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ASA Section on Sociology of the Family

Summer 2014

Family Forum

Message from the Chair

Greetings Family Section Members,

This is an extraordinary time to be studying families, particularly with successes in multiple states to topple narrow legal definitions of marriage and policy debates about the consequences inequality. This year's annual meeting theme centers squarely on our section issues—Hard Times: The Impact of Economic Inequality on Families and Individuals. A variety of sessions will grapple with these issues—the best methods to study and analyze them, competing ways to frame sociological understandings of kinship, and how to implement social change.



Our section day – Saturday, August 16—launches this stimulating program. I invite you to peruse our many sessions (detailed below in the newsletter) as well as the presidential panels and film screenings. Please join our Section Business meeting, Saturday, August 16 at 9:30 am, immediately following the open session featuring 20 roundtable topics, when we will begin planning the 2015 conference.

Many thanks to those who organized sessions and read an inordinate number (upwards of 200!) of submissions, representing an abundance of scholarly work. Carefully reviewing these papers requires a great deal of time. On behalf of the section I would like to extend our collective gratitude to: Karla Hackstaff (Arizona State University, Flagstaff); Kai Maiwald (Osnabruck University, Germany); Mary Erdmanns (Case Western University); Ken Chih-Yan Sun (Hong Kong Baptist University); Erin Rehel (Advisory Board International); and Amanda Miller (University of Indianapolis).

Want to know about this year's prize winners? They will be announced at our section reception, jointly hosted with the Child & Youth Section, on **SUNDAY**, **August 19 from 7:30 to 9:30**, at Hops & Hominy. This gem of a restaurant, well reviewed, features southern cooking in a classic San Francisco brick building, tucked in a quiet alley two blocks from the Hilton. It will close to the public in order to accommodate our event and continue to serve "craft brewed American microbeers and a choice collection of local wines" (at a cash bar, after your one complimentary glass of wine) until the last sociologist goes home.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers: Wendy D. Manning (Bowling Green State University), Chair-Elect; Sarah Damaske (Pennsylvania State University) and Kevin Roy (University of Maryland), Council Members; and Natalee Simpson (Syracuse), Student Representative. I would like to thank Heather Jacobson for designing and editing another eye-catching edition of our section newsletter.

With sadness I want to acknowledge our collective loss in the recent death of two very fine sociologists of family: Suzanne Bianchi and Lillian Rubin. Below see the announcement of an ASA memorial for Suzanne, and a brief obituary of Lillian, written by Rosanna Hertz as this newsletter went to press. Our condolences to their friends and family.

I hope to see you in San Francisco,

Karen V. Hansen Brandeis University

ASA 2014 San Francisco August 16-19

Family Section Sessions on Saturday August 16 and Sunday August 17

Sociology of the Family Roundtables

Saturday August 16th 8:30-9:30

Session Organizer: Amanda Miller, University of Indianapolis

Table 1: Fatherhood and Paid Labor

Table 2: Domestic and Reproductive Labor

Table 3: Education and the Changing Family

Table 4 Egalitarian Families and Family Practices

Table 5: Emerging Forms of Fatherhood

Table 6: Familial Influences on Education

Table 7: Families and Health

Table 8: Families and Time Use

Table 9: Family Conflict and Dissolution

Table 10: Family Strengths and Challenges

Table 11: Fertility and Sexuality

Table 12: Gender, Race, and Class

Table 13: Marital Timing and Intermarriage

Table 14: Multigenerational Family Living

Table 15: Multigenerational Family Practices

Table 16: Parent-Child and Sibling Relationships

Table 17: Single Parent and Cohabiting Families

Table 18: The Division of Labor

Table 19: Union Formation

Table 20: Work and Family Decisions

<u>Families that Challenge and are Challenged by Our Times</u>

Saturday August 16th 10:30-12:30

Session Organizer: Mary Erdmans, Case Western University

When Caring Hurts: The Work of Strained Relationships in Trans-

national Families-Valerie A. Francisco, City University of New York-Graduate Center

