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CHAIR'S NOTE

Welcome to the Fall 2009 edition of SANscript!

Those of us who were present at SAN Day August 7, 2009 in San Francisco were privileged to share the day with colleagues who are actively working on programs and policies to mitigate the present situation, and eventually help move the HIV/AIDS pandemic into a thing of the past. We had an amazingly industrious committee which spent many hours creating a wonderful program. To them, thanks for all their efforts.

Congratulations to the award winners and thanks to the contest judges for their hard work. We are already at work on future programs.

Please feel free to send me any thoughts you have on what SAN should do in the future? I am anxious that we have archives in which we keep copies of all the work SAN does. So volunteers to help create such archives would be welcome. But most importantly, do let me know what you would like to work on. Thanks.

Matt Mulcher has volunteered to lead a committee that helps people be aware of different funding options and support applications and Eric Wright has agreed to lead a committee to read colleagues' grant proposals. If you are interested in either of these efforts, please let me know.

Finally, I would like to thank Carrie Foote, Tasi Padamsee, Erika Austin, Trevor Hoppe, and Christie Sennott for their assistance with this newsletter. I especially want to thank Tasi for all the help she has given me. It will not be easy to follow in her footsteps.

Terry

Teresa G. Labov
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INTRODUCING YOUR NEW SAN OFFICERS

SAN CHAIR



Teresa G. Labov, Ph.D.
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A long time member of SAN who is a sociologist doing research in the Department of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, mostly on population health in East Africa, and especially HIV/AIDS.

SAN NEWSLETTER EDITOR



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The 2008 recipient of the SAN Scholarly Activity Award and a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Sociology at CU whose dissertation investigates the significance and timing of childbearing and motherhood in the context of HIV/AIDS and ART in South Africa.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 SAN AWARD WINNERS

The Martin Levine Student Essay Competition

Congratulations to Trevor Hoppe for being selected as the 2009 winner of the Martin Levine Student Essay Competition for his paper, entitled "Circuits of Power, Circuits of Pleasure: Sexual Scripting in Gay Men's Bottom Narratives." Trevor's paper explores the meanings self-identified gay male bottoms attributed to their identity as "bottom," a signification generally thought to express a preference for receptive anal intercourse. He argues that this "positional identity" category reflects a much more complicated understanding of power and pleasure, one which is circuitous, flowing (to varying degrees) back and forth between bottoms and their partners. These pleasure/power scripts for bottoms conflicted directly with public health scripts concerning safer sex behavior leading to "pleasure/risk dilemmas." The committee was particularly impressed with Trevor's in-depth and original analysis, which paves the way for future research. Hoppe is currently a Ph.D. student in Sociology and Women's Studies at the University of Michigan and plans to begin a Masters of Public Health in the fall.

The Martin Levine Student Essay Competition: Honorable Mention

Congratulations to Kaileigh McCrea for being selected as the 2009 honorable mention in The Martin Levine Student Essay Competition for her paper entitled, "Criminalisation of HIV Transmission in Sub-Saharan Africa." Kaileigh's paper explores the reasons why some countries in Sub-Saharan Africa have passed laws criminalizing HIV transmission, while others have not. She refutes commonly assumed explanations (i.e., high prevalence rates, government type and dependence on foreign aid) and provides interesting direction for further study that focuses on regional considerations rather than factors affecting all of sub-Saharan Africa. The committee was particularly impressed that while Kaileigh relies heavily on secondary data, her analysis moves beyond a simple summary of existing data and raises new and interesting ideas worth exploring further. McCrea is an undergraduate student in political science at the University of California, Berkeley.

