



# Social Psychology

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## CHAIR'S REMARKS

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It is a great pleasure to be representing such a dynamic and accomplished group of colleagues. I want to start by expressing my deep thanks to each and every one of you who contribute to keeping the Social Psychology Section so wonderfully healthy and vibrant. First, I want to thank our 2006 chair, Murray Webster, for setting up the committees, sessions, other meetings, and the two receptions at our meetings in Montreal. Those are the visible activities. The invisible help Murray provides was installed on a thin CD he handed me at the Business meeting; the CD contained files for literally everything he did over the past year. Lisa Troyer has gone above and beyond her already remarkable contributions in stepping down from her responsibilities as Section Secretary/Treasurer not to a life of leisure, but to the position of Section Chair-Elect! I am very grateful to Lisa for her past work for the section, and for the great contributions to come. And we have two people doing double-duty: Tim Owens has agreed to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer for the current year, adding to his section responsibilities as our Webmaster. Murray, Lisa, and Tim, like the many others who give of their time to this section, are always gracious, cheerful, and utterly reliable. I want also to thank Gretchen Peterson for serving as the editor of our section newsletter; this is her last hoorah. Thanks so much, Gretchen! And, Kathy Kuipers has agreed to take over this position. Gretchen and Kathy have been handling the transition capably and smoothly, and Kathy will edit the next edition. I hope each and every one of you reading this will make Kathy's job easier by sending her your ideas for newsletter topics and by volunteering to write material. And, I want also to thank Peter Callero, Stephanie Molborn, and Jan Stets, who have now completed their terms on the Section Council. In addition to Chair-Elect Lisa Troyer, we welcome also Jeremy Freese, William Corsaro, and Kimberly Maturuk as the new Council members. And it would be an omission not to thank also our continuing Council members Diane Felmlee, Michael Lovaglia, Karen Hegtvedt and Elizabeth Menaghan. We also had a number of terrific section members who served on our committees, and I thank both them and those who have agreed to serve on our committees for the coming year. A full list of committees and their members is posted on the section website.

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

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This is my final issue as newsletter editor. The new editor will be Kathy Kuipers from the University of Montana. While I am looking forward to a rest from editing the section newsletter, I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage others to take on this role in the future. Members of the section are quite forthcoming when asked to contribute to the newsletter and this has certainly made my job much easier. Also, the transition to a purely electronic format has made the job of editing much easier. The hardest part in editing the newsletter has been to find time to do so. Being at a teaching institution means that I am teaching nine courses per year, making it hard to find time to think about anything other than teaching sometimes. However, when I have been able to make the time, I found it to be time well spent. For that reason, I would certainly encourage others to keep this in mind once Kathy has decided to pass on the reins. Thanks again to all the people who have contributed to the various newsletters. In particular, I must thank the section chairs who have written columns for each edition especially in my short time frames. And, to Kathy, I just want to say have fun!

## ASA 2007

August 11-14, 2007  
New York City

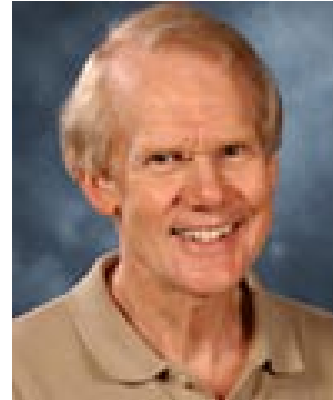
Theme: Is Another World Possible? Sociological Perspectives on Contemporary Politics

Submission Deadline: January 17th

See pg. 4 of the newsletter for a list of Social Psychology Section session.

## 2007 Cooley-Mead Award Recipient

The Cooley-Mead Award committee has announced that the recipient of the 2007 award is James House of the University of Michigan. Congratulations!



## CALL FOR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Future issues of the newsletter depend on contributions from section members. Any ideas for future teaching columns, theory/research columns, graduate student profiles, or other announcements should be sent to the new newsletter editor, Kathy Kuipers, at [kathy.kuipers@umontana.edu](mailto:kathy.kuipers@umontana.edu).

## CHAIR'S COLUMN

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As everyone who attended any of our sessions at the Montreal meetings will know, there was a rich array of social psychology everywhere you looked. I want to thank everyone who organized and everyone who presented, both at our section sessions and the ASA sponsored sessions, and in the many other nooks and crannies where social psychology appeared.

A couple of things worth special note: I want to make sure everyone keeps on their radar a relatively new section event. If three years in a row makes something officially "annual," then we will do just that at our 2007 meetings in New York. During her chairship, Jane Sell inaugurated a Jobs Reception for those on the social psych job market and their potential employers. About 30-35 such folks attended during the first year, and about the same number attended at the reception Murray hosted in Montreal (despite the maze one had to traverse to find the room this time, due to the hotel's failing to post signs). This is a very valuable event, and I hope both those of you on the 2007-08 job market, and those who will be posting positions, will make a point to attend the Jobs Reception we will convene in New York.

