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Chair's Note

The ASA meeting in New York is fast approaching and showcases a wide variety of AIDS related sessions! There are six AIDS related paper sessions and workshops and over fifteen AIDS related papers in non-HIV sessions. These sessions and papers are listed below. Please note that our business meeting is at a new time this year and will be held on Sunday, August 12 from 2:30-4:10 p.m. following a full day of exciting AIDS related paper sessions. Please make every effort to attend as we will announce several awards this year, including the Career Contribution to Sociology Award. This will be the first time we present this award. The award is an important opportunity to recognize a scholar who has contributed informative, useful, and theoretically rich research in the sociology of HIV/AIDS. So make every effort to join us for what promises to be an exciting meeting!

See you in New York! Sincerely, *Carrie E. Foote*

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SAN Business Meeting

Time: Sunday, August 12, 2:30pm – 4:10pm

Place: ASA Hilton New York

Tentative Agenda:

1. Welcome and updates on SAN-related conference proceedings
2. Treasure's Report
3. Membership Drive update and proposal to create a three year membership renewal (\$30/\$15) and a life-time membership category (\$250)
4. Elections
5. Announcement of the winner of the 2007 Martin Levine Student Paper Competition Award and the SAN Student Scholarly Activity Award
6. Announcement of the winner of the Career Contribution to Sociology Award
7. Other Announcements

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2007 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 **Friday, June 29, 2007**. The winner will be notified in early August prior to the annual meeting and will be announced at the SAN Business Meeting and in Footnotes. The winner will receive an award of \$100 and a five-year membership to SAN. Papers should be submitted by e-mail to Carrie Foote at foote@iupui.edu.

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SAN Mentoring Program

Both 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 (luneh@wpunj.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.

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Career Contributions to the Sociology of HIV/AIDS Award

The committee to choose the first winner of the SAN Award for Career Contributions to the Sociology of HIV/AIDS has been formed. This award is an important opportunity to recognize some of the scholars who have done so much informative, useful, and theoretically rich research in the sociology of HIV/AIDS. If you would like to nominate a scholar for this award, please contact Tasleem Padamsee at tjpadams@umich.edu. The deadline to nominate a scholar is **Friday, June 29 2007**.

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Announcing the 2007 SAN Scholarly Activity Award

Objectives: 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.

Eligibility: 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 such as providing incentives to research subjects, transcribing interviews, or copying archival materials.
- Travel to conferences to present original research.

Application Process: Applicants should submit the following items to the committee chair, Carrie Foote (foote@iupui.edu), by **Friday June 29, 2007**:

- A complete budget for your conference travel, research project, or other scholarly activity. If you are applying for funding from other sources, please indicate which portion of your budget this award will be used to cover, as well as where you hope to procure the balance.

- A project proposal of 2-4 pages, including:
 - Description of the research project to be completed or presented.
 - Contribution of your scholarly activity to the sociology of AIDS.
 - Description of how funds will be used and when the activity will be completed.
 - One letter of recommendation from your dissertation chair or faculty advisor.

Proposals will be reviewed by Drs. Anne Esacove (SAN Member), Jorge Fontdevila (SAN Member), and Carrie Foote (SAN Chair). Applicants will be informed of the results in early August, and awards will be made formally at the SAN Business Meeting during the ASA Annual Meeting. The successful applicant will be expected to submit a one-page report of how the funds were used within one year of the award.

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Events of Interest at the Upcoming ASA/SSSP Meetings

There is an enormous amount of HIV/AIDS research being presented at the ASA meeting this year – please support our colleagues who are conducting this important research!

Sessions

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| Cultural and Social Constructions of HIV/AIDS | Sat. 10:30am – 12:10pm |
| Stigma and HIV/AIDS | Sun. 8:30am – 10:10am |
| Reflections of HIV/AIDS and Women's Health | Sun. 12:30pm – 2:10pm |
| Resilience in the Middle: International Medicine, HIV Clinics, and Traditional Patients | Tues. 8:30am – 10:10am |

Roundtables

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| HIV/AIDS | Sat. 10:30am – 11:30am |
| Medical Sociology Roundtable on HIV/AIDS | Mon. 4:30pm – 6:10pm |

Individual Papers (at other sessions/roundtables)