SAN Scholarly Activity Award

Congratulations to Anita Winfrey Thompson for being selected as the 2009 winner of the SAN Scholarly Activity Award. Anita's dissertation research focuses on community workers in the African American community who volunteer and do paid work around two critical issues: teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDS. Anita's work was inspired by her observation that although African American communities have had rich traditions of activism around difficult issues facing community members, the sort of activism seen around issues such as teen pregnancy, incarceration, or drug and alcohol abuse was missing in the case of HIV/AIDS. Yet HIV/AIDS is a critical issue for these communities. Anita has carried out semi-structured, qualitative interviews in three Southern communities with paid and volunteer activists around these issues. She highlights the sociological significance of study of this population to explain how HIV/AIDS volunteers/paid workers have the potential to influence social change. She hopes to contribute to the sociology of AIDS by influencing policy and adding to theoretical and practical knowledge-bases. Thompson is a doctoral student at the University of Georgia, Athens.

Career Contribution to the Sociology of AIDS Award

We are honored to recognize Dr. Catherine Campbell as the 2009 winner of the Career Contribution to the Sociology of AIDS Award. Dr. Campbell, a Professor at the London School of Economics, has worked in the HIV/AIDS field since 1994. Her work is governed by her interest in and commitment to developing actionable understandings of the social determinants of HIV/AIDS, as well as of those factors – ranging from the micro-local to the global – that facilitate or limit the ability of AIDS-vulnerable groups to protect their health and well-being.

Dr. Campbell's work has both significantly advanced understandings of the social aspects of AIDS, and has made significant contributions to prevention and policy. To date, Dr. Campbell has published over 70 peer-reviewed articles in international journals and chapters in edited books on social aspects of HIV/AIDS. She has also written booklets 'translating' her academic work for non-academic NGO audiences. Additionally, she has presented over 200 papers in settings ranging from large-scale international and national academic conferences to small-scale regional and local policy meetings and workshops in South Africa.

Most recently, she has been part of UN AIDS reference group on the social drivers of AIDS, through her involvement in the AIDS 2031 process which seeks to develop guidelines for long-term international responses and policies for tackling HIV/AIDS. This is an area of practice which has, to date, been dominated by more short-term biomedically and behaviorally oriented policies and responses. Dr. Campbell brings to the field a comprehensive, research-based understanding of resource-limited high-prevalence communities, and what may build 'HIV competence' in these settings. Most of Campbell's theoretical and empirical work has been done in the context of her involvement in the design, implementation and evaluation of HIV/AIDS management interventions in South Africa, where around 35% of pregnant women are said to be HIV-positive, with member of AIDS-affected communities – particularly young people living in conditions of poverty – often having limited access to health and welfare support.

Dr. Campbell's work has been driven by her particular interest in the community-level determinants of health, as well as the potential for grassroots community participation to enhance health and well-being in marginalized communities. Located at the border of theory and practice, she has developed sound theoretical understandings of the individual-social interface, which have had practical relevance for interventions and policies in the public health field. The starting point of Dr. Campbell's argument is that a key reason for the disappointing outcomes of many HIV/AIDS programs is that they are imposed on communities by outside professionals, failing to resonate with the perceived needs and interests of target groupings, or to build adequate outside supports for community efforts. Communities are too often regarded as the passive recipients of prevention, care and treatment services, rather than as active participants working in partnership with health professionals to improve their health. Dr. Campbell's work has significantly advanced our understandings of why community involvement is important for health, and how best to facilitate this in real social settings. These impressive contributions eminently qualify her for the Sociologists' AIDS Network's 2009 Career Contribution Award. We at SAN are pleased to congratulate Dr. Campbell on her important accomplishments and contributions to the study of HIV/AIDS.

SAN MEMBERS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Recent News, Research, Grants, and Publications:

Anglewicz, Philip and Hans-Peter Kohler. "Overestimating HIV Infection: The Construction and Accuracy of Subjective Probabilities of HIV Infection in Rural Malawi" *Demographic Research* 20(6): 65-96.

Anglewicz, Philip, Jimi Adams, Francis Onyango, Susan Watkins, Hans-Peter Kohler. 2009. "The Malawi Diffusion and Ideational Change Project 2004-06: Data Collection, Data Quality, and Analysis of Attrition." *Demographic Research* 20(21): 503-540.

Anglewicz, Philip, Simona Bignami-Van Assche Shelley Clark, James Mkandawire. "HIV Risks Among Currently Married Couples in Rural Malawi: What do Spouses Know About Each Other." *AIDS and Behavior*.

