASA and SSSP meetings. Hopefully, this will help you plan what sessions to attend.

To kick off our first official newsletter Steven Kurtz and Kenneth Plummer will discuss what they feel to be the future of sexualities research.

The Future of Sexualities Research

Steven P. Kurtz
Florida International University

As we approach the end of the 20th century, American sexual cultures appear to be undergoing dramatic change. While unifying lesbian, gay and bisexual civil rights efforts have produced astoundingly expanded possibilities for living public lives of sexual choice, an individualizing trend has emerged from this progress. Medical advances in the AIDS war have also tended to weaken the cohesiveness of sexual minority cultures. At the same time, the feminist and gay/lesbian/bisexual movements have wrought tremen-

dous shifts in proscribed gender roles, weakening their culturally-specified links to sexual identities.

New generations of gay and bisexual men and women are now coming to terms with their sexuality - both publicly and privately - during junior high school and high school. Research which investigates generational change in the structure and content of minoritized sexualities may be particularly fruitful in increasing our understanding of the social construction of sexuality, the dynamic interrelationships between gender and sexuality, processes of social change, and a view of what problems and opportunities these changes may bring.

To cite an example, it is becoming apparent to me that the hyper-masculinity of 1990's gay male culture may be rapidly giving way to a less gendered, more inclusive, and more holistic - albeit less unified - pattern of gay male life. How much of this has to do with Calvin Klein's new ideal of style - and how much with young men's (and many older men's) blanket rejection of steroids, traditional macho physicality and emotional closetedness - is one interesting subject for study. How, and for whom, are these shifts taking place? What do these changes imply for the distribution of political and economic power, and for standards of sexual behavior and intimate relationships? From an applied perspective, do these changes signal new opportunities for AIDS-risk behavioral interventions?

Gay, lesbian and bisexual people have done much to reclaim our history, fight for social acceptance, and wage an incredible war against the scourge of AIDS. These battles are not yet won or over, yet they may be increasingly irrelevant to the lives of lesbian, gay and bisexual - indeed, heterosexual - women and men of the 21st century. Sexuality research which allows the voices of young people to be heard may provide the clearest view of tomorrow's sexual cultures.

BRINGING SEX BACK IN.....

Ken Plummer
University of Essex

When Steve Seidman asked us to consider some future directions for sexuality studies, a lot of things crowded into my mind. Indeed, in recent years, I have spent quite some time drafting out agendas for gay and lesbian research. In *Modern Homosexualities* (1992), I suggested the need to look at the (post) modernization of homosexualities, the globalization of homosexualities, the displacing of heterosexisms, and the construction of a cultures of intimate citizenship. With Arlene Stein, in 1994, we suggested the need to re-

read the sociological classics (with queer in mind), to rethink the pedagogy of sexuality studies; and to rethink the whole field of sociology in the light of lesbian /gay /queer /bisexual /transgender studies. And in a recent afterward to a brilliant collection of sociological articles on lesbian and gay life edited by Beth Schneider and Peter Nardi, I suggest the need to look at media studies of homosexualities, to analysis the stratification of homosexualities, and to analyze heterosexist practices, and to transcend the current fashionability of discourse analysis. It is time, I argue yet again, to go beyond texts. So in the recent past, I have done more than my fair share of suggested shopping lists of research!

So perhaps I can be allowed to highlight just one current concern. I have recently started a new journal - *Sexualities*; and the first issue will appear in February 1998. What has struck me in the first batch of submitted articles is how comparatively rare it is for sexuality studies to actually talk about sexuality! Identities, meanings, movements, texts, theories, continuums, gender, families, life styles, postmodernism, narrative - yes. And on and on. But what is singularly missing these days is 'sex'. There is now a need for more good work on actual, real live sex acts.

I am very guilty of this myself - highlighting stories as I have in much recent work hardly signals a concern with bodily sex. Yet only very occasionally do sociologists study what I will for the time being call *gendered embodied eroticism*: what people do with their bodies to bring about erotic sensations. There is little humping and pumping, sweatiness or sexiness much sociological work. Instead, we have discourses, culture wars, rights debates, theorized bodies, queer theories, transgender politics: you name it. Once again, anything, but sex....