And speaking of the 2007 meetings, the paper sessions are now open and the session organizers are hard at work, so I want to say a bit about the plans for next year. The ASA theme identified by President Frances Fox Piven is "Is Another World Possible? Sociological Perspectives on Contemporary Politics". I thought it would be useful to shape our social psychology program to dovetail with the larger ASA theme; accordingly, many of our sessions will focus on how social psychology can be used as a tool for societal critique. There are four open paper sessions - Peter Callero is organizing a session on "Critical Social Psychology"; Paul LePore is organizing a session on "Social Psychology as a Critical Tool in Higher Education"; and Lisa Troyer is organizing a session on "Technical and Methodological Advances in Social Psychological Research." As we do every year, we will sponsor an open session of social psychology roundtables; the three organizers, myself, Dan Renfrow and Debbie Warnock, hope to assemble at least one or two tables that will focus on the teaching and learning of social

psychology. Karen Hegtvedt is organizing an invited session on "Critical Social Psychological Perspectives on Power and Justice." And as has become our tradition, the business meeting will be combined with the presentation of the Cooley-Mead Address, a highlight of our social psychology section each year. The Montreal business meeting, attended by over 60 section members, was the occasion to celebrate Lynn Smith-Lovin's marvelous address, "Emotion, Identity, and Social Structure." We look forward to a stimulating address by the Cooley Mead Award recipient for 2007. We also present the Graduate Student Paper Award at the business meeting; the 2006 recipient was Steven Nelson of the University of Arizona. We congratulate Lynn and Steven on their awards and look forward to the announcement of the 2007 recipients in New York City.

As you can see from all of this activity, there is much to celebrate in the community of sociological social psychologists. But we have also had a deep loss this fall. Spencer Cahill, the current editor of *Social Psychology Quarterly*, and a scholar whose work is a key foundation on which sociological social psychology has been built, died from complications of a long-term cancer, on October 6, 2006. His wife Doni Loseke wrote about his last hours: "On Wednesday he finished proofing *Inside Social Life*, 5th edition, and he told me to transfer the few remaining SPQ files to Gary. He passed on less than two days later. The type of 'ending' he always hoped for." Spencer was loved and admired by so many of us, and his passing shrinks our world. We will convene a celebration of Spencer's life and contributions, at the ASA meeting in New York. If ever there was a person who exemplified the best of what sociology, and social psychologists, can be, it was Spencer Cahill. And in that spirit of both celebrating our accomplishments and remembering the importance of marking what matters, I hope you all will be able to join us to honor Spencer's work, and his life.

SECTION ON SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

SESSION AND ORGANIZER INFORMATION  
FOR 2007 ANNUAL MEETINGS

“Critical Social Psychological Perspectives  
on Power and Justice”

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Open

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“Technical & Methodological Advances in  
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### SSSI LIASON

Kent Sandstrom, Northern Iowa University

## UPCOMING MINI-CONFERENCE

3rd Annual (2007) Group Processes Mini-Conference

North Central Sociological Association/Midwestern  
Sociological Association Joint Meetings

Where: Chicago on April 4th through April 7th, 2007.

What: Three-session mini-conference within the  
joint meetings just for group processes research.

Who: Everyone. Graduate students are especially  
encouraged to present their latest work.

Organizers: Alison Bianchi at Kent State University  
(for the North Central Sociologists) and Lisa Troyer at  
The University of Iowa (for the Midwestern Sociolo-  
gists)

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!! It's in the great  
City of Chicago – a grand place for a mid-year confer-  
ence.

For more information, please see:

The North Central Sociological Association website  
at: <http://www.ncsanet.org/index.html>

Or the Midwestern Sociological Association website  
at: <http://www.themss.org/>

### 2008 ASA Session Proposals

Session proposals for the ASA meetings in 2008 must  
be submitted by February 1, 2007.

## Invitation for Social Psychology Quarterly Contributions

As the new editor of Social Psychology Quarterly, I invite sociologists with interest in social psychology and microsociology, broadly defined, to submit your best and most creative work. I conceive the journal as a “Journal of Microsociologies.” All methodologies, theoretical orientations, and substantive areas are welcome. I will edit SPQ as a journal for readers, hoping to find broadly relevant, clearly written, engaged, and controversial work. In addition to articles, I need your help in three areas:

- 1) On the cover of each issue, I hope to publish a photograph (or other artwork) produced by a sociologist with a brief essay of explanation (about 1000 words) as to how the image expands our knowledge of social psychology.
- 2) Ideas for features on “Current Controversies in Social Psychology.” I am looking for topics on which there is a clear-cut dispute; topics in which one set of scholars will take one position and another set will take an opposing view. I request ideas for these debates and suggestions of the names of scholars who will take opposing positions. Each of the pair of essays will be about 1500-2000 words in length: not a literature review or an op-ed piece, but an argument for a perspective.
- 3) To increase the liveliness of the journal, I am looking for jokes, anecdotes, or other bits of business that exemplify social psychological ideas or theories. What I am particularly looking for are humorous bits that you have used successfully in teaching. I realize that “context is all,” but if there are any teaching techniques that you would like to share with readers of SPQ, I am eager to consider them. Brevity is a plus.

Please let me know if any of these are of interest.

Everything published in SPQ will be peer reviewed, although the form of review may vary.

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PICTURES FROM ASA MEETINGS IN MONTREAL



Cooley-Mead Award Winner, Lynn Smith-Lovin  
with Dawn Robinson and Jody Clay-Warner



Murray Webster, Past Chair, and Judy Howard,  
Current Section Chair



Brent Simpson, Jane Sell, and Kathy Kuipers (in-  
coming newsletter editor)



Section Council Meeting

## Montreal 2006 Pictures



Ed Lawler, Matthew Hunt, and Richard Serpe



Stuart Hysom, Lisa Rashotte, and Noah Mark

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ I am an ASA member and want to join the Social Psychology Section. Enclosed is a check for \$12.00 for section dues this year (\$5.00 for students). Make checks payable to the **American Sociological Association**.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not an ASA member but am interested in joining the Social Psychology Section. Please send me information about membership in the ASA. **Mail to:** Membership Services, American Sociological Association, 1307 New York Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-4701.