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CHAIR'S REMARKS

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From the Chair's Desk: Across the Social Psychological Spectrum

This year, our section's theme is "Across the Social Psychological Spectrum." There are many different perspectives within social psychology and communication within and across these perspectives is essential. Sometimes, because our research might demand it, we become extremely focused upon our own specialty. However, if we do not keep in touch with different developments outside our own research we run two related risks. We risk developing insular perspectives that cannot adapt to other concerns and, we risk being ignored. Historically, social psychology has been committed to reaching across perspectives, and across methodologies; it was born as the intersection between two disciplines. This heritage, with its focus on social interaction, has served us well because it encouraged researchers who utilized very different methodologies not just to co-exist but also to actively engage in discourse. And there have been enormous pay-offs with multi-faceted investigation of issues such as emotions and emotional socialization and the generation and maintenance of inequality in multiple and layered settings. I would like to see our section become more aggressive about encouraging dialogues and multilogues about issues that absolutely require different views. These include theoretical, methodological and ethical issues. Sample issues that I think we should be discussing include how physiological measures do or do not fit into our field, how evolutionary models are or are not appropriate for social psychological models, what constitutes informed consent, and how we might make our research procedures more public.

Directly addressing this call for more conversation are our website and our newsletter. They are important for maintaining critical informal communication and have been expanded this year. My enthusiastic thanks to Gretchen Peterson for her work on the newsletter and to Tim Owens for his maintenance, refurbishing and constant updating of the section's website.

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Social Psychology Section Sessions at the ASA

Saturday, August 13th

6:30pm-7:30pm

Cooley-Mead Award Ceremony

Location: Philadelphia Marriott

Cooley-Mead Award Address: Interaction Difference and Inequality: Cecilia Ridgeway

Introduction: Edward J. Lawler

7:30-8:30pm

Section Reception (co-sponsored with the Section on Children and Youth) will immediately follow the Cooley-Mead Award Ceremony.

Sunday August 14th

9:30-10:10am

Section on Social Psychology Business Meeting

Location: Philadelphia Marriott

10:30am-12:10pm

Across the Social Psychological Spectrum: New Developments in Methods

Location: Philadelphia Marriott

Organizers: Jodi O'Brien (Seattle University) and Timothy J. Owens (Purdue University)

Presider: Jodi O'Brien (Seattle University)

Panelists: Sherryl Kleinman (UNC - Chapel Hill)

Douglas W. Maynard (University of Wisconsin)

Jane Sell (Texas A&M University)

Richard T. Serpe (Calif. State Univ. - San Marcos)

12:30-2:10pm

Section Roundtables

Organizers: Alicia Cast and Martha Copp

Table 1: Perceived Control: Structural and Interactional Influences

* Changing Locus of Control: Steelworkers Adjusting to Forced Unemployment - Elizabeth Legerski, Marie Cornwall, and Brock O'Neil

*Effects of Childhood Physical and Emotional Maltreatment on Adults' General and Domain-Specific Perceived Control - Alex Bierman

Table 2: Ideal, Ought, and Authentic Selves in Interaction

*Exploring the Relationship between Identities, Self-Esteem, and Distress: An Application of Identity Discrepancy Theory - Kristin Marcussen

*To Thine Own Self Be True? Says Who! A Theoretical Model of Authenticity - Alex Franzese

Table 3: Identities and Marginalization: Consequences for the Self

*Ethnic Identity and Self-Concept in Adolescents and Young Adults - Aya Kimura, Nancy Miller, R. Falk, and Samuel Noh

*Sexual Minorities' Transitions to Adulthood and the Mental Health Consequences: A Perspective from Coping Behaviors - Koji Ueno

Table 4: Emotional Framing and Storytelling

*"Take the Shackles Off My Soul, Lord": Emotions, Framing, and Church Commitment in Lesbian and Gay-Affirming Protestant Congregations - Krista McQueeney

*Storytelling as a Way to Better Understand Illness: The Case of Women in Breast Cancer Support Groups - Jaqueline Clark

