

# Section on Mental Health

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### Section Sessions

Anne Frances Eisenberg has organized an exciting and innovative session on Biosociology, Neurosociology and Mental Health (Monday, August 14 at 10:30 am). Papers explore topics such as the neurological foundations of social life, the links between cognitive impairment, mindfulness, and mental health, and macro-cultural and micro-social aspects of addiction and recovery. Our second section session was organized by Alex Bierman and focuses on Discrimination, Social Exclusion and Mental Health (Monday, August 14 at 4:30 pm). Papers examine racial disparities in mental health, discrimination and all-cause mortality, and medical labels, mental health treatment, and stigma. Also be sure to check out the Open Refereed Roundtables (Saturday, August 12th at 10:30 am) on Health, Alcohol, and Stress and on Mental Health, Religiosity and Nationality and the Medical Sociology Roundtables (Saturday, August 12th at 4:30) which include a table on Trends and Determinants of Mental Health.

### Section Awards and Pearlin Lecture

Our section awards will be presented Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am, followed by the Pearlin Award Lecture and the section Business Meeting. We are delighted to honor Professor David R. Williams, Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Professor of African and African American Studies and Sociology at Harvard University, as the recipient of the 2017 Leonard I. Pearlin Award for Distinguished Contributions to Sociology of Mental Health. The 2017 Best Publication Award will be presented to Anna S. Mueller (University of Chicago) and Seth Abrutyn (University of Memphis) for their 2016 article, "Adolescents under Pressure: A New Durkheimian Framework for Understanding Adolescent Suicide in a Cohesive Community" (American Sociological Review 81(5): 877-899).

***From the Chair's Desk (continued)***

Finally, Jennifer Caputo (Indiana University) is the recipient of the 2017 Dissertation Award for her paper entitled "Parental Coresidence Histories and Psychological Well-Being among Contemporary Young Adults." Congratulations to all of you and a special thanks to Melissa Milkie for organizing the difficult task of selecting these recipients from a large pool of worthy nominations.

***Business Meeting***

Please plan to stay after the Pearlin Award lecture for our annual section Business Meeting. The agenda items include: (1) discussion of the section budget and membership numbers, (2) ongoing efforts to increase student involvement, (3) the process of instituting a new Student Paper Award, (4) news about the section journal, *Society and Mental Health*, and (5) a call for a section Public Engagement Liaison (PEL) to work with ASA on increasing the public visibility of the work of our section members. As always, we welcome input from members on all of these issues as well as proposed new initiatives to support and enhance the important role of our section in ASA and beyond. So please bring your ideas!

***Reception and Student Happy Half-Hour***

It is a special honor for me to plan our joint section reception with Medical Sociology with section chair (and my beloved mentor) Debra Umberson. The reception will be held on site on Saturday, August 12th at 6:30 pm. The favorable exchange rate means that we are able to offer an especially delicious spread of appetizers and snacks to accompany what is always a fun and collegial evening connecting with friends and colleagues.

New this year! We invite all student members of the section to arrive a half hour early to the reception (at 6 pm on Saturday,

August 12th). Several council members will be in attendance and eager to introduce ourselves to our student members and chat in a small, informal, low-stress environment. Please encourage your students to stop by and say hi so they will already know some friendly faces when the full reception begins at 6:30.

***Section Council Members – Welcome and Thanks***

Although they begin their terms of service at the conclusion of the annual meeting, I would like to recognize and welcome our incoming members of section council, listed below. Thanks to Christina Falci (University of Nebraska) for her important work as Nominations Chair.

2017 Section Chair: Scott Schieman, (University of Toronto)

Section Chair Elect: Alisa K. Lincoln (Northeastern University)

Council Member (2-year term): Jennifer Caputo (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research)

Membership Committee Chair (2-year term): Christy Erving (University of North Carolina - Charlotte)

Publications Committee Chair (2-year term): Patricia Drentea (UAB)

Secretary/Treasurer (3-year term): Brea Perry (Indiana University)

Finally, many thanks to all of our continuing and outgoing section officers. One of the highlights of my term has been working with our former section chair, Robin Simon (Wake Forest University) whose leadership and continued involvement has been critical to the ongoing health and vitality of our section. Also ending their terms this year are: Eric R. Wright (Georgia State University) who served a three-year term as Secretary/Treasurer, Robyn Lewis Brown (University of Kentucky) as Council Member, Christina Falci (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) as Nominations