Children of Queer Parents: Negotiating Identity, Stigma, and Community over the Lifespan-Rebecca Ann DiBennardo, University of California-Los Angeles

Single, Straight, Want Kids: The Emergence of Intentional Single Fatherhood- Katherine Johnson, Tulane University

Sliding and Deciding: Transitions to Cohabitation among Low-Income Black Mothers of Adolescents—*Megan Reid*, National Development and Research Institutes; *Andrew Golub*, National Development and Research Institutes

Reinstitutionalizing the Family: Marriage in the U.S. Military— Jennifer Hickes Lundquist, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Please Plan on Attending!

Family Section
Business Meeting
Saturday August 16
9:30 to 10:10 a.m.

Check out these film screenings at ASA

A Girl Like Her (8/16@ 10:30a.m.)

The Graduates (8/17@8:30a.m.)

The Waiting Room (8/18@8:30a.m.)

Flirting with Danger (8/19@8:30a.m.)

We the Owners (8/19@2:30p.m.)

And

Sneak Preview and Panel Discussion of a new film by California Newsreel: <u>The Raising of America</u> (8/18@6:30p.m.) **This event is co-sponsored by** The Family Section

Family Section Sessions for ASA 2014 continued

Globalization, Inequalities and Families

Saturday August 16th 2:30-4:10

Session Organizers: Ken Chih-Yan Sun, Hong Kong Baptist University, and Erin Rehel, Advisory Board International

Caste and Choice: The Influence of Developmental Idealism on Intercaste Marriage– *Keera Allendorf*, Indiana University and *Arland Thorton*, University of Michigan

How to Raise a Global Child: Reflexivity, Change and Divergence of Middle-Class Parenthood in Taiwan-*Pei-Chia Lan*, National Taiwan University

Transnational Moral Economies: Discourses of Poverty, Nationalism and Motherhood in Ukrainian Migration—Cinzia *Solari*, University of Massachusetts—Boston

Unequal Transnational Caregiving: Class Differences in the Elderly Care Provision— *Yu-Kang Fan*, University of Southern California

Love's Labors Lost? Emotion Work in Hard Times

Saturday August 16th, 4:30-6:10

Session Organizer: Kai-Olaf Maiwald, Universität Osnabrück

Challenges for Emotion Work in a Family: Empirical Evidences Concerning the Normative Change of Family– *Dorett Funcke*, University of Hagen

Intimacy and Emotion Work in Same-Gender and Different-Gender Couples—*Debra Umberson*, University of Texas-Austin, *Meike Thomeer*, University of Texas-Austin, and *Amy Lodge*, University of Texas-Austin

Prosumer of Emotions. Love and Emotional Labor on Online Dating Platforms—Kai Droege, Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt, Olivier Voirol, University of Lausanne

Hard Times for Families in Hard Social Spaces

Sunday, August 17th, 8:30-10:10

Session Organizer: Karla B. Hackstaff, Northern Arizona University

Culture Keeping and Raising a Child with a Disability-Laura Mauldin, University of Connecticut

Middle-Income Families and the Great Recession: Examining Challenges Over Time—*Laura Napolitano*, State University of New Jersey-Rutgers at Camden, *Patricia Tevington*, University of Pennsylvania

Mothers' Own Stakes in Intensive Parenting- Ana Villalobos, Brandeis University

Single Mothers and Disabled Kids in the Age of Neuroscience-Linda Blum, Northeastern University

When the War Comes Home: Shifts in Marriage after Reunions with Combat Deployed Soldiers-*Phillip Fucella*, University of California-Berkeley





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***** Family Section Reception *****

Sunday August 17 at 7:30-9:30 pm

The Family and Child & Youth sections' joint reception

at

Hops & Hominy

hopsandhominy.com

1 Tillman Place San Francisco, CA 94108

Join us for good food, drink, conversation, and celebration at the reception.

