

# THE HUMANIST SOCIOLOGIST

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## Letter from the *Humanist Sociologist* Editor Saher Selod, Simmons College

Hello AHS Members! I hope you have all survived this winter. I am excited to share with you the Winter 2014 issue of *The Humanist Sociologist*. In this issue you will find a message from the President, the AHS Mid-Year Report, news about your fellow AHS members, several call for papers and an article on the referendum to support the campaign to free Albert Woodfox. Please read this over carefully so you can vote on this referendum. Additionally you will find the call for papers for our next conference in Cleveland, Ohio that will take place October 8-12, 2014. The theme of the conference is "Injustice, Exploitation, Racism and the Activist Foundations of Sociology." I know it will be a great conference. Finally, I would like to give a very special thanks to Greta Pennell for taking such wonderful pictures at our last annual meeting in Washington, DC and the Midwest Annual Meeting that took place in Indianapolis in February. Please enjoy the pictures.

Again, make sure to read over the Mid-Year Report. It is important that we all renew our dues each year to keep AHS a healthy organization. I look forward to hearing from you for the Summer Issue of *The Humanist Sociologist*. Please consider submitting your news, an article, photos or any call for papers to Saher Selod via email at [saher.selod@simmons.edu](mailto:saher.selod@simmons.edu).

Enjoy the rest of your semester!

## Letter from the AHS President Stephen Adair, Central Connecticut State University

In a place not suited for play, amidst a gathering storm, an African-American girl stands reflective, defiant, and brewing atop the rubble and waste of her own cultural past. This painting, "East Texas Playground," by Charles Criner, captures the theme for this year's AHS meeting: "Injustice, Exploitation, Racism and the Activist Foundations of Sociology."

Globally, we find ourselves, once again, in new days of hope and rage: Greece, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Syria, Spain, Thailand, Venezuela, Ukraine, Zuccotti Park. Many ends are unraveling, yet the confusing maelstrom of progressive and repressive forces pitched in open fights have made it hard to see the path ahead. The momentarily triumphant, global, structural conditions we might label neo-liberalism is now irritating a lot of people all at once. Is neo-liberalism teetering on the brink of history? Is there a banner under which a new progressive, global counter-



weight can rally? Can we – that is citizens of the world – discern and realize a more just and sustainable future? The story of our time awaits an end, and so, we -- that is AHS -- have much to brew about.

Here at home in the US (Occupy Wall Street withstanding), it may seem like the center is holding. Yet those same structural conditions that precipitated this age of austerity is raining down right in our face, right in our own playground. Rising student debt and the abandonment of public commitments to higher education are extracting a heavy toll on this generation of first-time adults. The mantra we now hear everywhere of needing to educate to meet the demands of tomorrow's workforce is eroding both the value and the support for sociology and all of the liberal arts. The accumulating debt and uncertainty not only make students politically docile, but it is as if they are supposed to feel privileged to incur this debt just so they can find a modest job from which to serve the one percent. We need banners, courage, and solidarity for this fight too.

The AHS annual meeting will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Playhouse Square on Euclid Street in Downtown Cleveland on October 8-12. The call for papers is included elsewhere in the newsletter. The Wyndham hotel is set in the cultural center of the city, near many area restaurants, and within a mile of Lake Erie. It is a smaller hotel and we will pretty much have the run of the place. Rooms are \$120 per night with free internet. Mary Erdmans, the Program Chair, and I are working hard to insure a dynamic, exciting, and rejuvenating meeting.

Many choices lie ahead: hope or fear, socialism or barbarism, despair or distraction, the afternoon session on color-blind racism or The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

See you in Cleveland.

Please let me know if you would like a copy of the call for papers suitable for posting in your department, [adairs@ccsu.edu](mailto:adairs@ccsu.edu). Cajole your friends, colleagues, teachers, and students to join us.



## Injustice, Exploitation, Racism, and the Activist Foundations of Sociology

### Call for Papers, Presentations and Sessions

#### THE ASSOCIATION FOR HUMANIST SOCIOLOGY 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 8-12, 2014

Wyndham Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio

Social “development” often only deepens structural processes that perpetuate injustice, exploitation, and racism. American slavery provided cause for a racist ideology that may have clouded people’s vision, but it could not conceal the violence and exploitation at its core. In the early days of industrial production, the direct social relations between workers and owners enabled the worker to see the contribution of their own poverty to both the property and the pockets of the owner. Today, racial inequality continues with great effect in a “color-blind” system “without racists.” Today, poverty often appears to be more about neglect, than active exploitation. Few can trace their dispossession to the accumulations of others, while those who accumulate insulate themselves from those who bear the cost of their good fortune.