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| Use of the Clinical Trial Form in a Thai HIV Clinic | Sun. 8:30am – 10:10am |
| A Case of Reciprocal Determinism: HIV/AIDS Knowledge and Sexual Risk Behavior among Adolescents | Sat. 10:30am – 12:10pm |
| From Dirty Work to Skilled Expertise: The Professionalization of HIV/AIDS Care in the U.S. | Sun. 8:30am – 9:30am |
| Destigmatizing HIV/AIDS through Multiple Role Involvement for Women Living with HIV/AIDS | Sun. 8:30am – 10:10am |
| HIV Risk Practices Sought by Men Who Have Sex with Other Men, and Who Use Internet Websites to Identify Potential Sexual Partners | Sun. 10:30am – 12:10pm |
| HIV Testing in Correctional Agencies and Community Treatment Programs: The Impact of Internal Organizational Structure | Sun. 10:30am – 12:10pm |
| Housing as Prevention and Care: Using Research to Change the HIV Risk Paradigm | Sun. 10:30am – 11:30am |
| HIV/AIDS, Food Security and the Role of the Natural Environment: Evidence from Rural South Africa | Sun. 12:30pm – 1:30pm |

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| Measurement AIDS: How Public Health Best Practices and Measurement Conventions Miss the Complexity of Culture | Sun. 2:30pm – 4:10pm |
| Erections, Mounting & AIDS: Incestuous Gay Monkey Sex (or seven words you can't write in your NIH grant) | Mon. 10:30am – 12:10pm |
| Boundaries and Binaries: A Visual Analysis of HIV/AIDS Social Marketing Campaigns | Mon. 2:30pm – 3:30pm |
| The Crisis of Liberation: Masculinity, Neoliberalism, and HIV/AIDS in Post-Apartheid South Africa | Mon. 2:30pm – 4:10pm |
| How AIDS Became a Social Problem: AIDS Coverage in the New York Times, 1981-1994 | Mon. 2:30pm – 3:30pm |
| HIV Testing at the Intersection of Gender, Race, and Class | Mon. 4:30pm – 6:10pm |
| Local Reactions to (In-Home) Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) for HIV in Rural Malawi | Mon. 4:30pm – 6:10pm |
| The Role of Relationship-Based Power, Individual Status Characteristics and Gender Ideology in HIV Testing Decisions | Tues. 2:30pm – 4:10pm |
| Professional Workshop Sociologists in Community Action Research: AIDS | Sun. 10:30am – 12:10pm |
| Informational Poster Session Research Funding Opportunities and Data Resources: CDC, Division of Viral Hepatitis, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention | Sun. 1:00pm – 4:00pm |

The SSSP has a long history of HIV/AIDS research and activism, including the following special events:

7th ANNUAL AIDS FUNDRAISER and the GRADUATE STUDENT AND NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Friday, August 10 from 9:00pm – 11:00pm

Graduate students and new members will receive a complimentary ticket with their registration materials, but everyone else is charged \$15. Proceeds from the AIDS Fundraiser will go to the After Hours Project, Inc.

TOUR OF SEVERAL BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOODS

New York City is the center of the AIDS epidemic in the United States; a significant risk factor for HIV-related death is “residence in Brooklyn.” A 3-hour tour (\$25 per person – MAXIMUM 6 people) is scheduled on Saturday, August 11 from 12:30pm – 3:30pm. The tour will include a visit to one of the storefront locations in Bedford Stuyvesant where the After Hours Project

provides direct services to clients. All revenue generated from this tour will be donated to the After Hours Project, Inc.

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| HIV and AIDS Research: Sexuality and Health Issues | Sat. 8:00am – 9:40am |
| Community Mobilizing for HIV Prevention | Sat. 12:30pm – 2:10pm |

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Upcoming Conferences

Get your HIV/AIDS-related research ready! There are a number of upcoming conferences with sessions dedicated to furthering research on the social implications of HIV/AIDS.

HIV/AIDS, Gender, and Sexuality in a Globalized World: Sept. 27-28, 2007, Syracuse, NY

This conference aims to bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars and advocates working in various contexts to examine critically the gendered, sexualized, and globalized character of HIV/AIDS pandemic and responses to it. This conference will examine HIV/AIDS as a transnational phenomenon that is simultaneously embedded within global economic and social transformations and local contexts. We will investigate the ways in which responses to HIV/AIDS are mediated through local and trans-local conceptions of gender and sexuality, as well as how concepts of gender and sexuality are challenged and even transformed as a result of the global HIV/AIDS pandemic. We will also explore how transnational discourses of feminism, human rights, queer theory, and “positive living” have been employed in locally diverse ways in responses to the HIV/AIDS crisis. Finally we will consider how these kinds of investigations can provide frameworks for simultaneously improving responses to HIV/AIDS and reducing discrimination based on gender and sexuality.

Sponsored by: the Gender & Globalization Initiative, Moynihan Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs and the College of Arts and Sciences.