I was struck further by this whilst reviewing the papers recently published from the 1994 British Sociological Association Annual Conference held on 'Sexualities in Social Context', where over 250 papers were presented - mainly by young British sociologists. This was surely a coup on the parts of the organizers: to take over the major agenda of British sociology! And the papers here were wide: from sm and rape to care and long term heterosexual couples and their sexual antics. There are lots of future directions here. And in the conferences papers the editors are very optimistic about the significance of the sociology of sexuality. They see it as moving from the margins of the discipline to its center (1, p1). And in one way they have good grounds for this optimism: after all the conference provided over 250 papers and was one of the best attended of British Sociological Association conferences ever. (It also created a furore in the press - which Jeffrey Weeks documents in his introduction). But, once again, most

of the published articles, are - quite simply - not about sexualities. For a conference themed as 'Sexualities in Social Context', the papers presented here are surprisingly thin in discussions of sexualities. What we have here are valuable and much needed discussions on health care practice around HIV; studies of cervical smear tests, breast feeding and the menopause; analyses of the 'single mothers debate', the gay gene debate, and post-modern women; historical reviews of illegitimacy and women's magazines; as well as a number of discourses about the discourses of sexuality. It is true that most of the topics of these volumes touch upon key linked matters, and some - such as the debates around heterosexuality - go to its nominal core. But once again, *gendered embodied eroticisms* are largely absent.....

If sexuality has moved center stage in Sociology then it has become something scarcely recognizable in the process. Much of it seems now to be about something else. This is a curious and interesting legacy. Much of the Sociological theorizing that has been done over the past thirty years (from the work of Gagnon and Simon suggesting we look for the 'social sources of human sexuality' through Foucault to feminist analyses of rape and power) have been arguing to go beyond sex: That there were 'social sources of sexuality.' They have, quite rightly made us put the importance of the social into the analysis of the sexual. But I now ponder if this has gone too far. We no longer can see the sexual, only the social. So my own request: how about more work on what, where, when, how, and why we actually do our sex across all the cultures of the world?

Call For Papers

Special Issue — Journal of Lesbian Studies
Guest Editor, Dawn Atkins

Talking Sex: Lesbian Sexual Practices, Politics and Identities

Looking for academic works from any discipline which explore the problems in defining sexual categories, practices and identities among lesbians. What happens when lesbian identity collides with sexual practices? Does identity politics leave room for sexual desire? Is lesbian what you are or what you do? Have our identity labels forced our sexuality into the closet? Can you fight for the right for sexual expression without them?

Some examples include (but certainly not limited to): Is a woman who sleeps with a man but loves women, still a lesbian? What is the role of S/M among

lesbians? How do butch and femme lesbians view and are viewed by other lesbians? How are transgendered lesbians viewed and how do they view being lesbian? Does a lesbian relationship have to include sex? What happens when it doesn't? Is a long term committed relationship between two women a "lesbian relationship" even if one or both don't identify as lesbian?

Would particularly like to welcome papers that address issues concerned with diversity — particularly those that focus on women of color, non-U.S. women and women with disabilities.

To submit a proposal (abstract, 250 words max) by June 10, 1997. Once proposals are approved, papers will be due Sept. 1, 1997. Each paper should be 3000-5000 words or 10-15 ms. pages, submitted in both hard copy and on disk.

Send proposals via email or regular mail to:

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Anthropology,

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Trans/ /Formations

Essays in Living Differently Gendered

Trans/Formations is a proposed anthology which will include short essays about the lives of people who live differently gendered. Does your gender expression defy conventional norms of male/female? How and why? How have you come to define your gender and live your life in a world where ideals of male and female are sharply divided and strictly enforced? Welcome submissions from all differently gendered people no matter how they define themselves.

Would especially like to encourage diversity. Particularly welcome work from people of color, non-U.S. and people with disabilities.

All essays must be under 3,000 words, typed, double-spaced on white paper and accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return/reply.

Preference given to work never before published. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 1, 1997. Submissions should be mailed to:

Dawn Atkins,
PO Box 861,
Iowa City, IA 52244-0861.

All queries for information should be accompanied by self-addressed, stamped envelope. Or email submissions/correspondence can be received at: dawn-atkins@uiowa.edu. (Note: Editor will be out of the country and possibly unable to respond June 12-Sept. 1.)

