

# Section on Mental Health

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## From the Chair's Desk: Alisa K. Lincoln, Northeastern University



Greetings and welcome to the Mental Health Section's spring newsletter! It has been a busy few months for our section and I want to thank everyone who has been working hard to plan the Mental Health Section sessions and events at the annual meeting as well as supporting other section initiatives.

I would like to call everyone's attention to the note from Teresa Schied seeking nominations for our student awards (dissertation and best paper). These are very important awards that acknowledge the stellar work of students in our section. (The deadline for nominations has been extended to May 1.) And a hearty congratulations to Robin Simon, who will be this year's recipient of the Pearlin Award. Robin's work has had strong impact on the field, she has mentored many scholars, and this is a much deserved honor. Robin has been a long-time active member of our section who has served in many roles. On a personal note, I greatly appreciated her welcoming and inclusive leadership style when I was the student representative to the Mental Health Section Council more years ago than I would like to admit. Finally, please note that ASA ballots will be sent out next week – do take the time to vote and support our colleagues who are willing to serve in these important roles.

### *ASA-Wide and Section Elections*

Ballots for the 2019 ASA-wide and Section elections will be distributed to eligible members on April 25, 2019. Ballots will be sent out via email from [Sociological.ballot@intelliscaninc.net](mailto:Sociological.ballot@intelliscaninc.net). Please add this email address to the permitted senders list on your spam filter to ensure timely delivery of your ballot and be sure to vote. Voting will close at 5 p.m. eastern on Friday, May 31, 2019.

### *Mental Health Section Day Events and Reception at the ASA Meetings in NYC*

I want to thank everyone who has been involved in helping to develop what looks to be an exciting slate of sessions at this Summer's ASA meetings in NYC. More details on this to follow in our Summer newsletter. To help you plan your trip to New York, here are some dates to keep in mind. Mental Health Section Day will be Saturday August 10th. The Council and Business Meetings, and section-sponsored paper sessions will all be held on Saturday. Consistent with previous years, the awards presentation and Pearlin Award Talk will be held during the 1.5-hour business meeting time slot. I am excited that we will again have a joint on-site reception with Medical Sociology the evening of Monday, August 12th.

**From the Chair's Desk (continued)***Mental Health Section Mentoring Program*

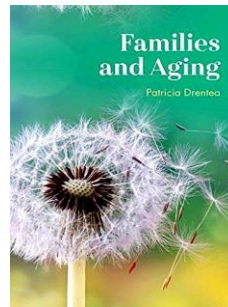
This year we worked to bring formal mentoring back to the section. We are thrilled to share that we have 10 pairs of mentors/mentees who will be working together prior to the meeting as well as connecting at the meeting in NYC. In addition to our join reception with the Medical Sociology Section, our mentors and mentees will gather for a brief reception on Monday night prior to the start of the Section Reception. I look forward to learning from the current participants about what has worked well and what has not, and how we can continue to improve and support these efforts in future years. Finally, I want to thank our student representative Tanya Whitworth who worked with me to develop this mentoring program for the Section, and to all of the mentors and mentees who are working with us during this developmental year.

Please continue to send me announcements you would like to share with the Section and watch for our final newsletter of the year in early July as we prepare to head to NYC.

Best,  
Alisa Lincoln

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****New Books**

Jackson, Pamela Braboy and Rashawn Ray. 2018. *How Families Matter: Simply Complicated Intersections of Race, Gender, and Work*. Lexington Books: Lanham, MD. <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498522564/How-Families-Matter-Simply-Complicated-Intersections-of-Race-Gender-and-Work>



Drentea, Patricia. 2019. *Families and Aging*. Rowman & Littlefield

**Publications:**

Stacy Torres two publications:

- 1) A recent San Francisco Chronicle op-ed about pedestrian safety in Oakland, titled "We Must Prioritize Pedestrian Safety in Oakland and Other Bay Area Cities for the Good of Us All": <https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/article/We-must-prioritize-pedestrian-safety-in-Oakland-13600031.php>? The article argues for the necessity of prioritizing pedestrian safety and calls attention to walkability as a crucial component of aging in place, health and mental health for elders and people of all ages.
- 2) Torres, Stacy. 2018. "Aging Alone, Gossiping Together: Older Adults' Talk as Social Glue." *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B*, gby154, <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gby154>.

Christy Erving two publications:

- Erving, Christy L., Courtney S. Thomas, and Cleothia Frazier. 2019. "Is the Black-White Mental Health Paradox Consistent Across Gender and Psychiatric Disorders." *American Journal of Epidemiology* 188(2): 314-322.
- Erving, Christy L., and Ornella Hills. Online First. "Neighborhood Social Integration and Psychological Well-Being Among African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans." *Race and Social Problems*. Available online at: <https://link.springer.com/journal/12552/onlineFirst>

Lijun Song three publications:

Song, Lijun. Forthcoming. "Nan Lin and Social Support." To appear in *Making the Social Concrete: Social Capital, Social Support and Stratification in the Sociology of Nan Lin*, edited by R.S. Burt, Y. Bian, L. Song, and N. Lin. Edward Elgar.