For More Information: Contact Andrew London at aslondon@maxwell.syr.edu

United States Conference on AIDS November 7-10, 2007, Palm Springs, CA
http://www.nmac.org/conferences___trainings/USCA/

American Sociological Association: August 1-4, 2008, Boston

Society for the Study of Social Problems: August 1-4, 2008, Boston

The XVII International AIDS Conference “AIDS 2008”: August 3-8, 2008, Mexico City, Mexico
Website: www.aids2008.org

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New Member Focus: Dr. Adina Nack



An associate professor of sociology, Dr. Adina Nack is currently the Co-Director of California Lutheran University's Gender and Ethnic Studies Program and was recently appointed to be the first Director of CLU's new Center for Equality and Justice. Nack received her Ph.D. from the University of Colorado and joined CLU in 2003, after having been on the faculty at the University of Maine. She is a medical sociologist whose research has focused on sexual health, social inequality, social psychology, gender, and sexuality. An award-winning teacher, she has also won national research awards, published articles on the stigma of sexually transmitted diseases, and authored a book on women living with HPV and genital herpes: this work will be published by Temple University Press in 2008. A proponent of community-based action research, Nack was a Co-Principal Investigator for Ventura County's recent study of Latino men with HIV/AIDS. This study inspired

the 2006 countywide HIV & Latinos: A Leadership Summit which led to the creation of the Latino HIV Taskforce. Nack is currently the Co-Principal Investigator of Ventura County's new study of Latina women and HIV/AIDS. She also serves as a research consultant to AIDS Desk in Chennai, India. Since 2004, Nack has taken the lead in collaborating with community organizations to organize Ventura County's annual World AIDS Day events. Most recently, Dr. Nack was recognized with a community service award from the Ventura County Rainbow Alliance for her work on behalf of the HIV/AIDS community of Ventura County. Dr. Adina Nack can be reached at nack@callutheran.edu

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New Member Focus: Dr. La Fleur F. Small



La Fleur F. Small earned her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Miami in December 2005. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Wright State University. She is a medical sociologist with an epidemiology background. Dr. Small was the 2004 recipient of the Sherri Aversa Dissertation Completion Grant. Her research interests include health care utilization among vulnerable populations, the elderly and HIV/AIDS, and health Social Movements. Dr. Small is currently the Principal Investigator of a community-based collaborative research initiative with the Combined Health District of Montgomery County and Wright State University entitled Project EED (Educating the Elderly about HIV/AIDS

Disease). Research objectives include providing risk reduction and HIV/AIDS education and referrals to HIV/AIDS testing and counseling to citizens 50 years or older residing in Montgomery County; participants are invited to attend one of six HIV/AIDS education training sessions held over the course of one year. Dr. Small is also serving as a co-investigator on a newly funded three part ethnographic study. The funded research, entitled Rocking Steady: Remaining in Recovery While Dealing with Stressful Life Events and HIV/AIDS, is designed to examine reciprocating relationships between stressful life events, neighborhood context, and health behaviors (substance abuse treatment and compliance with HAART therapy). Additionally, she is a 2007-2008 scholar of the Ohio Public Health Leadership Institute. Dr. Small can be reached via email at lafleur.small@wright.edu.

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Member Focus: Dr. Eric R. Wright



Eric R. Wright was educated at Lewis & Clark College and Indiana University, where he received his M.A. in 1987 and Ph.D. in 1994 in medical sociology. He is an Associate Professor of Health Administration and Policy in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs where he also is the Director of the Center for Health Policy, Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, and Associate Director of the Indiana Consortium for Mental Health Services Research. He also holds adjunct appointments in the Department of Public Health in the Indiana University School of Medicine, Department of Environments for Health in the Indiana University School of Nursing,

and Department of Sociology in the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts. As a medical sociologist, his research interests center on social responses to health problems, health policy, and the social organization and effectiveness of health services and public health programs. Currently, he is the Principal Investigator of a comprehensive evaluation of the Dawn Project, a system of care initiative in Indianapolis, IN, as well as a new mental health screening program being implemented for children in the child welfare system by the Indiana Division of Children's Services. He recently completed a NIMH-funded research project investigating the role mental

health treatment programs play in shaping the HIV risk of people with serious mental illness. He is or has been the Principal or Co-Principal Investigator on several other major funded research and evaluation projects, including the Indianapolis Network Mental Health Study, the Central State Hospital Discharge Study, and the Indiana Youth Access Project. Dr. Wright has published two books on teaching about HIV/AIDS and over 60 evaluation reports and peer-reviewed papers that have appeared in sociology and interdisciplinary health journals, including Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Networks, Sociological Focus, AIDS Care, Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research, and Psychiatric Services. Dr. Wright can be reached at ewright@iupui.edu.