SECTION ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES BY-LAWS

DRAFT: SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

ARTICLE I. Name.

The Section shall be known as the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities.

ARTICLE II. Purpose.

The purpose of the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities is to encourage, enhance and foster 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. The Section seeks to promote communication, collaboration, and consultation among scholars in sociology, the sociology of sexualities, and allied disciplines.

ARTICLE III. Membership and Dues.

Section 1. Membership in the Section shall be open to all members of the American Sociological Association.

Section 2. Dues shall be set by the Section Council to cover operation of the Section in accord with the requirements of the Association. Members who do not pay their Section dues shall be suspended and dropped from the rolls at the end of each year.

ARTICLE IV. Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The Chair-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, six non-officer members of the Council, and the graduate student members shall be elected directly by a simple majority of the voting membership.

Section 3. The Chair-Elect shall serve for one year and shall automatically become Chair the following year.

Section 4. The Chair shall preside at all business sessions of the Council and the Section, and perform all duties assigned by the Council, the Section and the Association. S/he shall serve a term of one year and shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of five years. In the event of death, resignation, absence or inability to serve, the office of Chair shall devolve successively upon the Chair-Elect and one of the Council members selected by a majority vote of the Council until the next election is held.

Section 5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a two year term. S/he shall record the transactions and circulate the minutes of the Section Council Meetings and Section Business Meetings, maintain official documents and financial records of the Section, execute all financial transactions of the Section, and perform such other duties as the Council may assign. All financial expenditures executed by the Secretary-Treasurer shall be authorized by the Section Council, either directly or of such authority to the Chair. In the event of death, resignation or inability to serve, the office of Secretary-Treasurer will temporarily be filled by a person selected by vote of Council until the next election is held.

Section 6. The Council shall consist of eleven voting members: three officers, six elected at-large, and two graduate student members. The officer members shall be the Chair, Chair-Elect, and the Secretary-Treasurer. The members-at-large shall be elected for staggered three year terms with two elected each year. In the first election of the members-at-large, the terms of office, whether for one, two or three years, shall be designated by the Nominating Committee. The graduate student members shall serve for one year.

Section 7. No member shall be eligible for re-election to the Council until two years after the expiration of his or her term, and no individual shall be eligible for election to the Council after having served two terms on the Council. No member shall hold two Section offices simultaneously, including offices of other Sections.

Section 8. The Council shall be responsible for the formation of policy and the general direction of the affairs of the Section, acting as the representative of the membership of the Section. The Council shall take decisions by majority vote of its attending members. It shall have the power to fill vacancies in its elected membership occasioned by death, resignation, absence, inability to serve or failure to elect, such appointees to hold office until replaced by officers elected at the next annual election.

Section 9. The Council shall make decisions at its sched-

uled meetings by a majority vote using any method designed to allow all Council members a reasonable chance to register their votes, e.g., by mail, e-mail, telephone conference or fax transmission. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the Council.

Section 10. Any action of the Section may be brought to the vote of the Section by the Council, by petition of ten percent of the members of the Section or by twenty-five members of the Section, whichever is less.

ARTICLE V. Publications.

Section 1. There shall be a Section Newsletter issued under a title and at intervals approved by Council.

Section 2. The Editor of the Newsletter shall be appointed by the Chair subject to approval by the Council.

ARTICLE VI. Committees.

Section 1. For purposes of cooperating with the Association's Program Committee in planning the Section's sessions at the Annual Meeting, the Council shall be constituted the Section's Program Committee. Council shall elect one of its members to serve as Program Chair each year

Section 2. There shall be an Elections Committee consisting of the immediate past Section Chair, serving ex-officio as the Chair without vote, and three members elected at-large by the entire voting membership of the Section. The term shall be three years. One elected member shall retire each year and one new member shall be elected each year. The Section Chair shall develop a slate of at least two nominees for the next open position on the Elections Committee. The slate of nominees shall be placed on the ballot of the Section's Annual Election. In the first election of the Nominating Committee, the terms of office, whether for one, two or three years, shall be designated by the Chair.

Section 3. There shall be a Membership Committee consisting of one Council member, elected by the Council to a one year term, who shall serve as Chair of the Committee, and three members appointed by the Section Chair, subject to approval by the Council. Members shall serve three-year staggered terms with one person appointed each year. The Committee will meet at least once during the Annual Meeting to conduct the business appropriate to the Committee.

