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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION **SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES SECTION**

## TheChair

Ever the case, sexualities and sexual politics are all over the news as I write this note to the section. The Massachusetts state legislature surprised activists on both sides of the same-sex marriage issue when it voted to advance a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage to the next step for consideration.

John M. Shalikashvili, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, published an op-ed in the *New York Times* indicating that he has changed his mind on the “don’t ask, don’t tell” military ban of gay men and lesbians. After reviewing additional evidence over the past several years, he has

come to believe that “if gay men and lesbians served openly in the United States military, they would not undermine the efficacy of the armed forces,” and he called the lifting of the ban “inevitable.”

In medicine, an HPV vaccine has been developed, promising to prevent most cases of cervical cancer. However, some social conservatives recommend against administering this vaccine to all girls age 9-11, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. The vaccine has not yet been made mandatory for school attendance.

Sociologists who study sexualities continue to make contributions to

these and many other salient issues. I am proud to report that section membership continues to grow. Our total membership at the end of 2006 was 434. I look forward to seeing you all at the ASA Meeting in New York. Please note that our section’s events will be held on Sunday, August 12.

**Tina Fetner**  
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### HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Send in your brief announcements, 500-word essays, reviews, letters, artworks, and photos for the next issue of *Sexualities-News* to: Dr. Peter Chua, [pchua@sjsu.edu](mailto:pchua@sjsu.edu), Dept. of Sociology, One Washington Square (0122), San José State University, San José, CA 95912-0122, 408-924-5322 (fax).

### KEY DATES

#### January 17, 2007

Open paper submission deadline for the upcoming ASA meeting

#### June 1, 2007

Submission deadline for the Summer 2007 issue of *SexualitiesNews*

#### August 11-14, 2007

102nd Annual Meeting of the ASA at New York City, NY

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# 2007 ASA Sessions

## This Section

In the last decade [1990s] or so, the study of sexuality has emerged as a vibrant interdisciplinary field of social analysis. For many years, sexuality was approached as an individual, biological or psychological phenomena. Today, the idea of sexuality as a social fact or construction is the point of departure for much of the most exciting scholarship in the area...

Sections are an important mechanism for getting out information about our specialty area... Section status also affords a variety of institutional supports from the ASA, including funding for information dissemination and a guaranteed number of paper sessions at the annual conference.

In short, we believe it is in the best interests of the discipline of sociology to advance the sociological study of sexuality. One way to promote this goal is to support the... "Sociology of Sexualities" as an ASA section and to encourage you to **join...** when you renew your membership in the ASA.

*Steve Seidman, Gil Zicklin, and Mark Hager*

## The Purpose

This Section encourages, enhances and fosters research, teaching and other professional activities in the sociology of sexuality, for the development of sociology and the benefit of society, through organized meetings, conferences, newsletters, publications, awards, and other means deemed appropriate by the Section Council.

It seeks to promote communication, collaboration, and consultation among scholars in sociology, the sociology of sexualities, and allied disciplines.

## Call for Papers to Sessions Related to Sexualities

Deadline for submissions online: January 17, 2007. See the online call for papers for details.

### SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES SECTION

- Politics, Conflict and Sexualities – Organizers: **Karl E. Bryant**, University of California, Santa Barbara and **Jyoti Puri**, Simmons College
- Refereed Roundtables – Organizer: **Alison Better**, Brandeis University and **Erin Davis**, Cornell College

### REGULAR SESSION TOPICS

- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Studies – Organizer: **Tracy E. Ore**, St. Cloud State University
- Sociology of Sexuality – Organizer: **Laura Mamo**, University of Maryland

### POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY SECTION

Politics, Sexuality, and Gender – The study of politics is being productively enriched by attention to the governance of sexualities, the gendering of politics and states, the political construction of gender, genders and sexualities. We invite submissions that explore these topics from both theoretical and/or empirical perspectives. Organizer: **Lynne Haney**, New York University

### SEX & GENDER SECTION

Challenging the Domains of Sex/Gender/Sexuality: Transnational Feminist Interventions (co-sponsored with the Caucus on Transnational Approaches to Gender and Sexuality) - Organizer: **Vrushali Patil**, University of Mary Washington

### SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY SECTION

Same-Sex Couples in Society, Politics, and Research – Organizers: **Michael Rosenfeld**, Stanford Univ. & **Pamela Smock**, Univ. of Michigan

### TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SOCIOLOGY SECTION

Incorporating Race, Social Class, Gender, and Sexuality into the Curriculum: Ideas for Teachers – This session seeks paper submissions that provide practical suggestions for teachers on how to change, update, and improve their sociology classes. What are strategies that you have used to integrate diversity into your syllabi, your assignments, and your classroom activities? Organizer: **Susan Ferguson**, Grinnell College