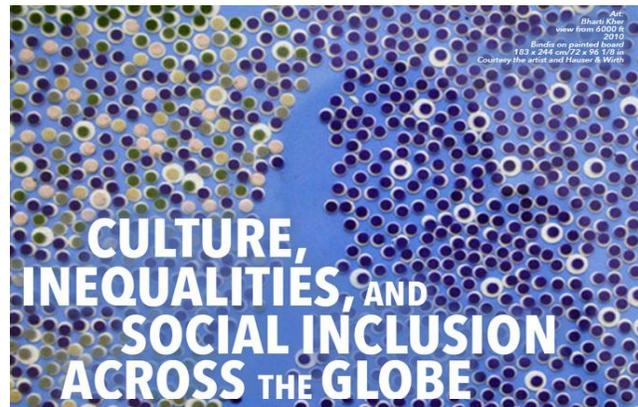
Committee Chair, Andre Christie-Mizell (Vanderbilt University) as Publications Committee Chair, and Stephanie W. Hartwell (University of Massachusetts-Boston) as Membership Committee Chair. Melissa Milkie (University of Toronto) will continue on next year as Awards Committee Chair as will our Student Council Member, William R. McConnell (Indiana University-Bloomington).

Elaine Wethington (Cornell) deserves special appreciation for her leadership as Editor of our section journal, *Society and Mental Health*. Thanks also to Dick Adams (Kent State) for his important work as section newsletter editor and web site manager, Struther Van Horn (Kent State) as student editor, and to Jake Hays (Ohio State) for coordinating the section listserv. Note that listserv management will be transferred to Scott Schieman as new chair after the annual meeting and details about the transition will be forthcoming via the listserv.

One final observation: Since being welcomed so warmly into the section as a student (oh so many years ago), it has been clear to me that the dedication, collegiality, and camaraderie of our members is a special strength of our section. That conviction has only strengthened after working more closely with all of you over the past year.

See you in Montreal!

Kristi Williams  
Professor of Sociology and Vice-Chair  
Editor, *Journal of Marriage and Family*.  
The Ohio State University



**112th ASA Annual Meeting  
Palais des Congrès de Montréal in  
Montréal, Québec,  
August 12-15, 2017**

### **MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS**

**Section Council Meeting, Monday,  
August 14 from 12:30 – 1:30 at Modavie**

**338 - Section on Sociology of Mental  
Health. Pearlin Award Lecture, Section  
Awards, and Business Meeting, Mon,  
August 14, 8:30 to 9:30am, Palais des  
congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 514C**

**Pearlin Award Talk: *Professor David R. Williams*, Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Professor of African and African American Studies and Sociology at Harvard University**

#### **Other Award Winners:**

The 2017 *Best Publication Award* will be presented to **Anna S. Mueller** (University of Chicago) and **Seth Abrutyn** (University of Memphis) for their 2016 article, "Adolescents under Pressure: A New Durkheimian Framework for Understanding Adolescent Suicide in a

Cohesive Community” (American Sociological Review 81(5): 877-899).

The 2017 *Dissertation Award* went to **Jennifer Caputo** (Indiana University) her work entitled “Parental Coresidence Histories and Psychological Well-Being among Contemporary Young Adults.”

**Section on Sociology of Mental Health Business Meeting, Mon, August 14, 9:30 to 10:10am, Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 514C**

**Joint Reception: Section on Medical Sociology; Section on Sociology of Mental Health, Saturday, August 12th at 6:30 pm.**

### Section Sessions

**375 - Section on Sociology of Mental Health. Biosociology, Neurosociology and Mental Health, Mon, August 14, 10:30am to 12:10pm, Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 513F**

**Organizer:** Anne Frances Eisenberg, SUNY-Geneseo

**Presider:** Anne Frances Eisenberg, SUNY-Geneseo

**Discussant:** Anne Frances Eisenberg, SUNY-Geneseo

**Description:** The four papers being presented represent the wide spectrum of work being done by sociologists in this rapidly developing area in the discipline. We are looking forward to engaging the audience in an interesting discussion of the implications of these ideas