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New Member Focus: Dr. Abdallah Badahdah



Abdallah Badahdah has a Ph.D. in sociology from Iowa State University. He worked for several years in the field of management. In 2003 he resigned from his position as a vice president for a training and consultation management firm in the Middle East and joined the University of North Dakota as an assistant professor of sociology. He teaches courses on medical sociology, social psychology, sociology of aging and sociological research methods. His areas of interest include HIV/AIDS in the Arab world, evolutionary psychology, and women in the Arab world. Badahdah has published several studies on the social psychological aspects of AIDS in various journals (e.g., *Illness, Crisis & Loss*, *Psychological Reports*, and

International Journal of STD & AIDS), evolutionary psychology (e.g., *Journal of Evolution and Human Behavior* and a forthcoming entry in a new encyclopedia on gender) and social psychology (e.g., two entries in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*). Dr. Badahdah can be reached at abdallah.badahdah@und.nodak.edu

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HIV/AIDS in the News

Taking daily selenium supplements may block the build up of HIV in a patient's blood, research suggests.

The University of Miami found a lower HIV viral load in patients who took selenium supplements for nine months. Selenium deficiencies have been recorded in HIV patients, and evidence suggests the mineral can improve the function of the immune system. The Archives of Internal Medicine study suggests the supplements may be a cheap and easy way to help keep HIV in check. Advances in antiretroviral therapy (ART) have given HIV patients a longer life expectancy. However, strict adherence to the therapy is required to keep HIV viral counts low, and there is a risk of side effects. Therefore, scientists have been searching for alternative treatments to keep HIV under control. – From the BBC News website, updated May 5, 2007

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR SOCIOLOGY OF AIDS COURSES

I recently sent a request to the listserv for books published within the last three years that might be good to use for an undergraduate sociology AIDS course. I received several suggestions, including a few older books. – Carrie Foote

Dennis Altman. AIDS IN THE MIND OF AMERICA [Anchor Books 1987]

Michele Tracy Berger. WORKABLE SISTERHOOD: THE POLITICAL JOURNEY OF

STIGMATIZED WOMEN WITH HIV/AIDS [Princeton University Press 2004]

Catherine Campbell. LETTING THEM DIE: WHY HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAMMES FAIL [Indiana University Press 2003]

Steven Epstein. IMPURE SCIENCE [University of California Press USA 1996]

Hung Fan, Ross Conner and Luis Villarrel. AIDS, SCIENCE AND SOCIETY [Jones and Bartlett 2007]

Peter Gill. BODY COUNT [London Profile 2006]

Lawrence O. Gostin. AIDS PANDEMIC: COMPLACENCY, INJUSTICE AND UNFULFILLED EXPECTATIONS [University of North Carolina Press 2000]

A. Irwin, Joyce Milline, and Dorthy Fallows. GLOBAL AIDS: MYTHS AND FACTS [South End Press 2003]

John A. Kastor. MORTAL SECRETS: TRUTHS AND LIES IN THE AGE OF AIDS [Johns Hopkins 2005]

Jacob Levenson. THE SECRET EPIDEMIC: THE STORY OF AIDS AND BLACK AMERICA [Anchor 2005]

Howard Lune. URBAN ACTION NETWORKS [Rowan & Littlefield 2007]

Amy Paterson. THE POLITICS OF AIDS IN AFRICA (Challenge and Change in African Politics) [Lynne Rienner Publishers Inc. 1998]

Gerald Stine. AIDS UPDATE 2007. [McGraw Hill 2007]

Abraham Verghese. MY OWN COUNTRY [Simon and Schuster 1994]

Alex de Waal. AIDS AND POWER: WHY THERE IS NO POLITICAL CRISIS – YET [Zed Books 2006]

Kathryn Whetten-Goldstein and T. Q. Nguyen. YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE I'VE TOLD [Rutgers 2002]

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Treasurer's Report

The current balance of the SAN account (as of January 2007) is: **\$1779.36**. Thank you very much to the members who have already paid their 2006-2007 dues. These dues payments totaled \$220.00. The only outflow since the last report was the \$100.00 paper prize. If you have not already paid your dues for this year, please send them in with the form included in this newsletter. Thank you! Feel free to contact me at tjpadams@umich.edu if you have any questions about this report or the state of SAN's finances.

- Tasleem Padamsee, Treasurer

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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 or SAN Chair (see contact information on Page 1 of the newsletter).