That business will consist primarily of preparing and/or updating a Section brochure, and of exploring ways to increase and/or maintain

the Section's Membership. During the first year, the terms of office, whether for one, two or three years, shall be designated by the Section Chair.

Section 4. In the event of the death, resignation, absence or the inability to serve of any members elected or appointed to a committee, the Section Chair may appoint a member of the Section to fill the vacancy during the Chair's term of office, subject to the approval of the Council.

Section 5. The Council may create such temporary committees not provided for in the By-Laws as may seem useful for promoting the work of the Section.

Section 6. There shall be constituted, in alternate years, an Awards Committee to select a recipient of the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities Award. The Committee shall consist of a chair, appointed by the outgoing Chair of the Section, and two members appointed by the Council. The Committee shall select the best work published since the period covered by the last award. "Published works" may include books, monographs, and journal articles.

ARTICLE VII. Meetings.

Section 1. At each Annual Meeting of the Association, there shall be at least one Business Meeting of the Section at which the Officers and the Council shall respond to questions from the membership.

Section 2. The Chair shall convene the Council at each Annual Meeting in order to perform the duties specified in the By-Laws, and between Annual Meetings as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII. Elections and Voting.

Section 1. The Chair-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, at-large and graduate student members of the Council and the members of the Elections Committee shall be elected by mail ballot to the members qualified to vote. The elections of the Section shall be carried out in cooperation with the Association and coordinated to its schedule. The exception to this shall be the first election which shall be carried out concomitantly with the formation of the Section.

Section 2. All Section offices filled by voting of the membership at large shall be conducted by mail ballot under the following procedure:

(a) as soon as practical after the ASA Annual Meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer shall place in the hands of the Elections Committee a list of those who

have occupied all offices in the Section since its founding, a list of the membership eligible to hold office, and a copy of the Section's By-Laws.

(b) coordinated with the schedule and requirements of ASA election procedures, the Elections Committee shall select at least two nominees for each elective position to be filled, except the open position on the Elections Committee. All nominees must give prior approval for placing their names on the ballot.

(c) In the election of at-large and graduate student members of the Council (normally with at least four candidates for two positions in each category), each voter shall have two votes for each category. The two candidates with the largest number of votes in each category shall be elected. In the case of a tie vote for a council seat, the tie shall be broken by a random process determined and conducted by the Elections Committee.

Section 3. The Chair of the Elections Committee shall receive and count the ballots and shall notify the Section Chair, the Secretary -Treasurer and appropriate ASA officials of the election results. All ballots cast, together with pertinent data and records of the Elections Committee, shall be submitted to the Section Chair immediately after the report of the Committee has been completed and, if found accurate, shall be certified by her or him to the Section as true and accurate. The Secretary-Treasurer shall hold all such materials for a period of at least eighteen months.

Section 4. The terms of office shall begin one day prior to the date announced for the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association in the year which they are elected.

ARTICLE IX. Amendments.

Section 1. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority affirmative vote of those voting in a referendum submitted by mail to the voting members of the Section.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed by a majority vote of the Council, or by petition of at least ten percent of the voting members of the Section or by twenty-five members of the Section, whichever is less.

Listing of Sexuality Related Sessions at the SSSP and ASA

Friday, Aug. 8th

SSSP
Time: 12:30pm-2:15pm
Session: Cyberporn and the Expression of Sexuality
President: Albert Dichiara, University of Hartford
Discussant: Thelma McCormack, University of Toronto

Violence and Paper Myths in Pornography: a Comparison Between Pornographic Stories Available on the Internet and Those Available in Pornographic Magazines. Martin L. Barron, Suny Stony Brook.

Cyberporn: Media Moral Panics and Urban Myths for Middle-class Parents Roberto Hugh Potter, Morehead State University.

Dialing for Pornography: Technical Innovation and Regulation of the Information Superhighway. Lloyd Klein, University of Hartford.