Auerbach, Judith D., Justin O. Parkhurst, Carlos F. Cáceres, and Kimberly E. Keller. 2009. "Addressing Social Drivers of HIV/AIDS: Some Conceptual, Methodological, and Evidentiary Considerations." *aids2031 Social Drivers Working Group*
<http://www.aids2031.org/working-groups/social-drivers>

Auerbach, Judith D. Forthcoming 2009. "Transforming Social Structures and Environments to Help in HIV Prevention." *Health Affairs* 28(6).

Biradavolu M, Burris S, George A, Jena A, Blankenship KM. 2009. "Can Sex Workers Regulate Police? Learning from an HIV Prevention Project for Sex Workers in Southern India." *Social Science and Medicine* 68 (8): 1541-1547.

Blankenship KM, West B, Kershaw T, Biradovolu, M. 2008 "Power, Community Mobilization, and Condom Use Behavior Among Female Sex Workers in East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India." *AIDS* 22(Suppl 5): 109-116.

Kim Blankenship received a new R01 grant from NIDA for her project entitled, "Drug Policy, Incarceration, Community Re-entry, and Race Disparities in HIV/AIDS," which analyzes the interconnections among drug policies in the US, coercive mobility (the massive migration between the criminal justice system and the community), and race disparities in HIV related sexual risk.

Cabrera, Peter, Wendy Auslander, and Michael Polgar, Forthcoming December 2009. "Future Orientation of Adolescents in Foster Care: Relationship to Trauma, Mental Health, and HIV Risk Behaviors," *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma* 2(4)

Dworkin S and Blankenship KM. 2009. "Microfinance and HIV/AIDS Prevention: Assessing Its Promise and Limitations" *AIDS and Behavior* 13:462-469.

Esacove, Anne. Forthcoming 2010. "Love Matches. Heteronormativity, Modernity and AIDS Prevention in Malawi." *Gender & Society*, 24(1).

Gould, Deborah. Forthcoming November 2009. *Moving Politics: Emotion and ACT UP's Fight Against AIDS*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Hatfield, Laura A., Margherita E. Ghiselli, Scott M. Jacoby, Anne Cain-Nielson, Gunna Killian, Tara McKay, and B.R. Simon Rosser. 2009. "Methods for Recruiting Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men in Prevention-for-Positives Interventions." *Prevention Science*.

Klein, H. 2009. "Sexual orientation, drug use preference during sex, and HIV risk practices and preferences among men who specifically seek unprotected sex partners via the internet." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 6: 1620-1635.

Klein, H. 2009. "Differences in HIV risk practices sought by self-identified gay and bisexual men who use internet websites to identify potential sexual partners." *Journal of Bisexuality* 9:125-140.

Klein, H. Forthcoming Spring 2010. "Men who specifically seek unprotected sex partners via the internet: Whose profiles are the most searched for by other site users?" *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*.

Klein, H., Lambing, T.P., Moskowitz, D.A., Washington, T.A., & Gilbert, L.K. Forthcoming Spring 2010. "Recommendations for performing internet-based research on sensitive subject matter with "hidden" or difficult-to-reach populations." *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*.

Hugh Klein completed an NIDA-funded research project entitled, "Drug Use and HIV Risk Practices Sought by Men Who Have Sex with Other Men, and Who Use Internet Websites to Identify Potential Sexual Partners" in May 2009. The study entailed conducting in-depth interviews with a national random sample of 332 men who use the internet specifically to find partners for unprotected sex.

Hugh Klein recently began a pilot study entitled, "General and Sexual Health among Older Adults Who Use the Internet to Find Partners," which examines adults aged 50 and older, who use the internet and who are actively dating, trying to date, and/or looking for sex partners. This project examines such issues as general health, sexual health, condom-related attitudes, partner communication skills, and substance use/abuse.

Labov, Teresa G. "Disease and Health in East Africa: "Recent Patterns in the Epidemiologic Transition." Presented at ISS, Research Committee 41, Session Paper, Barcelona, Spain, September 6, 2008.