*Bi-Chloride of Gold and the Ebullience of Addiction*, Austin Abernethy Stimpson Jenkins, Northwestern University

*Depression and Mortality: Investigating the Role of Cognitive Impairment and Cause of Depression*, Sarah Garcia, University of Minnesota

*Postsecondary Education and Mental Health: Effects of Earned Credits versus Credentials*, Anna Zajacova, University of Wyoming, and Sarah Burgard, University of Michigan

*Mindfulness and Mental Health: Survivors of Homicide and their Providers*, Stephanie W. Hartwell, University of Mass-Boston

*Why Do We Need the Frontal Lobes? The Neurological Foundations of Complex Human Social Life*, Rengin Bahar Firat, Georgia State University

**448 - Section on Sociology of Mental Health. Discrimination, Social Exclusion, and Mental Health, Mon, August 14, 4:30 to 6:10pm, Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 512H**

**Organizer:** Alex E. Bierman, University of Calgary

**Presider:** Alex E. Bierman, University of Calgary

### Description

Recent research has demonstrated that discrimination at different levels of analysis are associated with a broad spectrum of measures of mental health, as well as how experiences of mental illness can engender a diverse set of forms of discrimination and stigma. Presenters in this session will describe new insights and understandings into the ways that discrimination may be experienced and impact mental health, as well as the conditions and pathways through which mental illness leads to experiences of social exclusion, stigma, and discrimination.

*Racial Disparities in Mental Health: The Importance of Skin Tone, Racial Classification, and Other Identification*, Ryon J. Cobb, University of Southern California, Verna M. Keith, Texas A&M University, Dawne M. Mouzon, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and Whitney Nicole Laster Pirtle, University of California - Merced

*Fear and the Social Consequences of Medical Labels and Devalued Behavior*, Bianca Manago, Indiana University and Trenton D. Mize, Indiana University

*Does Mental Health Treatment Matter For Stigma Reduction? The Impact of Personal and Network Experiences*, Megan Elizabeth Bolton, Indiana University

*Everyday Discrimination is Associated with All-cause Mortality: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study*, Heather R. Collins-Farmer, Pennsylvania State University, Linda A. Wray, Pennsylvania State University, and Jason R. Thomas, Pennsylvania State University

### Regular Sessions

#### **466 - Regular Session. Mental Health in Special Populations**

**Tue, August 15, 8:30 to 10:10am, Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 515A**

**Organizer:** Richard E. Adams, Kent State University

**Presider:** Kristen Marcussen, Kent State University

**Description:** Papers in this session reflect research on understudied groups or challenges to existing understandings of mental health.

*Chinese Americans' Mental Health: Lost in translation?*, Kelly Kato, Rutgers University

*Gender Differences in Work-Family Conflict and its Mental Health Consequences in the Canadian Context*, Marisa Christine Young, McMaster University and Ruth Repchuck, McMaster University

*The Black-White Paradox Revisited: Mental Disorder in Three Cohorts of Black and White Americans*, Patricia Louie, University of Toronto and Blair Wheaton, University of Toronto

#### **532 - Regular Session. Mental Health Research Outside the United States, Tue, August 15, 12:30 to 2:10pm, Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 515A**

**Organizer:** Richard E. Adams, Kent State University

**Presider:** Richard E. Adams, Kent State University

**Description:** Papers in this session reflect research on populations primarily outside the United States (e.g., Europe, Canada, Asia).

*Do Supportive Family Policies Reduce Marital Disparities in Happiness? Results from 22 OECD Countries*, Robin W. Simon, Wake Forest University, Matthew Andersson, Baylor University, and Jennifer L. Glass, University of Texas

*Functional Limitations and Depression in the Context of Welfare Regimes*, Alex E. Bierman, University of Calgary and Sibyl Kleiner, The University of Calgary

*Social Status Inequality and Mental Health in Europe*, Marii Paskov, University of Oxford and Lindsay Richards, Nuffield College

*The Black Sheep Penalty: Delinquent Peers, Neighborhood Context, and Adolescent Suicidality*, Harris Hyun-soo Kim, Ewha Womans University and Paul Yunsik Chang, Harvard University

#### **569 - Regular Session. Stratification and Mental Health, Tue, August 15, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 516A**

**Organizer:** Richard E. Adams, Kent State University

**Presider:** Kristen Marcussen, Kent State University

**Description:** Papers in this session reflect research on how people's place in the stratification system has implications for their mental health.