SSSP
Time: 2:30pm-4:15pm
Session: Intersections of Medicine and Sexuality

Co-organizers,
Presiders, and
Discussants: Jean Elson, Brandeis University
Lloyd Klein, University of West Hartford

From Mr. Hyde to Dr. Jekyll? The Case Against Chemical Castration for Sex Offenders. Ken Kyle and Tania Israel, Arizona State University

Educating Complementary Health Care Practitioners: Massage Therapists Learn How to Cope with Sexual Stigma. Eleanor La Pointe, Monmouth University

Hindsight and the Abortion Experience: Women's Retrospective Accounts of Meaning. Lisa Avalosbock, Grinnell College

Saturday, Aug. 9th

Time: 10:30am-12:15pm
24. Special Session. Hate/Bias Acts on Campus

Organizer and Presider: Richard Tewksbury, University of Louisville

Anti-Lesbian Violence in the Private Sphere: Challenging Current Conceptions of Hate Crime. Kimberly A. Davies, Augusta State University; and Amber Ault, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Consequences of Hate Crimes for Gays and Lesbians. Lisa K. Waldner-Haugrud, University of Houston; and Greg Simpson, University of Houston

Criminology and the Understanding of Hate Crimes: A Constructionist Critique. Timothy L. Buzzell, Baker University

SSSP

Time: 1:00pm-2:45pm
Session: Megan's Law and Beyond: the Impact of Sexual Offender Legislation

Organizer and Presider: Lloyd Klein, University of West Hartford
Discussant: Jo-Ann L. Miller, Purdue University

Sexual Offenders and Imprinted Behavior. Judith Sgarzi, Mt. Ida College

Sex Offenders and Public Policy: from Rehabilitation to Community Protection. Michael Petrunik, University of Ottawa.

Sexual Offenders and Legislative Impact: Proposed Sexual Offender Legislation and Notification Issues. Lloyd Klein, University of Hartford.

Perspectives on the Effects of Sexual Offender Legislation in Michigan. Teresa Carlo, Megan Coats, Zoann Snyder-Joy, Western Michigan University.

Time: 2:30pm-4:15pm
71. Regular Session. Sexual Identities

Organizer: Steven Seidman, University at Albany

Presider: Chet Meeks, University at Albany

Delayed Adolescence or Accelerated Adulthood?: Lesbian Gay/Bisexual Youth Culture and Identity Formation. Melinda S. Miceli, University at Albany

Owning the Identity Differently: How Objectively Marginalized Catholics Reconstruct Ownership of the Church's Universal Culture. Michele Dillon, Yale University

Containing Identity: Managing Transgression in Sexuality and Gender in Recent Hong Kong Films. Joseph Schneider, Hong Kong University; Susanne Chan, University of California, Los Angeles

Masculinity, Gay Male Culture, and Young Gay Men's of Sexual Behaviors in Miami, Florida. Steven P. Kurtz, Florida International University

The Declining Significance of the Closet: Lesbian Identity in the '90s. Debbie Donovan, University at Albany

Time: 2:30pm-4:15pm
81. Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements. Refereed Roundtables

Organizers: Nicole Raeburn and Kimberly B. Dugan, Ohio State University

1. Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Movements

Table Presider: Steve Valocchi, Trinity College

Riding the Crest of the Protest Wave?: The Origins of the Discourse of the Gay Liberation Movement, 1969-1973. Steve Valocchi, Trinity College

Prisoners Need Condoms, Not Red Ribbons!: ACT-UP Chicago's Prison AIDS Activism. Brett Stockdill, University of California, Los Angeles

2. Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Movements

Table Presider: Nicole Raeburn, Ohio State University

The Rise of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights in the Workplace: Employee Activist Groups and Institutional Opportunity Structures. Nicole Raeburn, Ohio State University

Identity Deployment and Social Movement Success: Lessons from the Lesbian and Gay Movement. Mary Bernstein, New York University

Using New Social Movement Theory to Analyze the Gay Rights Movement. Angela Fiquet, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

SSSP

Time: 3:00pm-4:45pm

Session: Issues in Sex Work and Sexual Identity

Presider: Paula C. Rust, Hamilton College

Discussant: TBA

The Body for Sale: Analyzing the Rhetoric of Illegal Prostitution in Las Vegas. Kate Hausbeck and Barb Brents, University Nevada-Las Vegas

Live Sex Acts: Women Performing Erotic Labor Wendy Chapkis, University of Southern Maine.