Table 5: Potpourri

*Minority Influence, Status, and Divergent Thinking in Group Problem Solving - Reef Youngreen

*Social Psychological Correlates of Social Movement Participation Among Youth - Catherine Corrigall-Brown

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GROUP PROCESSES CONFERENCE

Friday, August 12

8:30am-5:30pm

at the Philadelphia Loews Hotel

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILE

Robb Willer
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Robb Willer is a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Cornell University. His main areas of research are social psychology, collective action, political psychology, gender roles, and social networks. His dissertation, “Testing A Status Theory of Collective Action and Altruism” employs expectation states theory to model the status and material rewards that motivate contributors to collective action. Across three experiments, Robb finds support for his status-based explanation of contributions to collective action over competing accounts. This research contributes both to social psychology and a growing body of multi-disciplinary research in sociology, psychology, experimental economics and evolutionary biology on the interplay of cooperation and reputation systems. His dissertation committee is made up of Michael Macy, Ed Lawler, and David Grusky.

In addition to his dissertation research, Robb is also working on several research projects in a wide variety of areas. His recent paper on the positive effects of government-issued terror warnings on presidential approval ratings received widespread media attention this Fall, being noted in the Washington Post, USA Today, CNN, the Today Show, and elsewhere. To supplement this paper, Robb is currently working on a follow-up paper including both an ARFIMA analysis of presidential approval poll results and a laboratory experiment.

Robb has also recently completed multi-experiment projects on the following topics: 1) the behavioral and attitudinal effects of masculine overcompensation, 2) the social psychological basis of generalized exchange, 3) the role of sanctioning in the promotion of unpopular norms (with Michael Macy and Ko Kuwabara), and 4) the role of fear of death in belief in the afterlife.

In Robb’s recent experiment on masculine overcompensation, men who were given gender identity feedback saying they lacked masculinity were more homophobic, experienced greater negative affect, supported the Iraq war more, and expressed greater interest in purchasing an SUV than did men given feedback stating that they were very masculine. Women participants were unaffected by feedback saying that they lacked femininity or not. Robb is currently working on several follow-up experiments to this study.

Robb’s research has been assisted by three different NSF grants written with collaborators Michael Macy, Michael Lovaglia, and Lisa Troyer. He also won the Javits fellowship (full four-year funding) as well as a Sage fellowship (two years). His research with colleagues has appeared in American Journal of Sociology, Annual Review of Sociology, Social Networks, and The Sociological Quarterly.

Robb has recently completed the experiments for his dissertation and will be on the job market this Fall.

ELECTION RESULTS

Chair-Elect: Judy Howard
Council: Karen Hegtvedt and Elizabeth Menaghan

Bylaws Revision: Approved

Thanks go to all of the candidates who agreed to serve the section if elected.

CHAIR'S COLUMN
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Our program for the ASAs in Philadelphia is also meant to address the call for discussion across perspectives. On page 2 of the newsletter, all the section sessions and the organizers are listed. My thanks to all these social psychologists for their time and commitment. Additionally, there is a listing of the section committees for this year on page 7. The section depends upon prompt and efficient work of these committees and when everything proceeds smoothly (as it certainly did this year), we sometimes forgot how the smoothness covers up the amount of time spent on the goal. Some important announcements from the committees: First, the Cooley-Mead Ceremony and Cecilia Ridgeway's Cooley Mead Address will be on Saturday at 6:30pm. Our reception (held jointly with Children and) will immediately follow. Second, the Student Awards will be presented at the business meeting on Sunday at 9:30. Also at the business meeting, we will hear short presentations from representatives of the committees and Tim Owens and Gretchen Peterson.

I have served on committees in different sections, and I have to say that this section is really distinguished by its cooperation! As a student of the study of cooperation, I would say that this cooperation is the likely result of a potent in-group identity and a healthy anticipation of interaction. In line with this, I look forward to our discussions in Philadelphia!