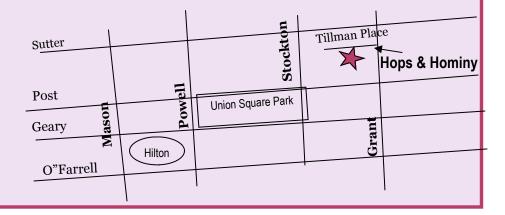
We will have the entire restaurant to ourselves!

Each guest will receive a ticket for one-free drink. Full open-cash bar to follow. Tasty appetizers will be served.

We will present the annual section awards, including the Distinguished Career Award and the Goode book award. Don't miss it!!

DIRECTIONS:

From the ASA hotel (The Hilton San Francisco Union Square @ 333 O'Farrell Street) head east on O'Farrell St. Turn left onto Stockton, right on Campton Place, left on Grant, and left on Tillman Place (an alley). Hops and Hominy (108 W Tillman Place) will be on the left. It is about a 10 minute walk.



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Other Sessions of Interest

Annette Lareau's Presidential Speech: The Transmission of Advantage

Sun, August 17, 4:30 to 6:10pm

Family Life in Hard Times

Mon, August 18, 12:30 to 2:10pm Session Organizer: Annette Lareau

Do Free Market Policies Go with Family Values: The Research, Arlie Hochschild, UC Berkeley

Hard Time and Family Life After Prison, David Harding, University of Michigan

How Families Cope with Hard Times: Using Emotion to Understand Inequality, *Marianne Cooper*, Stanford U. Stability Costs too Much: Poor Families, Eviction, and the Affordable Housing Crisis, *Matthew Desmond*, Harvard

25th Anniversary of The Second Shift (co-sponsored by Family Section)

Sunday, August 17, 10:30am to 12:10pm Session Organizer: Marianne Cooper

Panelists: Arlie Hochschild, UC Berkeley, and Margaret Nelson, Middlebury College

Discussant: Allison Pugh, University of Virginia

Biogenetics, New Reproductive Technologies and the Creation of New Kinship

Sunday, August 17t, at 12:30-2:10

Session Organizer: Rosanna Hertz, Wellesley College, and Margaret Nelson, Middlebury College New Kinship Studies: An Anthropologist's Perspective, *Susan McKinnon*, University of Virginia The Uncertain Legal Basis for the New Kinship, *Naomi Cahn*, George Washington University

Queer Intimacies and Structural Inequalities: New Directions in Stratified Reproduction, *Laura Mamo*, San Francisco State University

Creation, Disruption, Denial and Disclosure of Kinship in the Era of the New Repro-genetics, *Charis Thompson*, UC Berkeley

*****Family Section Elections Results

Chair-Elect (One year term, begins 2014):

Wendy D. Manning, Bowling Green State University

Family Section Council (3 Year term, begins 2014):

Sarah Damaske, Penn State **Kevin Roy**, University of Maryland

Student Representative (2 Year term, begins 2014):

Natalee Simpson, Syracuse

TO OUR NEW
OFFICERS!!

Thank you for voting!

Members' New Books

New from Stanford University Press : Sacrificing Families: Navigating Laws, Labor, and Love Across Borders by Leisy J. Abrego

Sacrificing Families draws attention to the disparities that sharply distinguish some transnational families from others. Through a comparison of 130 in-depth interviews with immigrant mothers and fathers in the U.S. and young adult children in El Salvador relying on migrants with various legal statuses, the book reveals how illegality and gender create inequalities across transnational families. The production of illegality through U.S. laws and the complex role of gender affect the reasons for migration; conditions under which parents migrate; how they are initially received in the U.S. labor market; their long-term job prospects; and ultimately the sums of money they can earn to send back in the form of remittances. Findings demonstrate that separation across borders and over a long period of time is difficult for families. Despite migrants' shared hope of improving their children's lives, structural barriers—particularly rooted in immigration policies and gender—prevent many



Sacrificing Families



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from reaching their economic goals. Whether parents do well or not, the results are evident in the daily lives and future aspirations of their children. Some are thriving, but others only fare slightly better, while others yet are struggling to barely subsist. Emotionally, some children of migrants learn to cope with the family separation, but others never stop feeling consumed by the sadness and sense of abandonment. These experiences, in turn, inform migrants and non-migrants' sense of belonging and contributions to the places where they reside.