Transnational Possibilities: Emergent Indian Gay/lesbian/bisexual Identities Jyoti Puri, Simmons College.

From Biphobia to Bipride: Changes in Self-identified Bisexual Women's Attitudes Toward Themselves During a Decade of Growing Bisexual Political Activism. Paula Rust, Hamilton College.

Time: 4:30pm-6:15pm

90. Regular Session. Gay and Lesbian Issues: Identities across Time and Place

Organizer: Melissa S. Herbert, Hamline University

Presider: Jennifer L. Eichstedt, Mary Washington College

Closet Anxieties: The Paradox of Normative Heterosexuality. Steven Seidman, State University of New York, Albany

"Fruits," "Fags," and "Dykes": The Portrayal of Gay/Lesbian Identity in Nance Jokes of the '50s and '60s. Peter M. Nardi, Pitzer College; and Nancy E. Stoller, University of California, Santa Cruz

Extent of Discrimination from Non-Gay People Toward Lesbians. Kathleen Asbury, Temple University

Moments in "Passing" and Performing Straightness and Gayness: Visually Constructing "Passing" Queer Identities. Sara F. Collas, University of Kansas

"I Might as Well be Straight": The Significance of Homosexuality to the Lesbian and Gay Elderly. Dana Rosenfeld, University of California, Los Angeles

Discussion: Vera Whisman, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

The discussant will comment briefly on the papers, illustrating how the various papers demonstrate the need for "bridges" both within the lesbian and gay community as well as between lesbians/gay men and heterosexuals.

6:30 p.m Sociologists AIDS Network panel

Sunday, Aug. 10th

8:30am Committee on Hate/Bias Acts on Campus

SSSP

Time: 8:30am-10:15am

Session: Socio-legal Perspectives in Sexual Behavior

Presider: Thomas E. Guild, University of Central Oklahoma

Discussant: TBA

Internal Accords and Domestic Criminal Law: Ghana's Abortion Law in the Light of the Cairo UNESCO Conference. Ishmael Kofi Tekyi Turkson, F.M.A. and Associates, Ghana

Sexual Harassment: Stereotypes Complicates Social Policy. Thomas Guild, University of Central Oklahoma.

Student Paper Award Winner: Considering Constructions: the Influence of Socially Constructed Identities on Legal Preferences. Jennifer Earl, University of Arizona, Tucson.

Time: 8:30am-10:15am

110. Teaching Workshop. Teaching about Sexuality and Sexual Orientation in Sociology Courses

Tom Gerschick, Illinois State University

Paula Rust, Hamilton College

Time: 10:30am-12:15am

130. Author Meets Critics. The Social Organization of Sexuality by Edward O. Laumann, Robert T. Michael, John H. Gagnon, and Stuart Michaels

Organizer: Marta Tienda, University of Chicago

Book Author: Edward O. Laumann, University of Chicago

Critics: John Bancroft, Indiana University

Julia Ericksen, Temple University

Ronald R. Rindfuss, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

SSSP

Time: 10:30am-12:15pm

Session: Gay Identity and Individual/institutionalized Social Reaction
Presider: J. Michael Cruz, Texas Women's University

Discussant: P.J. McGann, St. Laurence University

'Perception of Antecedents of Suicide Attempts: Views from Gay Youth Adital Tirosh Ben-Ari and Sharon Gil, University of Haifa.

A Home with No Closets: Exploring the Structure and Dynamics of Gay Fraternities Mindy Stomblor and Renee Wharton, Texas Tech University

Violence and Abuse in Gay Male Relationships: an Exploratory Analysis from a Symbolic Interactionist Perspectives Michael Cruz, Texas Woman's University.