Howard Lune (Hunter College) received the 2009 Outstanding Book in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research award from the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Associations (ARNOVA) for his book *Urban Action Networks: HIV/AIDS and Community Organizing in New York City* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007).

McKay, Tara and Stefan Timmermans. 2009. "The Bioethical Misconception: A Reply to Lidz." *Social Science & Medicine*.

Polgar, Michael, and Wendy Auslander, Forthcoming December 2009. "HIV Prevention for Youths in Foster Care: Understanding Future Orientation and Intended Risk Behaviors" *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Sciences* 8(4).

Romer, Daniel, Sharon Sznitman, Ralph DiClemente, Laura F. Salazar, Peter A. Vanable, Michael P. Carey, Michael Hennessy, Larry K. Brown, Robert F. Valois, Bonita F. Stanton, Thierry Fortune, and Ivan Juzang. Forthcoming December 2009. "Mass Media as an HIV-Prevention Strategy: Using Culturally Sensitive Messages to Reduce HIV-Associated Sexual Behavior of At-Risk African American Youth." *American Journal of Public Health* 99(12).

Smoyer AB, Blankenship KM, Belt B. 2009. "Compensation for Incarcerated Research Participants: Diverse State Policies Suggest a New Research Agenda" *American Journal of Public Health* 99(10):1746-1752.

Timmermans, Stefan and Tara McKay. 2009. "Clinical Trials as Treatment Option: Bioethics and Health Inequities in Substance Dependency." *Social Science & Medicine*.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The **Population Association of America (PAA)** 2010 Annual Meeting will be held April 15-17, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency, Dallas, Texas. Paper submission for this conference is currently closed. For more information, visit PAA on the web at: www.popassoc.org.

The **International Sociological Association (ISA)** 2010 World Congress of Sociology, entitled, "Sociology on the Move," will be held July 11-17, 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden. Accepted abstracts must be submitted online before May 4, 2010. For details on how to submit a paper and for additional information, see ISA on the web at: www.isa-sociology.org.

The **Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)** 2010 Annual Meeting, entitled, "Social Justice Work," will be held August 13-15 at The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. All papers must be submitted by midnight on January 31, 2010 in order to be considered. For more information, visit SSSP on the web at: www.sssp1.org.

The **American Sociological Association (ASA)** 2010 Annual Meeting, entitled, "Toward a Sociology of Citizenship: Inclusion, Participation, and Rights," will be held August 14-17, 2010 at the Hilton Atlanta and Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia. Online paper submission is from December 1, 2010 through January 13, 2010. For more information, visit ASA on the web at: www.asanet.org.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Hugh Klein, Ph.D., Research Associate Professor in the Prevention Sciences Research Center / Center for the Study and Prevention of Drug Use at Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD) recently completed a study of men who use the internet to find other men for unprotected sex. The study was conducted during 2008 and 2009, and is based on a national random sample of 332 men using any of 16 different MSM-oriented dating/sex websites. The project's dataset contains detailed data on sexual risk practices, psychological/psychosocial functioning, substance use/abuse, childhood maltreatment experiences, risk-related preferences, sexual risk hypotheticals, general health practices, and key demographic measures.

Dr. Klein is looking for excellent graduate students (preferably doctoral level) with an interest in this research study. (Faculty collaborations are an option, too.) Interested students will be given the opportunity to collaborate with Dr. Klein in the development of papers for conference presentation and/or publication, with co-authorship credit being given in exchange for their work. (Please note that the grant money for this study has been expended in full, so any work that students do would be done for professional research experience, personal interest, possible dissertation use, and co-authorship credit.)

Persons who are interested or who would like additional information should contact Hugh Klein via email (hughk@aol.com) or telephone (301-588-8875). Email is checked regularly for people preferring that mode of contact. The best times for phone calls are during regular business hours on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, or late in the afternoon on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) GRANT OPPORTUNITY

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) by the National Institute on Drug Abuse seeks to facilitate the entry of both newly independent and early career investigators to the area of drug abuse research on HIV/AIDS. This FOA, AIDS--Science Track Award for Research Transition (A-START), encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications to support research projects on drug abuse and HIV/AIDS that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology.