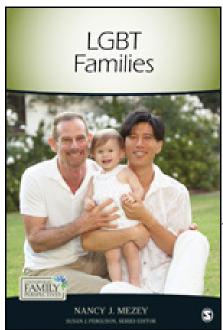
New from Sage Publications: *Methods of Family Research* by Theodore N. Greenstein and Shannon N. Davis

In the 3rd edition of Methods of Family Research, authors Theodore N. Greenstein and Shannon N. Davis continue to help students better understand the research results they encounter in doing family research. Using real-life examples to illustrate important concepts that family researchers encounter regularly, the text covers traditional quantitative methods, qualitative methods, and the mixed-method approach. Written in a clear, concise style, this book differs from other research methods texts, which focus on teaching students how to produce research, by teaching them how to consume research in a sophisticated, effective manner. The book introduces the basic concepts of social science research methods without excessive technical details. This text is aimed at advanced undergraduates and beginning graduate students in sociology, family science, human development, and related fields.

Members' New Books Continued

New from Sage Publications: LGBT Families by Nancy J. Mezey

Taking a social constructionist perspective, and part of the SAGE Contemporary Family Perspective series, LGBT Families by Nancy J. Mezey presents a comprehensive yet accessible understanding of

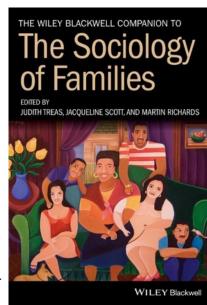


lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) families today by drawing upon and making sense of the burgeoning scholarly literature about LGBT families from the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Drawing on multidisciplinary data, the book pays particular attention to how structures of race, class, gender, sexuality, and age shape LGBT families, and how members of such families negotiate the social landscapes within which they exist. The book also contains information about LGBT families and communities around the world. The book aims at helping readers better understand the formation, experiences, challenges, and strengths of LGBT families by addressing two main questions: Why are new family forms so threatening to certain groups of people in society? and How are new family forms beneficial to the society in which they exist? For more information, visit http://www.sagepub.com/ books/Book237570?subject=Course4&sortBy=defaultPubDate% 20desc&fs=1

New from Wiley-Blackwell Publishers: *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Sociology of Families* by Judith Treas, Jacqueline Scott, and Martin Richards

Unprecedented social changes are taking place that pose new challenges for families. The Wiley-

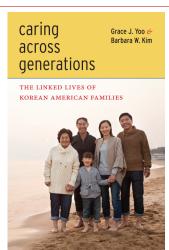
Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Families brings together a collection of original essays that investigate partnering, parenting and families against the backdrop of rapid social change brought about by globalization, contested cultural values, severe economic shocks, new technologies, and widespread rethinking of welfare state protection for families today. Written by a team of leading researchers from five continents, these newly-commissioned essays maintain a focus on family inequality and diversity over the life course while offering fresh insights into new family forms and intimate relationships. Extensively reworked since its publication over a decade ago, the volume spans a broad range of topics including changes to partnering and parenting in North American, European, Asian, and Latin American families; inter-generational relationships; immigrant and transnational families; cohabitation and divorce; same-sex families; and many more. Authoritative and timely, The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Families offers illuminating insights into the complex forces that are transforming family life in our globalized world.