Lessons in Challenging Homophobia in Schools: the East High School Gay-straight Student Alliance Maralee Mayberry, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

**2:30 p.m Sociology of Sexualities
Section-in-Formation
Organizational Meeting**

Time: 2:30pm-3:30pm

186. Section on Sociology of Children.

Organizer: Timothy J. Owens, Indiana University

Refereed Roundtables:

1. The Social Impact of Being a Gay/Lesbian Youth

Table Presider/Discussant: Eric R. Wright, Indiana University, Indianapolis

Resisting Homophobia in High School. Oscar Wolfman, York University

Researching the Social Psychology of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth. Eric R. Wright and Cynthia L. Conley, Indiana University, Indianapolis

4. A Longer View of Childhood Sex and Parenthood

Monday, Aug. 11th

Table President/Discussant: Hongxin Zhao, Princeton University

Time: 8:30am-10:15am
196. Regular Session. Cross-Cultural Studies of Teen Pregnancy

Sexual Contact between Male Children and Adults: A Life Course Perspective. Christopher R. Browning, University of Chicago

Organizer and Presider: Rhoda Estep Macdonald, California State University, Stanislaus

Adolescent Repeat Births: A Role Conflict/Status Attainment Model. Megan M. Dixon, Florida State University; Amy Karnehm, Ohio State University; and Norma J. Shepelak, Wright State University

Teen Childbearing and Birth Outcomes: An Advantage for the Disadvantaged? P. Roger Ehrlich, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Social Capital and Successful Development among Children of Teenage Mothers. Hongxin Zhao, Princeton University

Among Teenagers, Early Pregnancy, and Educational Achievement. Ray Hutchison, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay; and Miles McNall, University of Minnesota

SSSP

Time: 2:30pm-4:15pm
Session: Community Concerns and Health Policy in the Age of Aids
Presider: Ira Fybish, New York City Bd. Of Education
Discussant: Sam Friedman, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

Sexual Permissiveness: Evidence from 14 Nations. Jonathan Kelley and M. D. R. Evans, Australian National University

“You Ought to Know:” Contrasting Teen Pregnancy in the U.S. and the Netherlands. Rhoda Estep Macdonald, California State University, Stanislaus

Self and Community: the Identity of Immunity in Accounting for the Risks of HIV Infection. Norah D. Petters, Jon Church, Christine Agar, Beaver College.

Time: 10:30am-12:15pm
220. Informal Discussion Roundtables. Gender, Sexuality

‘Women Within the Hemophilia Community Who Have HIV/aids: a Look at Their Lives. Diane Kholos Wysocki, University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Organizer: Walter Goldfrank, University of California, Santa Cruz

Social Policy and Aids Caregiving Mary Ellen Yates, Ne Research Institute.

1. Researching the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Movements. Kathleen E. Hull, Northwestern University; Kimberly B. Dugan, Ohio State University; and Melanie J. Coddington, Humboldt State University

Who’s Reality?: Evaluating the Female Condom with Safer Sex Innovation. Lisa Jean Moore, Center for Aids Prevention Studies.

2. The Construction of Sexual Desire. Amy Pett, Clark University

8:30 p.m Sociologists Lesbian and Gay Caucus Business Meeting

Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm
258. Section on Sociology of Culture.

Refereed Roundtables:

Organizer: Mitchell Stevens, Hamilton College

6. Tests and Sex

The Social Construction of Feminine Sexuality in Women's Popular Periodicals: An Exploratory Study, 1920-1996. Judith Jackson Pomeroy, University of New Hampshire

Investigating the Construction of Desire Through Pornography. Jessie Klein, City University of New York

2:30 p.m Committee on the Status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender People in Sociology

Time: 2:30pm-4:15pm
267. Open Refereed Roundtables. Homelessness, AIDS, Violence, Mental Health

Organizer: Beverly Nagel, Carleton College

2. Social Dimensions of AIDS

Table President: Juanita M. Firestone, University of Texas, San Antonio

High Risk Sexual Behavior: Individuals Living with HIV Disease and AIDS in Bexar County, Texas. Juanita M. Firestone and Richard J. Harris, University of Texas, San Antonio

Sexual Behavior and Risk for HIV Exposure among Latino Adolescents in a Chicago High School: Effects of Gender and Acculturation. Jane Fernandez and Lee A. Crandall, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Social Dimensions of AIDS: Supporting Risk Reduction in HIV-Infected Individuals. Debbie S. Indyk, Sarit A. Golub, and Milton Wainberg, Mount Sinai Medical Center

Dynamics of Resource Flows in Networks among Female Drug Addicts. Duan-Rung Chen and Nabila El-Bassel, Columbia University

Time: 4:30pm-6:15pm
288. Special Student Session. Refereed Student Roundtables (co-sponsored by the ASA Honors Program and the Honors Program Student Association)