For more information, go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-021.html>

SAN MENTORING PROGRAM

Graduate and undergraduate students doing research on AIDS-related topics often have difficulty finding faculty mentors who understand and are interested in their topics. Students looking for contact with knowledgeable faculty who can help them are encouraged to e-mail Howard Lune (hlune@hunter.cuny.edu) with a brief summary of their research. Faculty willing to informally mentor a student should contact Howard as well; he will coordinate finding appropriate mentors for each student from among the volunteers. (Please note: the contact information for the mentoring program provided on the SAN website is incorrect. If you would like to speak with someone about this program, please contact Howard Lune at hlune@hunter.cuny.edu).

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have a new publication, grant, project, or major recognition or award that focuses on HIV related issues or your accomplishments? If so, please send us details so we can keep members informed about current research and achievements of SAN members. E-mail your information to the SAN Newsletter Editor (Christie A. Sennott at Christie.sennott@colorado.edu) or SAN Chair (Terry Labov at labov@sas.upenn.edu).

STAY IN TOUCH WITH SAN

Just a reminder, if you change jobs, schools, etc., and you wish to remain a part of the SAN network, please be sure to send an e-mail with your new contact information to Carrie Foote at foote@iupui.edu so we can keep your contact information current. Thank you!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The current balance of the SAN account (as of October 1, 2009) is \$4,955.25. Thank you very much to the members who have already paid their 2009 dues. If you have not already paid your dues for this year, please send them in with the form included in this newsletter or on-line via the website. Feel free to contact me at foote@iupui.edu you have any questions about this report or the state of SAN's finances.

The Sociologists AIDS' Network proudly announces its three competitions for 2010: a graduate student paper award, a scholarly activity award, and an award for career contributions to the field. All nominations and submissions are due May 14, 2010. See below for additional details.

2010 AWARD FOR CAREER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIOLOGY OF HIV/AIDS

This award honors outstanding contributions to the Sociology of HIV/AIDS. The award may recognize work that has significantly advanced our understanding of social aspects of the pandemic, or that has contributed to prevention, treatment, or policy interventions. Nominees should have pursued substantial research and/or applied work related to HIV/AIDS, and should have worked in the field for at least eight years. Nominations (of yourself or others) should include a statement of up to two pages about the nominee's qualifications and an electronic copy or web link to her/his CV. Nominations (and questions) should be submitted to the committee chair, Sherry Larkins, at slarkins@mindspring.com (attachments in .doc or .pdf format only, please) by May 14, 2010. Scholars who have been nominated before will be automatically re-considered this year, but nominators should feel free to submit additional materials.

2010 SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY AWARD

The SAN Scholarly Activity Award aims to nurture scholarly interest in the sociology of HIV/AIDS by supporting the work of emerging scholars in the field. One applicant will be chosen each year to receive a one-time award of up to \$250 and a year of free membership in SAN. All graduate students working on topics in the sociology of HIV/AIDS are eligible to apply. Supportable activities include, but are not limited to, research expenses (incentives, transcription, copying) and conference travel. Applicants should submit the following items to the award committee chair, Jorge Fontdevila (jfontdevila@fullerton.edu), by May 14, 2010: (1) A letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor; (2) A project proposal of 2-4 pages, including a description of the research, how your activity contributes to the sociology of AIDS, description of how funds will be used and when the activity will be completed, and (3) A complete budget for your conference travel, research project or other scholarly activity (including other funding applications).

2010 MARTIN LEVINE STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION

Sociology students are invited to submit an original, 20-page (double-spaced) essay on the social dimensions of HIV/AIDS for the annual student essay competition. The topic is broadly defined and can include any aspect of HIV/AIDS from a sociological perspective. The student must be the first author and must have written most, if not all, of the manuscript. The deadline for submission is May 14, 2010. The winner will receive an award of \$100 and a five-year membership to SAN. All students who enter the competition will also receive a one year membership to SAN. Papers should be submitted by e-mail to Anne Esacove (esacove@muhlenberg.edu).