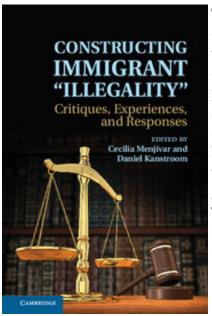
Members' New Books Continued

New from NYU Press: Caring Across Generations: The Linked Lives of Korean American Families by Grace J. Yoo and Barbara W. Kim

In *Caring Across Generations*, Grace J. Yoo and Barbara W. Kim present a fascinating account of the relationships between adult Korean Americans and their immigrant parents, exploring how earlier experiences helping immigrant parents navigate American society have prepared Korean American children for negotiating and redefining their parents' expectations for them as they both age.



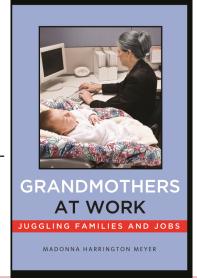
New from Cambridge University Press: Constructing Immigrant "Illegality": Critiques, Experiences, and Responses edited by Cecelia Menjivar and Daniel Kanstroom



The topic of "illegal" immigration has been a major aspect of public discourse in the United States and many other immigrant-receiving countries. From the beginning of its modern invocation in the early twentieth century, the often ill-defined epithet of human "illegality" has figured prominently in the media; in vigorous public debates at the national, state, and local levels; and in presidential campaigns. In this collection of essays, contributors from a variety of disciplines – anthropology, law, political science, religious studies, and sociology – examine how immigration law shapes immigrant illegality, how the concept of immigrant illegality is deployed and lived, and how its power is wielded and resisted. The authors conclude that the current concept of immigrant illegality is in need of sustained critique, as careful analysis will aid policy discussions and lead to more just solutions.

New from NYU Press: *Grandmothers at Work* by Madonna Harrington Meyer

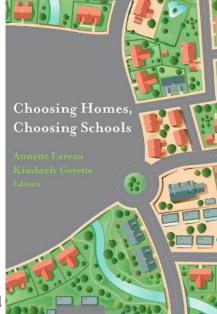
A groundbreaking study, *Grandmothers at Work* deftly reveals the lived experiences of working grandmothers as they balance caring for grandchildren with maintaining their careers, planning for retirement, and providing additional care for spouses, grown children, and other family members.



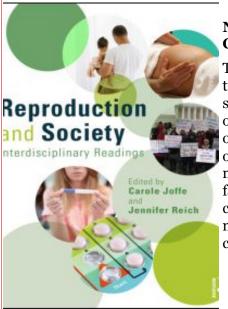
Members' New Books Continued

New from Russell Sage: Choosing Homes, Choosing Schools, edited by Annette Lareau and Kimberly Goyette.

A series of policy shifts over the past decade promises to change how Americans decide where to send their children to school. In theory, the expanded use of standardized test scores and the boom in charter schools will allow parents to evaluate their assigned neighborhood school, or move in search of a better option. But what kind of data do parents actually use while choosing schools? Are there differences among suburban and urban families? How do parents' choices influence school and residential segregation? What role so school concerns play in the preferences of white and minority parents for particular neighborhoods, and how the racial and economic makeup of both neighborhoods and schools mutually reinforce each other? Choosing *Homes, Choosing Schools* adroitly addresses this gap and provides a firmer understanding of how Americans choose where to live and send their children to school. Contributors include: Kimberly Goyette; Maria Krysan, Kyle Crowder and Michael Bader; Salvatore Saporito and Caroline Hanley; Paul Jargowsky;



Anna Rhodes and Stefanie Deluca; Annette Lareau; Shelley Kimelberg; Mary Patillio, Lori Delale-O'Connor and Felicia Butts; Elliot Weininger; Amy Schwartz and Leanna Stiefel.



New from Routledge: *Reproduction and Society* edited by Carole Joffe and Jennifer Reich.