ANNOUNCEMENT:
Job Market Reception at ASA

There will be an very informal reception oriented toward graduate students getting ready to go on the job market. Students are invited to meet other social psychologists from universities recruiting social psychology candidates. The reception will be on Friday, August 12th from 6 to 7:30 at a room in the Loews Hotel (room to be announced). Watch for details in the listserv announcements and the section website.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

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There are a number of exciting sessions of interest to social psychologists at this year's ASA. Along with all of the section sessions, I have tried to list some other sessions of interest here in the newsletter. One new event at this year's conference is the Job Market Reception organized by Jane Sell. This event provides an opportunity for the students in our section on the job market to meet with social psychologists from universities that are hiring. Two such job candidates, Jessica Collett and Robb Willer, can be found profiled in this edition of the newsletter.

See you in Philadelphia!

International Sociological Association
Announcement

The International Sociological Association RC 42 (Social Psychology) has been active in the last year. The Committee was a co-sponsor of a specialty conference on theory and social psychology at Jagellonian University in Krakow, Poland in June of 2004. This summer, there are four sessions organized by the Committee at the International Institute of Sociology Congress in Stockholm, Sweden. The Quadrennial Congress of the ISA will be in Durban, South Africa in July, 2006. Members interested in participating in this meeting are urged to be sure their dues are up to date for ISA. The number of sessions we can organize is based on research committee membership. The cost of a four year membership for American scholars is \$255, plus \$20 for Research Committee dues. On an annual basis, this is roughly equivalent to the cost of many of our regional associations. Membership information and information about the Congress is on the ISA website: <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/>. For further information contact Bob Shelly, Secretary/Treasurer of RC 42 at shelly@ohio.edu.

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILE

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Jessica Collett is a PhD candidate at the University of Arizona. Her primary interest is social psychology. This social psychological focus significantly shapes the work she does in her other research areas, including family, religion, gender, inequality, and justice.

Jessica's dissertation, funded by an NSF dissertation improvement grant, examines how intermediaries' intervention in a resolution process affects the disputing individuals' perceptions of fairness of one another. Most dispute resolution is between employers and employees, family or friends, neighbors, and other groups who have continued contact after they leave the courtroom, mediator's office, or agree to contract terms. Because of such ongoing relationships, a vital component of any kind of dispute resolution is how conflicting parties feel about each other after the process is over. Unlike previous research which focuses primarily on the fairness of the third-party, process, or outcome, her dissertation centers around how various levels of third-party intervention affect how the two parties engaged in the process perceive each other and their relations. She is also investigating the role that status (disadvantage, advantage, and equality) plays in such perceptions. Jessica plans to follow-up this dissertation with subsequent experimental and qualitative projects.

Other current research of Jessica's includes an article forthcoming in *Symbolic Interaction* on motherhood and impression management. Drawing on interviews with mothers of young children, Jessica suggests that women use well-dressed and groomed children to enact and confirm identities as "good mothers" – and to protect and enhance their own self-concepts – during the course of everyday social

interaction. In addition to her solo projects, Jessica is working with Linda Molm and David Schaefer on a number of experiments and publications in social exchange, as well as with fellow graduate students on research and papers currently under review exploring sociological explanations for gender differences in religiosity, effective strategies for the incorporation of media in sociology courses, and the effects of faith-based initiatives on social service referrals. Her paper "Socioeconomic Status and the Experience of Anger" (with Omar Lizardo) recently won the Sociology of Emotion's Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award and is also under review.

For the past three years, Jessica has worked in Arizona's social interaction laboratory, with Linda Molm. In addition to assisting in designing and conducting social exchange experiments and working on related publications, Jessica was in charge of training and supervising undergraduate and graduate assistants in the laboratory.

Jessica is also an award winning instructor. Her commitment to teaching and her success in the classroom earned her both departmental and university-wide teaching awards. She has taught introduction to sociology, as well as specialized courses in social inequality and education. In addition to her courses at the University of Arizona, in the summer of 2003 Jessica returned to Winthrop University, her undergraduate alma mater, and taught two courses.