Organizers: Alan D. Brown, III, and Michele Ann Adams, University of California, Riverside

2. Sex, Gender, and Sexuality II

Table President: June Leahy, University of Kansas

Gender and Crime. June Leahy, University of Kansas

Combating Heterosexism: Socialization of Gay Men and Lesbians Across the Life Span. Kylo-Patrick R. Hart, University of Michigan

Same-Sex Sexual Activity in a Women's Correctional Facility. J. Michael Cruz, Texas Women's University

6:30 p.m Sociologists Lesbian and Gay Caucus Community Panel

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Time: 12:30pm-2:15pm
359. Regular Session. Intersecting Identities

Organizer: Steven Seidman, University at Albany, State University of New York

President: Melinda S. Miceli, University at Albany, State University of New York

Everyday Identity Works at an Asian Pacific AIDS Organization. Gina Masequesmay, University of California, Los Angeles

Narrative Identities, Interpolations, and the Imaginary Essential Identities Different Musical Practices Materialize. Pablo Vila, University of Texas, El Paso

Muslim Women: Negotiations in the Third Space. Shahnaz Khan, University of Toronto

Performing the Performed Blackness: Race, Language, Culture, and Politics Identity. Awak Ibrahim, University of Toronto

The Case for Gender Identity Disorder: Notes on Psychiatric Prescriptions for the Proscription of Gender and Sexual Identities. Amber Ault, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Time: 12:30pm-2:15pm
367. Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender.
Refereed Roundtables

Organizers: Verta A. Taylor, Gail McGuire, and
Marieke Van Willigen, The Ohio State University

13. Lesbian, Gay, and Transgendered Sexualities

Table Presider: Mary Bernstein, New York University

Butch and Femme: Who Uses It and What Does It
Mean? Renee Orlick, Kent State University

Queer Theory, Biographical Work, and the Narrative
Constitution of Sexuality. Chris A. Faircloth, Univer-
sity of Florida

Sexing the Intersexed: Lived Experiences in Socio-
Cultural Context. Sharon E. Preves, University of
Minnesota

Protean Women: The Liquidity of Female Sexuality.
Paulina B. Bart, University of California, Los Angeles

16. Gendered Violence
Table Presider: Caryn Aviv, Loyola University

The Difference between Legal and Female Defini-
tions of Consent to Sex. Deena Benveneste,
University of Florida

Men and Wife Rape: The Motivations and Character-
istics of Husband-Rapists. Raquel Kennedy Bergen,
St. Joseph's University

Violence and Rape Myths in Pornography: A Com-
parison between Pornographic Stories Available on
the Internet and Those Available in Pornographic
Magazines. Michael Kimmel and Martin Barron, State
University of New York, Stony Brook

Exposure to Violence and Post-Traumatic Stress
Symptomatology among Abortion Clinic Workers.
Kevin Fitzpatrick and Michele Wilson, University of
Alabama, Birmingham

Arizona Rape and Sexual Assault Surveillance
Project: 1995-96 Violent and Abusive Behavior Data.
Janine Goldman-Pach and Mary P. Koss, Arizona
Prevention Center

6:30 p.m. Sociologists AIDS Network Business
Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 13th

Time: 10:30am-12:15pm
442. Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender.
Gender and Sexuality in Organizational Contexts

Organizer and Presider: Joshua Gamson, Yale
University

Sexual Harassment in Organizations: A Critique of
Research and Policy. Christine L. Williams, Univer-
sity of Texas, Austin

The Organization Effects of the Closet on AIDS
Response Initiatives in New Haven, CT. Paul
Galatowitsch, Yale University

Lesbian Pornographic Production: Creating Social/
Cultural Space for Subverting Representations of
Sexuality. Dana Collins, University of California,
Santa Barbara

Condoms and Conversation in a University Peer
Sexuality Education Program. Rebecca Plante

Discussion: Steven Epstein, University of California,
San Diego

Submissions

Do you have an announcement, call for papers, or
meeting announcement? Do you have an idea, opin-
ion, or question you want to present to the section? If
the answer is yes, then send your submissions to:
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For the next newsletter I want to hear what people feel
should be the role if any should the Section on
Sexualities should have within social and political
activism.

Deadline for submissions is October 31st. Electronic
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