This book provides a collection of essays, framed with original introductions, and helps students to think critically about reproduction as a social phenomenon. Divided into six rich and varied sections, this book offers students and instructors a broad overview of the social meanings of reproduction and offers opportunities to explore significant questions of how resources are allocated, individuals are regulated, and how very much is at stake as people and communities aim to determine their own family size and reproductive experiences. This is an ideal core text for courses on reproduction, family, gender, or sexuality. For more information, including a complete table of contents, or to request a review copy, visit http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415731034/

Lillian Rubin January 13, 1924-June 17, 2014

I am saddened to have just received an email from Lillian Rubin's daughter informing me that Lillian died on June 17, 2014. She has always been my hero. In awe of her work since I was a graduate student, I never imagined how important she would be in my life. At my dissertation defense I remarked to a member of my dissertation committee that if I had one wish it would be to have Lillian Rubin read my dissertation. Imagine my surprise when I received a letter written in long-hand (there was no email then and I still have this letter) encouraging me, but also giving me so much work to do that I was in tears because I never



thought I could answer all of her criticisms. This began a wonderful correspondence that lasted some 25 plus years.

Lillian Rubin (1924-2014) wrote more than 12 books which earned her well-deserved national and international acclaim. She wrote about the search for meaning in relationships, aging, friendship, race and class in the U.S. Her books include *Worlds of Pain*, which compassionately examined the bracing reality of working-class families as they sought meaningful work and struggled with troubles in marriage. She followed-up with some of these families twenty years later in *Families on the Fault Line*. Her analysis kept an eye on the impact of structural social and economic changes on the intimate lives of these families and their struggles around racial divides as they pursued their version of the American dream.

Lillian was a talented, first-rate interviewer who effectively opened the door to truth-telling and knew how to craft a great story. Her ability to blend so well the psychological dynamics of people lives with the strong forces that shaped them is one of her enduring legacies.

To read more about her life, see http://www.lillianrubin.com/

Rosanna Hertz Wellesley College

Special Announcement

A memorial reception for **Suzanne Bianchi** at the ASA meetings is scheduled for Sunday evening, August 17, from 7 - 8 p.m. at the Hilton San Francisco, Golden Gate II room.

Upcoming Meetings

International Sociology Association, World Congress of Sociology. Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology. Yokohoma, Japan. July 13-19, 2014. www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/

Society for the Study of Social Problems 2014 Annual Meeting. *Fifty Years Later: From a War on Poverty to a War on the Poor*. The San Francisco Marriot Marquis August 15-17. http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/562/2014_Annual_Meeting/

Sociologists for Women in Society Summer Conference 2014. Hilton San Francisco Union Square. August 16-18. www.socwomen.org

Employment Opportunities

The Department of Sociology at the **University of California**, **Santa Barbara** invites applications for a position in immigration at the rank of Assistant Professor. We seek a colleague who will increase the Department's graduate and undergraduate teaching capacity in quantitative methods, and we are particularly interested in scholars of Latin American immigration. The ideal candidate will have an active research agenda, a strong commitment to quality teaching, and a substantive research agenda that complements one or more of the Department's areas of strength. We especially encourage applications from candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching, and service.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, samples of recent publications, syllabi (if available), and at least three letters of recommendation. Materials may be submitted electronically via https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/. Applications received before October 3, 2014 will receive full consideration, although the position will remain open until filled. The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other characteristic protected by law including protected Veterans and individuals with disabilities.

Open-Rank Positions (Assistant Professor/Associate/Assistant Professor) in Sociology **National University of Singapore**

http://socialsciences.academickeys.com/seeker_job_display.php?dothis=display&job[IDX]=56487-SO140616m-6e&oid=839344

Research Fellowships, Postdoctoral Fellowships, and Visiting Fellowships in Changing Family in Asia cluster, Asia Research Institute, **National University of Singapore**. Deadline of the application: August 15, 2014.

http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/article_view.asp?id=1461

Hot off the Press!

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SPECIAL ISSUES

Marriage in Asia. Journal of Family Issues 35(12), 2014 October. Edited by Gavin Jones, WJ Jean Yeung.

Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia: School, Work and Family Life. *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.* 646, March, 2013. Guest editors: Yeung, W. Jean, Cheryll Alipio and F. Furstenberg.