Jessica is currently on the job market and plans to finish her dissertation by Spring 2006. She seeks a job that fosters both her involvement in research and her commitment to teaching.

ASA Sessions, continued

2:30-4:10pm

Across the Social Psychological Spectrum: New Theoretical Developments

Location: Philadelphia Marriott

Organizers: Michael G. Flaherty (Eckerd College) and Linda D. Molm (University of Arizona)

Presider: Michael G. Flaherty (Eckerd College)

Papers:

*Where the Action Is Again: Tiny Publics and Their Cultures - Gary Alan Fine (Northwestern University) and Brooke Harrington (Brown University)

*Language and Social Interaction - John Heritage (UCLA)

*Identity, Action, and Emotion in 21st Century Theory and Research - Lynn Smith-Lovin (Duke University)

*Affect in Social Exchange - Edward J. Lawler (Cornell University)

Monday, August 15th

8:30-10:10am

Across the Social Psychological Spectrum: New Developments in Ethical Concerns

Location: Philadelphia Marriott

Organizers: Karen A. Hegtvedt (Emory University) and Anna Johansson (Harvard University)

Papers:

*Into the Dark Heart of Ethnography: Sex, Intimacy, and Exploitation in the Field - Katherine Irwin (University of Hawaii-Manoa)

*Even the Rats are White: Power and Privilege in Experimental Methodology - Carla D'Ann Goar (Northern Illinois University)

*Use of Deception in Research: A View Across Disciplines - Anna Johansson (Harvard University) and Jane Sell (Texas A&M University)

*Some Positive Aspects of Informed Consent - Joseph A. Kotarba (University of Houston)

*Regulating Social and Behavioral Science Research: Questions of Justice and Legitimacy - Karen A. Hegtvedt (Emory University)

ADDITIONAL SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SESSIONS

Saturday, August 13th

10:30am-12:10pm

Social Psychology

Location: Philadelphia Marriott

Organizer and Presider: Pamela Braboy Jackson (Indiana University)

*Attribution and Commitment in Different Types of Exchange - Alexandra M. Gerbasi (Stanford University)

*Verifying and Maintaining Social Actors: The Role of Resources - Jan E. Stets (University of California, Riverside) and Alicia D. Cast (Iowa State University)

*The Social Stigma of Obesity: Does Body Weight Affect The Quality of Interpersonal Relationships? - Deborah Carr (Rutgers University)

*The Captive Heart: Women's Satisfaction and Commitment in Prison Inmate Relationships - Susan Miller (Palomar College) and Diane H. Felmlee (University of California-Davis)

Sunday, August 14th

12:30-2:10pm

Open Refereed Roundtable - Table 16. Social Psychology

Location: Philadelphia Marriott

Organizer: Jennifer C. Lena (Vanderbilt University)

Presider: Emily Tanner-Smith (Vanderbilt University)

*Narrating the Racial Self: Symbolic Boundaries and the Reference Group Identification Among Biracial Black Jews - Bruce D. Haynes (University of California- Davis)

*Self-Verification, Status, Self-Evaluations, and Emotions - Michael Harrod (University of California, Riverside)

*Volunteer work and trajectories of depression - Joongbaeck Kim (University of Texas at Austin)

Tuesday, August 16th

12:30-2:10pm

Teaching Social Psychology Workshop

Location Philadelphia Marriott

Organizer and Leader: Laura Fingerson (Univ. of Wisconsin - Milwaukee)

Co-Leaders: Sharon K. Araji (Univ. of Alaska - Anchorage), Anne F. Eisenberg (SUNY - Geneseo), and Rosemary F. Powers (Eastern Oregon University)

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Brian Powell, Indiana

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Carla Goar, Northern Illinois
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Group Processes Session at the ASA

Saturday, August 13

2:30-4:10pm - [Group Processes: Norms, Justice and Exchange Processes](#)

Organizer: Shelley J. Correll (Cornell University)
Presider: Stephen W. Benard (Cornell University)

*Explaining Norm Enforcement - Christine Horne (Washington State Univ.)