*Financial Strain, Mastery, and Psychological Distress: A Comment on Spuriousness in the Stress Process*, Jonathan Tomas Koltai, University of Toronto and Scott Schieman, University of Toronto

*Lasting Mental Health Consequences: Early Pregnancy and Unfulfilled Educational Expectations Among Black and White Women*, Noreen Kohl, University of Hawaii Manoa

*Masculinity Threats and Mental Health among Aging Men*, Dena T. Smith, University of Maryland (UMBC), Dawne M. Mouzon, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and Marta Elliott, University of Nevada, Reno

*The Role of Employment Adversity in Inequalities in Mental Health: An Intersectional Mixed Methods Analysis*, Billy Gazard, King's College London

### Other Conferences in Montreal:

[The Society for the Study of Social Problems 67th Annual Meeting August 11-13, 2017, Montreal Bonaventure Hotel, Montreal, Quebec Canada](#)

Narratives in the World of Social Problems: Power, Resistance, Transformation

[The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction \(SSSI\) Annual Conference, August 11-13, 2017, Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, Montréal, Quebec, Canada.](#)

SSSI at 40: Reflecting on the Past, Engaging with the Present, Imagining the Future

### **2017 Election Results**

#### **Chair-Elect:**

Alisa K. Lincoln, Northeastern University

#### **Council Member:**

Jennifer Caputo, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (2-yr term)

#### **Membership Committee Chair:**

Christy Erving, University of North Carolina-Charlotte (2-yr term)

#### **Secretary/Treasurer:**

Brea Perry, Indiana University (3-yr term)

#### **Publications Committee Chair:**

Patricia Drentea, University of Alabama at Birmingham (2-yr term)

### **Graduate Students on the Job Market**



William R. McConnell, Affiliation: Ph.D. candidate, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington.

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Dissertation Title: Caregivers and Critics: Examining Patterns of Social Network Engagement during the Onset of Alzheimer's Disease.

**Research statement:** My research examines the contribution of social networks to health inequalities. In a recent article in *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (in press), I propose that mental health patients seek social support based on their network members' cultural resources, including healthcare-related knowledge and beliefs. I find that network members who trust doctors act as supportive cultural guides for patients in crisis. In contrast, network members who distrust doctors disproportionately cause problems for patients. In other words, patients surrounded by medical skeptics not only obtain less support but also encounter more problems. The landscape of medical provision in the U.S. has shifted to emphasize a self-managed and outpatient approach to treating chronic illness. As such, investigating how culture affects informal network dynamics can provide insight into who benefits and who falls behind in the face of these cultural shifts. For my research on mental health, I received a

Kaplan Award from the ASA Medical Sociology section.

In my dissertation, *Caregivers and Critics: Examining Patterns of Social Network Engagement during the Onset of Alzheimer's Disease*, I link networks and neurocognitive disorders. Among the 5.4 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease, over half live in the community among caregivers whose unpaid assistance constitutes their primary form of care. Informal caregiving takes many forms, including emotional confiding, treatment advice, and medication management. I use egocentric network data collected through interviews with participants at the Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Center (PI: Brea Perry) to investigate the network structure of caregiving in adulthood. First, I examine how typical caregiver networks differ across lines of socioeconomic status, race, and gender. Second, I leverage over 10 years of clinical data to model the effect of caregivers' characteristics on the progression of Alzheimer's disease. This research contributes to community-based care initiatives through identifying when and how caregivers can be most effective in ameliorating cognitive decline.

With support from a Duke Network Analysis Center Social Networks and Health Fellowship, I have established a new line of research examining how professional networks among healthcare providers can influence patients' treatment experiences. I analyze the health insurance claims records of a large, commercially-insured population receiving medication for cognitive impairment. I construct physicians' latent professional networks through identifying shared patients between pairs of physicians. This research in progress leverages network analysis and Big Data to illustrate how health inequalities experienced by disadvantaged populations may emerge from the hidden architecture of the treatment system itself.