Paul Klee Angelus Novus

The activist foundation of sociology resides in the good work of founders – Addams, DuBois, Marx, Fanon, de Beauvoir, Lee, and so many others – who challenged illusions to address structural injustices. It resides in the thousands of students who are drawn into sociology classrooms because they have come to see that the social world is not as it appears. And it resides in intellectual work that identifies and documents the social conditions hidden beneath the veneer of our public discourse.

If a more just world lies in our future, then future generations will look back and shake their heads over our barbarism. Between us and that improved future vision is a lot of good work that will assess, challenge, and dismantle the systems, processes, and ideologies that perpetuate our current inhumanity. Sociologists might not lead such a transformation, but some fraction of them (AHS members at least) will be there to inquire, to study, to document, to inform, to agitate, and to teach of the promises and perils in change and the inadequacies of current conditions.

**Papers and session topics that build from this foundation are encouraged, but we welcome all submissions of interest to sociologists and humanists.**

**Abstracts for papers, presentations or requests to organize a session should be submitted by July 15 on line at [www.ahssociology.org](http://www.ahssociology.org). Inquiries or programming suggestions should be sent to the Program Chair, Mary Erdmans [mpe10@case.edu](mailto:mpe10@case.edu) or the 2014 AHS President, Stephen Adair [adairs@ccsu.edu](mailto:adairs@ccsu.edu)**

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## 2014 Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty

*Sponsored by the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE)  
and the Center for Engaged Democracy (CED) at Merrimack College*

The annual Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty recognizes a faculty member who is pre-tenure at tenure-granting campuses or early career (i.e., within the first six years) at campuses with long-term contracts and who connects his or her teaching, research, and service to community engagement.

*Community engagement describes the collaboration between faculty and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.*

-Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

The Lynton Award emphasizes community-based scholarly work across faculty roles. The scholarship of engagement (also known as outreach scholarship, public scholarship, scholarship for the common good, community-based scholarship, and community-engaged scholarship) represents an integrated view of faculty roles in which teaching, research/creative activity, and service overlap and are mutually reinforcing, is characterized by scholarly work tied to a faculty member's expertise, is of benefit to the external community, is visible and shared with community stakeholders, and reflects the mission of the institution. In addition, NERCHE and CED conceptualize scholarly engagement in terms of social justice in a diverse democracy.

This year's award will be presented at the 20th Annual Conference of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU), "Universities as Anchor Institutions: Driving Change", which will be held from October 5-7, 2014, at Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. CUMU is a co-sponsor of the Award. The recipient of the award will have several opportunities to disseminate his or her community-based work, including presenting at the CUMU conference, presenting at the annual Lynton Colloquium, publishing in the Metropolitan Universities Journal, and participating in one or more webinar focused on community-based scholarly work.

### **Award Eligibility:**

- Only full-time faculty from U.S. public and private not-for-profit colleges and universities are eligible for the Award.
- A faculty member who submits tenure materials for review prior to the Lynton Award application deadline is not eligible to apply for the Award.

### **2014 Lynton Award Nominations:**

- Nominations can be made by academic colleagues, administrators, students, and community partners. Each nominator should aim to present a comprehensive account of the nominee's publicly engaged teaching, research, and service. To this end, the application provides for the inclusion of the names and affiliations of additional nominators. Further, endorsements from individuals familiar with one or more aspects of the nominee's work can be included in the supporting documentation of the application.
- In cases in which multiple individuals submit a single application for the nomination of a faculty member, one person should be designated as the primary nominator responsible for completing and submitting the application. Additional nominators can be noted in the appropriate section of the application.
- More than one faculty member from a single college or university may be nominated. Please complete separate applications for each nominee.

Nominators will submit nominations via an online application. To submit an application, please see the Application Instructions.

### **Application Deadline:**

**Friday, May 16, 2014, at 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**

Questions regarding this framework should be addressed to the Lynton Award Coordinator, Dr. Elaine Ward, at Merrimack College's School of Education and Social Policy by email at [lyntonaward@merrimack.edu](mailto:lyntonaward@merrimack.edu) (subject line: "Lynton Award Help") or by phone at (978) 837-3572.