SAN BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 10, 2009

Minutes taken by Tasleem Padamsee, who apologizes for any errors you may find. Please feel free to contact her at tjpadams@umich.edu if you have any questions.

SAN Conference

Congratulations to everyone on a very successful SAN Conference August 7th at SFAF! The day was full of great sessions, and the conversations continued during the ASA meeting. Special thanks to the organizing and program committees, who worked very hard to pull it all together!

SAN Awards

Congratulations to the 2009 SAN Award winners! (see above for more information about the winners and their work).

SAN is seeking volunteers to serve on each of the three SAN Award committees in the coming year. If you are willing to serve on a 2010 committee, please email the SAN Chair, Terry Labov.

Treasurer's Report

SAN's balance was approximately \$4000 in advance of the SAN Conference, of which the officers decided that up to \$2000 could be spent to support the Conference activities. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, however, we actually spent only a few dollars in SAN funds on the event. In addition, the sponsorships made it possible for us to help pay registration and travel costs for several graduate students, local activists, and invited speakers.

After we pay for Business Meeting refreshments and 2009 awards, our account balance should remain close to \$3500 (see updated figures from Fall 2009 Treasurer Report elsewhere in newsletter).

Election of SAN Officers

a) Chair

After two years in the position, Tasleem Padamsee is stepping down as chair. Terry Labov was nominated and elected as the new SAN Chair for 2009-2010.

b) Newsletter Editor

After two years in the position, Erika Austin is stepping down as newsletter editor. Thank you for your service, and the wonderful issues of SANscript! Christie Sennott was nominated and elected as our new newsletter editor.

c) Webmaster, Treasurer, and Listserv Manager

Alton Phillips has agreed to continue on as SAN Webmaster, and Carrie Foote has agreed to continue on as SAN Treasurer and Listserv Manager. Both were re-elected by vote of confidence. Thank you both for all your hard work!

SAN Website

As many of you have noticed, there has been a lot of activity on our website this year. Thanks to the work of Alton Phillips, SAN members can now pay their dues online and SAN Conference registration was mostly handled online. The site now includes a wealth of information about our award competitions and past winners, mentoring program, and other activities. If you haven't been there in awhile, check us out at: www.sociologistsaidsnetwork.org

The website is also configured to keep a blog of SAN-related announcements, and we hope to start using this function during 2009-2010. If you have anything you'd like to post to the site, or have any suggestions regarding SAN's online presence, please contact Alton (alton.phillips@nyu.edu) or one of the other SAN officers.

Help with HIV/AIDS Grant Proposals

At the meeting, it was suggested that we form a network of scholars willing to read one another's grant proposals as we apply for funding to pursue our HIV/AIDS research. Eric Wright has agreed to lead this effort. If you are willing to read the proposals of other scholars, or if you have a grant proposal with which you would like assistance, please contact him at ewright@iupui.edu.

Matt Mulcher has volunteered to lead a committee that helps people be aware of different funding options and support applications. If you are interested in serving on this committee or would like additional information, please contact SAN Chair, Terry Labov.

Archive of SAN Participants

Terry Labov is in the process of assembling a list of scholars who have been involved as leaders or participants over the history of the Sociologists' AIDS Network. Once complete, this list will be posted on our website in recognition of their service! If you have names you would like to suggest for this list, or you would like to look over her list-in-progress and provide edits and suggestions, please email her at labov@sas.upenn.edu.

SAN Conference Proceedings

After a brief discussion, SAN members in attendance decided not to pursue a printed version of the SAN Conference Proceedings. Instead, materials and papers from the conference will be archived on the SAN website. They will become available during the Fall of 2009.

Future ASA Meetings

Substantial time during the meeting was devoted to possible sessions SAN could sponsor or co-sponsor for the 2010 and 2011 ASA meetings.

The 2010 theme is "Toward a Sociology of Citizenship". Although most of the program has already been set, it may still be possible to add sessions that are particularly timely or appropriate to the location.