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Dissertation Title: *Health in Rural Communities: Variation in Resource Utilization by Sexual Orientation and Gender*

Brandi Woodell is a doctoral candidate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her research examines how inequality is created and reproduced. Specifically, she studies the disparities between sexual minorities and heterosexuals within social contexts like religion, family, and health. Her work is guided by an intersectional framework that considers not only sexual orientation, but also other factors including gender and geographic location. In recognition of her work, she received the 2017-2018 University of Nebraska Presidential Fellowship.

Brandi's dissertation, "Health in Rural Communities: Variation in Resource Utilization by Sexual Orientation and Gender," examines the inequality of health-related resources between heterosexuals and sexual minorities. Through 60 qualitative in-depth interviews, this project analyzes resource access and utilization among sexual minority and heterosexual women and men within rural areas. Her dissertation makes two contributions. First, this study provides insight into social support and health-related resources available to, utilized by, and missing from the lives of rural sexual minorities. Second, it highlights the rural-specific resources that sexual minorities utilize, which expands current literature that has focused on connection to LGBTQ community events and organizations as urban-specific resources.

Other current projects focus on inequalities connected to religion. One addresses how identifying as a sexual minority impacts

religiosity over time, making comparisons between heterosexual, gay, lesbian, and bisexual respondents by gender. Another examines differences in how heterosexual and sexual minority individuals use their religious beliefs to cope with stress. This will be presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting in Montréal this August.

More information about Brandi's work can be found at her website:

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**Bianca Manago**

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Dissertation Title: "The Role of Mental Health Labels in Stigma and Status Processes."

Summary of Work: Bianca Manago is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology at Indiana University, where she also received an MS in applied statistics. Her research interrogates key theoretical questions at the intersection of medical sociology, inequality, and social psychology. Currently, she is completing her dissertation, which examines how mental health labels affect perceptions of deviant behavior. To examine this question, she uses a series of survey experiments conducted on a national sample of adults in the United States. This research is funded by a National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant and the Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences. Her research has appeared in *Social Science and Medicine*, *Stigma and Health*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, and *Advances in Group Processes*.

## Being a New Faculty Member: The Year One Assessment

By Christy L. Erving



Sigh of relief: I successfully completed my first year as a tenure-track faculty member at University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC). When I wrote about my experience as a new faculty member

last fall, I was feeling overwhelmed by my new responsibilities. However, the second semester was easier than the first. Going into the spring semester, I had some experience under my belt, and I felt more confident because I was teaching a class I had taught previously.\* Teaching one course (as opposed to the typical two course load at my institution) provided the time to develop a balance between my teaching, research, and service responsibilities. As I reflect on my first year as a new faculty member, here are some small pieces of advice I'd like to offer.

**Time management:** In my previous post, I mentioned the issue of time management being a personal struggle during the first semester on the tenure track. Over the past few months, I've learned how to get more done in a shorter time span. I'm not always successful in reaching my research or teaching goals, but I'm more strategic about my time in an attempt to make every moment at work count.

**Get to know your colleagues:** I didn't reach out to faculty in my department during my first semester, but I was more intentional in the spring. Getting to know several faculty members in the department enabled me to develop some new professional relationships, and I am even collaborating with a colleague on a research project. That

said, scheduling time to get to know your new colleagues is time well spent as they hold a wealth of information about the institution, your department culture, teaching, research, and much more. So, once you're able to get your head above water, stop by another faculty member's office and ask them to lunch or coffee.

**Live Your Life:** It may be unrealistic to do so initially, but I began to enjoy work and my personal life more when I carved out time to participate in activities outside of work that I found fulfilling. For example, in January, I started attending a cardio dance class that was both entertaining and an excellent workout. I also made a few non-work friends in the process.

During my first year on the tenure track, I read a few blog posts offering advice to new faculty members. Here are a few that I've found particularly useful:

<https://conditionallyaccepted.com/2013/08/27/advice-new-professors/>

<https://theprofessorisin.com/2015/08/21/advice-for-your-first-year-on-the-tenure-track/>

<https://sociologicalconfessions.wordpress.com/2008/02/24/advice-for-new-assistant-professors/>

In sum, my first year on the tenure track was invigorating, exhausting, frustrating, and fulfilling. Although I experienced a range of emotions, the positive outweighed the negative. Thank you to my department and colleagues at UNCC for making it an overall pleasurable experience.