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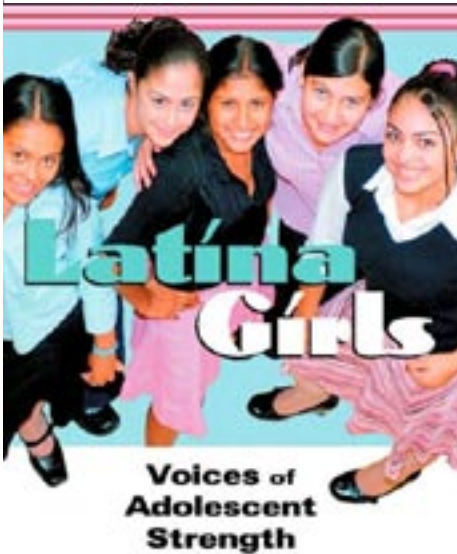
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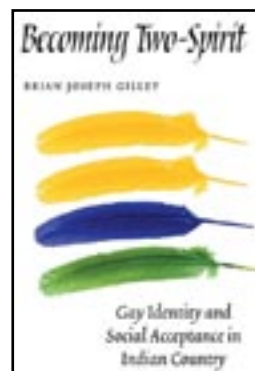
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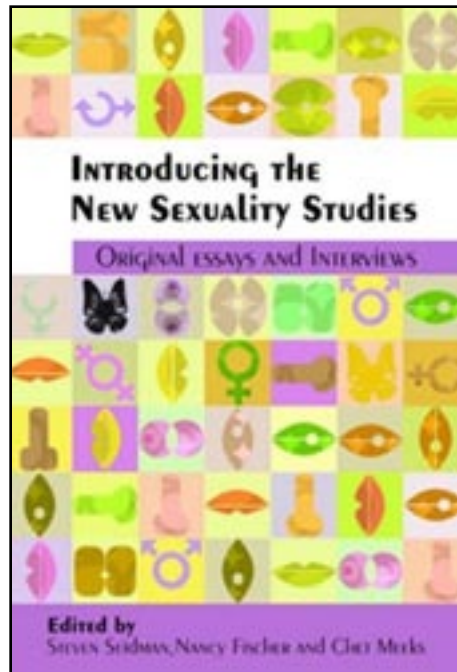


### New Anthology on Sexuality Studies with Essays & Interviews with Many ASA Sexualities Section Members

## Introducing the New Sexuality Studies: Original Essays and Interviews

Edited by  
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Breaking new ground, both substantively and stylistically, **Introducing New Sexuality Studies** offers students, academics and researchers an accessible, engaging introduction and overview of this emerging field. The central premise of the volume is to explore the social character of sexuality, the role of social differences such as race or nationality in creating sexual variation, and the ways sex is entangled in relations of power and inequality. Through this novel approach the field of sexuality is therefore considered, for the first time, in multicultural, global, and comparative terms and from a truly social perspective.


This important volume has been built around a collection of newly commissioned articles, essays and interviews with leading scholars, consisting of:

- Over 50 short and original essays on the key topics and themes in sexuality studies
- Interviews with 12 leading scholars in the field which convey some of the most innovative work being done.

Each contribution is original and conveys the latest thinking and research in writing that is clear and that uses examples to illustrate key points.

This volume will be an invaluable resource to all those with an interest in sexuality studies.

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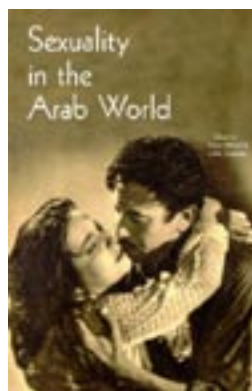
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# Nominations Being Accepted for 2007 Sociology of Sexualities Section Awards

## Simon and Gagnon Award

*Nominations due: February 1, 2007*

This award commemorates decades of research and writing on sexualities by Professor William Simon (University of Houston) who died on July 21, 2000, and his longtime collaborator, Professor John Gagnon (SUNY-Stony Brook). The Simon and Gagnon Award honors career contributions to the study of sexualities as represented by a body of work or a single book. The recipient of the award will make a presentation to the Sexualities Section at the Annual Meetings of the ASA. Please submit nominations (e-mail preferred) to: **Tracy Ore** (teore@stcloudstate.edu), Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Cloud State University, 353 Steward Hall, 720 Fourth Ave South, Saint Cloud, Minnesota 56301-4498.

## Martin Levine Memorial Dissertation Award

*Nominations due: February 1, 2007*

This award was established to honor the memory of Martin Levine, who died of AIDS in 1993. It provides \$3,000 to a graduate student (and \$500 to an honorable mention) in the final stages of dissertation research and writing, who is working on those topics to which Levine devoted his career: 1) the sociology of sexualities, 2) the sociology of homosexuality, and 3) HIV/AIDS research. It is designed to help students complete their dissertation, and as such the committee evaluates dissertation proposals rather than completed work. Dissertation proposals should be submitted to **Michael Kimmel**, Department of Sociology, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

## Graduate Student Paper Award

*Nominations due: March 1, 2007*

This award is given to a paper authored by a student currently enrolled in a sociology graduate program. A paper may be co-authored by two or more students who would share the award (papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible). The predominant focus of the paper should be sexualities broadly defined. Papers should be manuscript length and no longer than 35 typed, double-spaced pages. Send a letter of nomination, one hard copy of the paper, and an electronic copy of the paper through email to: **Elizabeth A. Armstrong** (elarmstr@indiana.edu), Dept. of Sociology, 744 Ballantine Hall, 1020 E. Kirwood Ave, Bloomington, IN 47405-7103.

## Distinguished Article Award 2007

*Nominations due: February 1, 2007*

The Section announces its first Distinguished Article Award—a prize for the best article in the sociology of sexualities published in the 2004 through 2006 calendar years. Chapters in edited volumes will also be considered. Winner(s) will receive the award at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in August 2007. Articles/chapters may be self-nominated or nominated by another scholar. If you wish to nominate an article/chapter, please send a brief nomination letter and a copy of the article to: **Thomas J. Linneman**, Department of Sociology, The College of William and Mary, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795. You may submit the nominating letter and article/chapter electronically, either in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format, to: tjlinn@wm.edu.