Since the 2010 meetings will be in Atlanta, we discussed proposing some kind of joint session with the CDC, or bringing CDC expertise to the ASA. If you are interested in pursuing a session along these lines, please contact the SAN Chair, Terry Labov, at labov@sas.upenn.edu.

The 2011 (Chicago) meeting theme is "Social Conflict: Multiple Dimensions & Arenas". Thematic Session proposals are due November 15th, 2009. Regular, Special, and other Session proposals are due February 5th, 2010. Members discussed several possible sessions to submit. Please feel free to contact the SAN Officers if you have an idea and need help or collaborators to propose a session.

Teaching Sociology of HIV/AIDS

It was suggested that we include a new section on the SAN Website where members can access materials (syllabi, activities, assignments, etc.) that can help them in teaching the Sociology of HIV/AIDS. If you are willing to contribute materials of this type, please send them to the SAN Webmaster, Alton Phillips, at alton.phillips@nyu.edu.

SAN MINI-CONFERENCE REFLECTION

Trevor Hoppe

Graduate Student, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

From the passionate plea for resources to address the South's grossly disparate rates of new infections from Alabama's powerhouse of an AIDS organizer, Kathie "mouth of the South" Hiers, to the thoughtful reflections on the state of the field from noted scholars such as Steven Epstein and Sam Friedman, SAN's 2009 mini-conference managed to highlight the needs of future scholarship and advocacy while also remembering how far we've come collectively in the past three decades.

Sandwiched in between were nearly a dozen papers and presentations highlighting the state of the field, bringing together a group of scholars, activists, and professionals all committed in their own way to not just understanding but also combating the epidemic. Inequality and its damning impact on marginal populations as the epidemic enters the 21st century were particularly scrutinized, with Abdallah Badahdah and Carrie Foote highlighting the role of stigma in shaping women's experiences of HIV/AIDS in Arab countries and Orenda Warren's analysis of the impact of community violence as a risk factor for African American youth in the US. The disparate ways in which the epidemic takes shape globally were also emphasized, such as Terry Labov's analysis of the role of NGOs in containing the epidemic in East Africa and Mangala Subramaniam's insight into the ways in which AIDS information is framed in India.

San Francisco AIDS Foundation generously hosted the day's events, while their Deputy Executive Director for Science and Public Policy and tireless advocate, Judy Auerbach, was presented with her award for her Career Contributions to the Sociology of AIDS. In all, the conference successfully managed to bring together a motley group of committed and engaged thinkers and advocates that unfortunately don't often find opportunities to come together for this kind of engaged and spirited dialogue. I think I can speak for everyone involved that future gatherings are eagerly anticipated.

Here are just a few of the pictures from the 2009 SAN mini-conference:



Beth Schneider presenting Judith Auerbach
the 2009 San Career Contribution Award



Orenda Warren



Living with HIV Panel



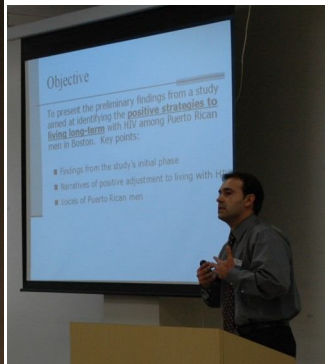
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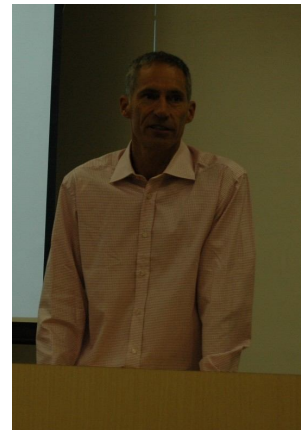
Mangala Subramaniam



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Visit the SAN website (www.sociologistsaidsnetwork.org) for publicly available versions of the talks given at the 2009 SAN Mini-Conference sessions and more pictures from the 2009 mini-conference.

SAN MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please RENEW your membership or become a NEW MEMBER now!

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