\*Side note: Advice for those on the market: after receiving a job offer, if at all possible, negotiate for at least one course release in your first year on the tenure track. The one course release was a lifesaver for me, and I am grateful for it.

**About the author:** Christy L. Erving is an Assistant Professor in the Department of

Sociology at Vanderbilt University. Prior to her position at Vanderbilt, Christy was an assistant professor at UNC Charlotte. She received her Ph.D. and M.A. in Sociology at Indiana University, and a B.A. in Sociology and Hispanic Studies at Rice University. Christy's research and teaching interests are in mental health, medical sociology, health disparities, race/ethnicity, and immigration.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Department of Sociology, Rutgers University—New Brunswick Associate or Full Professor, Sociology of Health and Illness**

The Department of Sociology at Rutgers University seeks to hire a nationally or internationally recognized senior scholar in the sociology of health and illness, to begin Fall 2018. Candidates should have an outstanding and sustained record of research, teaching and mentorship, and leadership in the profession. Research and teaching interests could include (but are not limited to) health inequalities, global health, mental health, aging/life course, disability, comparative health systems, healthcare access and professions, and health policy. The successful candidate will contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching on the sociology of health and healthcare, as well as build bridges with colleagues across the university who are interested in the social dynamics of health, medicine, and healthcare. Demonstrated ability to secure external funding is highly desirable. Theoretical and methodological orientations are open. We will begin reviewing applications on September 30, 2017. Applications received after that date cannot be assured full consideration. Please upload a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and 1-2 writing samples to [interfolio.sas.rutgers.edu](mailto:interfolio.sas.rutgers.edu). Three letters of recommendation are required as well, to

be sent directly to [interfolio.sas.rutgers.edu](mailto:interfolio.sas.rutgers.edu). Questions regarding the search may be directed to [soc-chair@sociology.rutgers.edu](mailto:soc-chair@sociology.rutgers.edu). Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer. Qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, military service or any other category protected by law. As an institution, we value diversity of background and opinion, and prohibit discrimination or harassment on the basis of any legally protected class in the areas of hiring, recruitment, promotion, transfer, demotion, training, compensation, pay, fringe benefits, layoff, termination or any other terms and conditions of employment.

**Department of Sociology, Rutgers University—New Brunswick  
Assistant Professor, Sociology of Health and Illness**

The Department of Sociology at Rutgers University seeks to hire a tenure track assistant professor, to begin Fall 2018, who specializes in the sociology of health and illness. Specific research and teaching interests could include (but are not limited to) health inequalities, global health, mental health, aging/life course, disability, comparative health systems, healthcare access and professions, and health policy. The successful candidate will contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching on the sociology of health and healthcare, and help to forge ties with colleagues across the university interested in the social dynamics of health and medicine. Theoretical and methodological orientations are open. We will begin reviewing applications on September 30,

2017. Applications received after that date cannot be assured full consideration. Please upload a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and 1-2 writing samples to [interfolio.sas.rutgers.edu](mailto:interfolio.sas.rutgers.edu). Three letters of recommendation are required as well, to be sent directly to [interfolio.sas.rutgers.edu](mailto:interfolio.sas.rutgers.edu). Questions regarding the search may be directed to [soc-chair@sociology.rutgers.edu](mailto:soc-chair@sociology.rutgers.edu). Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer. Qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, military service or any other category protected by law. As an institution, we value diversity of background and opinion, and prohibit discrimination or harassment on the basis of any legally protected class in the areas of hiring, recruitment, promotion, transfer, demotion, training, compensation, pay, fringe benefits, layoff, termination or any other terms and conditions of employment.

**Please Encourage Membership in our Section! Be Sure to Renew YOUR Membership. Remember to recommend our section to graduate students. You can also give a gift membership to a graduate student.**

**From the Newsletter Editor**

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:

- 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.
- Graduate or post-doctoral students on the market and would like to be profiled. Please send your picture, title of your dissertation, email address, affiliation, and a brief statement of your work (200-300 words).**
- 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.

The next Newsletter will come out this Fall about six weeks after the meetings in Montreal. It is a perfect place for graduate student profiles for those of you on the job market.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to Christy Erving for her insights on being a new faculty member. If anyone else would like to make contributions on other topics, please let me know. See everyone in Montreal.

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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