SSS 2020--Sessions Seeking Papers (Digest #2)

Dear SSS Members,

Please see below for Digest #2 of Sessions Seeking Papers. Our 2020 meeting theme ‘Sociology In Action’ focuses on the many ways that we can, should, and/or do utilize sociological knowledge, theories, and methods to address problems, policies, and practices in the world. You’ll be seeing these digests on a weekly basis and they will also be uploaded to the SSS website under the Annual Meetings tab. Members are encouraged to submit to Sessions Seeking Papers link embedded here.

Sessions Seeking Papers:
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2) Butch, Stud, and Other Masculine Lesbian Identities
3) Community-Based Research Across the Curriculum
4) Disability, health, illness narratives and social change
5) Fat Studies/Body Politics
6) Health perspectives, experiences, and outcomes for trans and non-binary people
7) The Unique Challenges Managing Discussion When Teaching Gender and/or Sexuality in an Online Environment (Co-sponsored by the Committee on Gender & Sexuality)
8) Navigating a Career with a Lavender Vita: LGBTQI Sociologists Panel
9) White Emotions and Language

1) Trans Activism in the South
This session will focus on various efforts to bring about trans inclusion and equality in the Southeastern U.S. I would love to have academics studying trans activism and projects in the South, as well as trans activists, from inside and outside of the academy on the panel. All regular paper submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper*, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author*, and (c) an extended abstract. Extended abstracts should be approximately 400-450 (max. 450 words) and organized with the following three section headings: Objectives, Methods, and Findings. While these section headings may not apply to all submissions, we expect objectives and contributions, and primary argument to be clear. *Note that information provided here is what will appear in the program, so please include your name, affiliation, and contact information exactly as you want it to appear in the program. Please submit materials by October 18, 2019 via email

Session Organizer: Baker Rogers at barogers@georgiasouthern.edu.

2) Butch, Stud, and Other Masculine Lesbian Identities
Anyone doing research on the changing nature of these identities or on how these identities intersect with age, race, class, etc. is invited to submit to this session.

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3) Community-Based Research Across the Curriculum
We are seeking papers for a session entitled, “Community-Based Research Across the Curriculum”. The session will focus on integrating students into community-based research. For instance, the inclusion of community-based research in lower level and upper level courses, capstone experiences, independent projects, and programs designed to scaffold research experiences throughout the students’ academic career. In the session, we anticipate identifying best practices and challenges associated with student participation in community-based research projects. We are interested in papers that cover topics on community-based research in courses such as: how to incorporate research in lower level courses, online and hybrid courses, working with community partners, and designing and implementing research methodologies. We are open to other related topics as well. We hope people who attend this session will leave with a concrete idea of how to incorporate community-based research in their own classes.

In your submission, please include an abstract (about 250 words) of what you plan to present, along with the following information: submission title, three keywords, first name, last name, institution, email, and position. If you have any questions about what we are looking for in this session, please feel free to get in touch. Please submit by Friday, October 25th at the latest.

**Session organizer:** Jill Waity (waityj@uncw.edu)

4) Disability, health, illness narratives and social change
Using the particular examples of narratives of disability, health, and illness, our interest is in exploring links between narratives and social change. This session can encompass many specific examples of how narratives figure into promoting—or impeding—social
change at personal, organizational, and cultural levels of social life. For example: How do social movements use narratives to encourage social change? What experiences are omitted from social movement narratives? Are illness narratives beneficial beyond their therapeutic value? How do the most common socially circulating narratives of disability or health or illness have oppressive consequences for individuals? What are the positive and/or negative consequences of using individual stories in public health or environmental sustainability campaigns? What are the positive and/or negative consequences of medical narratives? Of social narratives? Of crip narratives? How do academic models (narratives) of disability/health/illness end up in the public domain and with what consequences? As you can see, there are many possibilities!

**Session organizers:** Sara E. Green and Donileen R. Loseke
**Session contact:** sagreen@usf.edu

5) Fat Studies/Body Politics
This session is dedicated to highlighting scholarship in the general theme of body politics/fat studies. In alignment with the conference theme of "Sociology in Action", paper topics may include, but are not limited to:
- Fat Studies, Fat sexualities, Fatness & institutions, Fatness as an Identity,
- Bodies as they intersect with gender, sexuality, race, class, religion, ability,
- Body politics and activism, Colonizing and Decolonizing Bodies,
- Representation & visual culture, Dieting and Food as they relate to bodies,
- Fashion as it intersects with gender, sexuality, race, class, religion, ability, size
- Disciplining/Policing bodies, Size Discrimination,
- Bodies, Borders, and Boundaries (Transnational Bodies)

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**Session organizers:** Lyla Byers & Ariane Prohaska lbyers2@vt.edu and aprohaska@ua.edu

6) Health perspectives, experiences, and outcomes for trans and non-binary people
This session will focus on health perspectives, experiences, and outcomes for trans and non-binary people. I’d love to see empirical or theoretical papers that are focused on physical or mental health, health activism or ways to improve trans health, medicalization, minority stress, or other health-related issues.

Please submit by October 15, 2019: 1) Title of the Paper; 2) Name, Affiliation, Contact info for each author as you wish for them to appear in the program; 3) Abstract (about 425 words, including objectives, methods, findings).

Session organizer: Austin Johnson (johnson2@kenyon.edu)

7) Panel Session: The Unique Challenges Managing Discussion When Teaching Gender and/or Sexuality in an Online Environment.*Co-sponsored by the Committee on Gender & Sexuality

I'm looking for 2 more people to join a panel looking at the unique challenges of teaching gender and/or sexuality in an online environment. If you've developed techniques or found ways to manage particularly difficult discussions in online Gender and/or Sexuality courses.

Session organizer: Idee Winfield (winfieldi@cofc.edu)

8) Navigating a Career with a Lavender Vita: LGBTQI Sociologists Panel

Session organizer: Brandy Simula, bsimula@emory.edu

9) White Emotions and Language

“Why don’t they go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came.” This session invites affective, linguistic framing is often found in U.S. racism, akin to what Trump remarked in the above statement to congresswomen Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib and Ayanna Pressley- all women of color.

This session invites studies that take affect as a central analytic point of how racial ideology is conveyed. Given the global upsurge in xenophobic, white supremacist rhetoric towards people of color, this session invites studies that locate phrasings and rhetorics observed in the popular discourse such as (and not limited to) media, culture, places and spaces, and various social practices. This session also invites studies that explore ways that language use, ranging from rhetorical framing to discourse analysis, that critically engage with white supremacy, whiteness, and racialization. All regular paper submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper*, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author*, and (c) an extended abstract. Extended abstracts
should be approximately 400-450 (maximum of 450 words) and organized with the following three section headings: Objectives, Methods, and Findings.

Please send your submission no later than October 18th. *Note that the information provided here is what will appear in the program, so please include your name, affiliation, and contact information exactly as you want it to appear in the program. **Session Organizer:** Joong Won Kim (jkimsy@vt.edu)

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