Asian Fatherhood. Family Issues 34 (2). Yeung, W.Jean (Ed.)

Calls for Papers

Call for Papers for the fifth annual conference of the *Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies (SLLS)*. The overall conference theme will focus on social policy but we welcome conference submissions from all areas of longitudinal and life course studies: physical, psychological, social developmental and ageing processes and functioning within and across life course stages from infancy to old age; methods and findings of cohort studies; other sources of longitudinal data such as panel studies and record linkage; international comparisons; household, and income dynamics; intergenerational transfers and returns to learning; gene-environment interactions; 'mixed', and comparative methods; innovative methodology in design, measurement, data management, analysis and research practice (quantitative and qualitative). Proposals are sought for Symposia, Individual Papers and Posters. For more information and forms for submission of abstracts see http://www.longstudies.longviewuk.com/pages/conference.shtml or contact Professor Elizabeth Cooksey, SLLS President.

Call for Sessions, Papers and Posters for the 4th Annual *International Children's Geographies Conference*: *Young People, Boarders & Well-Being* in San Diego, CA, January 12-15, 2014. Proposals and enquiries can be submitted to Stuart C. Aitken (saitken@mail.sdsu.edu) or Thomas Herman (thomas.herman@cox.net). For sessions, papers or posters, please send abstracts of no more than 250 words. Include your affiliation and contact information.

Florida International University's (FIU) African & African Diaspora Studies Program's Call for Papers for international conference on *Roots/Heritage Tourism in Africa and the African Diaspora: Case Studies for a Comparative Approach* to be held on Thursday- Friday 12-14 February 2015 at the FIU's Graham Center Ballrooms in Miami, FL. Africana.fiu.edu

ACCOLADES

Cecilia Menjívar has been named a 2014 John Simon Guggenheim Fellow, one of a group of 178 diverse scholars, artists and scientists from the United States and Canada who were chosen from almost 3,000 applicants. Menjívar plans to use the fellowship to write the book, "Living with the Law," which will examine how Latino immigrants in Arizona live within the confines of immigration law in everyday experiences when they are waiting for decisions regarding their legal status in the country.

Carolyn C. Perrucci, Purdue University, recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Women Scholar Award.

Of Interest

Temple University, in collaboration with the **Center for Policy Research** (CPR), a Denver-based policy research firm, has launched the Fatherhood Research and Practice Network (FRPN), a project funded through the US Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation. The FRPN co-directors are Jay Fagan, Ph.D., social work professor at Temple University, and Jessica Pearson, Ph.D., director of CPR. The project seeks to:

- Promote rigorous evaluation of fatherhood programs that serve low-income populations.
- Expand the number of practitioners and researchers collaborating to evaluate these programs.
- Disseminate information that leads to effective fatherhood practice and evaluation research.

Over the next three years, the FRPN will award grants to support rigorous evaluation research being conducted on fatherhood programs and services. The purpose of these grants is to increase the number and quality of evaluations of fatherhood programs and learn more about how to better serve low-income fathers, racial/ethnic minorities and other populations that have not been widely studied.

The first of three rounds of FRPN requests for proposals (RFP) is now open, with letters of interest due by July 30. There is \$300,000 available for grants and the FRPN expects to make three awards of approximately \$50,000 and one to two awards in the \$100,000-\$150,000 range.

More information on this grant funding opportunity - and the full FRPN RFP - is available at www.frpn.org. In addition, the FRPN website includes a wealth of resources for fatherhood researchers and practitioners including published evaluation research, training and technical assistance resources and opportunities for researchers and practitioners to connect.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW BOOK OR ARTICLE COMING OUT?

Have you made a career transition?

Do you know of a fabulous conference?

Is your department hiring?

Do you know of a family-related fellowship that has become available?

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Send announcements to our newsletter editor, Heather Jacobson (jacobson@uta.edu), by October 1st for inclusion in our fall newsletter.