Song, Lijun and Philip J. Pettis. 2018. "Does Whom You Know in the Status Hierarchy Prevent or Trigger Health Limitation? Institutional Embeddedness of Social Capital and Social Cost Theories in Three Societies." *Social Science & Medicine*.\* doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2018.09.035>

Song, Lijun, Cleothia Frazier, and Philip J. Pettis. 2018. "Do Network Members' Resources Generate Health Inequality? Social Capital Theory and Beyond." Pp. 233-253 in *Elgar Companion to Social Capital and Health*, edited by S. Folland and E. Nauenberg. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

### Conferences:

*Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology*, Call for papers and proposals. Deadline June 1, 2019  
<https://www.aacsnet.net/2019-call-participation/>

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Scientists (IAPHS)  
Dates: October 1-4, 2019  
Location: Sheraton Seattle Hotel  
More information about the conference can be found here:  
<https://iaphs.org/conference/>

### AWARDS FOR 2019

See [website](#) for descriptions of 2019 awards or contact the Awards Committee Chair for the Mental Health Section, Teresa Scheid at [tlscheid@uncc.edu](mailto:tlscheid@uncc.edu). **Please note that the date for nominations for the *Best Dissertation Award* and the *new Best***

***Student Paper Award* has been extended to May 1st.**

### NOMINATIONS

Questions about Section positions should be directed to Nominations Committee Chair Lijun Song, Associate Professor of Sociology, Vanderbilt University at [lijun.song@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:lijun.song@vanderbilt.edu)

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**Please Encourage Membership in our section! Remember to recommend our section to graduate students.**



## 114th ASA Annual Meeting New York, NY, USA, August 10-13, 2019

More information about presenters and titles for talks will be in the Summer Newsletter.

### Regular Sessions

#### Mental Health

Kimberly Huyser (University of New Mexico) [khuyers@unm.edu](mailto:khuyers@unm.edu)

#### Health and Well-being

Kammi Schmeer (The Ohio State University) [schmeer.1@osu.com](mailto:schmeer.1@osu.com)

### Sociology of Mental Health Section

*Mental Health at the Intersection: Mental Health and the Criminal Justice and Education Systems*

#### Organizer:

Teresa Scheid (University of North Carolina -- Charlotte) [tlscheid@uncc.edu](mailto:tlscheid@uncc.edu)

*Open Topics Sociology of Mental Health* (1 hour)

#### Organizer

Christy Erving (Vanderbilt University) [christy.l.erving@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:christy.l.erving@vanderbilt.edu)

*Social Justice Approaches to Mental Health: Addressing Marginalization, Exclusion, and Racism*

#### Organizer

Alisa Lincoln, Northeastern University, [al.lincoln@neu.edu](mailto:al.lincoln@neu.edu)

### Other Conferences in New York:

[The Society for the Study of Social Problems](#)  
69th Annual Meeting August 9-11, 2019  
Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, NY  
Illuminating the SOCIAL in Social Problems

### Graduate Students on the Job Market



#### Christopher Turner

Dissertation Title:  
Narratives of  
Graduate Student  
Stress: A Qualitative  
Analysis of Students'  
Stress and  
Commitment  
Trajectories During  
the Graduate Career

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I am a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at Indiana University Bloomington. My research exists at the intersection of mental health, social psychology, the life course, and qualitative methods. More specifically, I study: (1) stress, coping responses, and their outcomes for well-being and life chances; (2) life course trajectories and the mechanisms underlying turning points and dynamics, and (3) the use of qualitative methods as a means for understanding how short and long-term life processes unfold and actors' perceptions and emotions associated with life course trajectories. In my dissertation, through the use of in-depth interviews, I provide a life course analysis of graduate students' experiences in school, conceptualizing students' time in graduate school as its own unique life course; In addition to the life course, I ground this study in stress theory, providing an empirical bridge that supports the existing theoretical kinship between the two fields. I focus on stress processes as students navigate challenges they encounter during socialization into professional identities. My work offers a comprehensive and complex picture of students' experiences. Results

underscore the importance of exploring narratives of identity and identity development, such that by understanding who and what informs the graduate student identity over time, we glean insight into the significance of certain student-relevant stressors and can conceptualize ways to improve the experiences and well-being of graduate students.

### **From the Newsletter Editor**

**Please note that the Section has restarted its Mentorship program. Please see the Chair's Report for details.**

I continue to remind everyone to please send me information about your activities that you would like to share with section members. Please put "newsletter" in the title of the email.

Here is a partial list of other possible contributions for future newsletters:

**-Graduate or post-doctoral students on the market and would like to be profiled. Please send your headshot picture, title of your dissertation, email address, affiliation, and a brief statement of your work (200-300 words). We have not had many profiles lately.**

Graduate Student Profiles in the Summer Newsletter is one of the best ways to "advertise" your job search. If you have a student who is on the job market this fall, please encourage them to submit a profile to me. If you are on the job market, please don't hesitate to send me your material.

Upcoming conferences, calls for papers, grant opportunities or special issues of journals.

-Newly published books by section members. Please include publication date and publisher information.

-Congratulatory information (e.g., promotions, new jobs, awards, honors, grants).

-Short articles on topics that cross boundaries with other sections, such as animal-human interactions and mental health. We ask that you keep submissions brief (no more than 500 words).

-Descriptions of class activities/books/films for use in undergraduate sociology of mental health and illness classes or general tips and strategies for teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate level.

Don't forget to look at other Associations for conference presentations:

[Society for the Study of Social Problems](#)

[American Public Health Association](#)

[AcademyHealth](#)

If there are other venues where sociologists can present their work, please let me know.

Please visit the Section's [website](#) for resources and links to graduate programs focusing on mental health and illness.

Thanks, Richard

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SOCIETY AND MENTAL HEALTH

[The Journal of the ASA Section on the Sociology of Mental Health](#)

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