*Votes, Favors, Toys and Ideas: Resource Characteristics and Power in Exchange Networks - David R Schaefer (Univ. of Arizona)

*Affective Responses and Attributions in Positively Connected Exchange Networks - Gretchen Peterson (California State Univ-Los Angeles)

*Conflict and Fairness: Explaining Effects of the Form of Exchange - Jessica L. Collett (Univ. of Arizona), David R Schaefer (Univ. of Arizona), and Linda D. Molm (Univ. of Arizona)

*Inferring Just Rewards - Kimmo Eriksson (Mälardalen University College) and Barry Markovsky (Univ. of South Carolina)

*Selfista, Subgroupista, Groupista: New Results on These Emergent Subgroups and the Coalitions They Represent Among Pre-Existing Subgroups - Guillermina Jasso (New York Univ.)

4:30-6:10pm - [Group Processes: Developments in Status Research](#)

Organizer: Shelley J. Correll, Presider: Robb Willer

*Gift Exchange and Status Differences: An Experimental Test of Behavior-Status and Social Exchange Theories - Alison J. Bianchi (Kent State Univ.), Elisa Jayne Bienenstock, Donna A Lancianese (Kent State Univ.), and Vicki L. Hunter (Kent State Univ.)

*Legitimacy, Status, and the Acoustic Signature of Influential Speech - Christopher Moore (Univ. of Georgia) and Dawn T. Robinson (Univ. of Georgia)

*Expectation States Theory and Research: New Observations from Meta-Analysis - Will Kalkhoff (Kent State Univ.) and Shane Thye (Univ. of South Carolina)

*Status and the Legitimacy of Power - Jeffrey W. Lucas (Univ. of Maryland--College Park), Michael J. Lovaglia (Univ. of Iowa)

*The Emergence of Status Structures - Peter J. Burke (Univ. of California, Riverside)

*Structural Power and Status in Groups. New Theoretical Approach. - Kinga Anna Wysienska (Jagiellonian Univ.)

**Call for Papers
for A Special Issue of Sociological Focus
Titled "Group Processes"**

Sociological Focus invites papers that contribute directly to understanding Group Processes in a contemporary sociological context. Papers are encouraged across the broad range of specific theories and varied empirical contexts encompassed by the Group Processes paradigm.

For further information about this special issue, please contact the guest editor Alison J. Bianchi at 323 Merrill Hall, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242-0001, or e-mail her at abianchi@kent.edu; you can also contact guest editor Robert K. Shelly at Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 129 Bentley Hall Annex, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701, or e-mail him at shelly@ohio.edu. Submission requirements are available at the journal's web site: http://www.ncsanet.org/sociological_focus/notice05.pdf.

Sociological Focus will forward manuscripts to the special issue editors. All manuscripts will be peer reviewed. Authors of accepted manuscripts can expect publication in early 2007. Submit complete manuscripts to Sociological Focus, Department of Sociology, Box 210378, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0378, no later than February 17, 2006.

Mid-Annual Group Processes Announcement

The first Mid-annual Group Processes Meeting was held in April in conjunction with the North Central Sociological Association meetings in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Three paper sessions were organized by Ali Bianchi of Kent State University and Bob Shelly of Ohio University. Attendees represented eight different institutions of higher education and one private employer. The second Mid-annual Meeting is planned for next year at the Southern Sociology Meetings in New Orleans and will be organized by Lisa Rashotte of UNC-Charlotte. The call for papers will be forthcoming from the Southern Sociological Society. Organizers hope to make this an annual event, and rotate it among the regional associations.

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 newsletter editor, Gretchen Peterson, at gpeters@calstatela.edu.

The fall edition of the newsletter will be published in November. Any contributions for the fall should be sent by October 28, 2005.

Name: _____ Address: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ 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.