Learn more about the Lynton Award>>

Learn more about NERCHE's partnership with the Center for Engaged Democracy>>

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# CALL FOR PAPERS

*Race and Contention in 21st Century U.S. Media* (tentative title)  
Prospectus in development for Emerald Group Publishers  
Jason Smith and Bhoomi K. Thakore, editors

In the 21st century, colorblind ideology permeates all structures of society, including the media. Representations of minorities in the media continue to reflect contentious stereotypes and ideologies. While these representations are problematic, they represent the racial order in which they were produced. To date, much has been written on the topic of stereotypical representation in the media. However, there have been fewer critical works on the ways in which increased minority representation speak to normative racial ideology, and the political economy surrounding the creation of these representations.

In *Race and Contention in 21st Century U.S. Media*, we strive to address the ways in which minority characters have broken the historical limitations of representation in mainstream/popular media. Through the works presented in this anthology, we will acknowledge the power of dominant values and ideologies in non-normative racial/gender representations, and the types of characterizations these representations reproduce. We contend that these representations have direct consequences on racial ideologies and hierarchies in the 21st century.

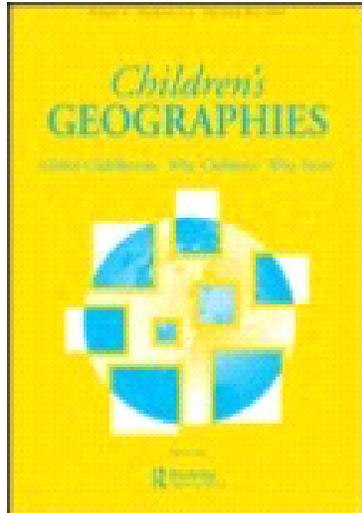
We seek both theoretical and empirical submissions that address minority representations in a variety of post-2000 media – including film, television, music, news media, and online/new media. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Media and the “Post-racial” (contributes to/challenges of)
- Race and intersections of gender and sexualities
- Ethnic identities/Whiteness
- Biracialism in the media
- Structural dimensions (around all forms of media)
- Policy-related issues and their impact on the media landscape
- Media as a melting pot or a source of multicultural displays
- Mass media or niche media in regard to racial/ethnic groups
- Media creation - practices, values, norms

Please submit your completed chapter (5000-7000 words), OR a chapter proposal (500-750 words, including your research question, key literature, and conclusions) to the editors by **August 30, 2014** in APA style format. Authors will be notified by October 2014 if their proposals have been accepted for the book prospectus. For more information and to submit proposals, contact Jason Smith ([jms5@gmu.edu](mailto:jm5@gmu.edu)) and Bhoomi K. Thakore ([bhoomi.thakore@northwestern.edu](mailto:bhoomi.thakore@northwestern.edu)).

# **Announcing Call for Papers: Children's Geographies**

North American Editor:  
Pamela Anne Quiroz, University of Illinois-Chicago



**Children's Geographies**, a truly interdisciplinary and international journal, publishes on the intersections of space and place in children's and families lives. We encourage submissions from researchers whose work addresses these intersections in the fields of anthropology, geography, sociology, child, youth and family studies, and education. We publish empirical, theoretical and methodological articles (including the use visual media). Early career scholars are especially encouraged to take a look at the journal's website [www.tandfonline.com/loi/cchg20#.UvbkZEJdV7E](http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/cchg20#.UvbkZEJdV7E). Children's Geographies is published by Taylor & Francis and has an impact factor of .86. The manuscript should not exceed 8000 words, including tables, references, captions, visuals, footnotes/endnotes.

If you are interested in submitting to CG and have any questions please email: K. Milam Brooks, Editorial Assistant, [kbrook4@uic.edu](mailto:kbrook4@uic.edu)

## Call for Submission of Articles to: Class, Race and Corporate Power

*Class, Race and Corporate Power* is an open-access, online academic journal examining the politics of corporate power. This includes an analysis of capital, labor, and race relations within nation-states and the global economy. We encourage contributions that explore these issues within holistic frameworks that borrow from a range of scholarly disciplines.

To contribute, click on journal title above, which will take you to the journal website. Then click on the "submit article" link on the right-hand margin of the journal homepage.

We will be publishing three issues each year, and are now accepting contributions for the current special issue as well as next year's issues, focused on themes of *corporate power* (March 2014), *labor and social justice movements* (July 2014), and *race and class* (November 2014). We want broad conceptualizations of these themes that engage important theoretical debates, as opposed to narrow case studies.

Our "Articles" section includes contributions that go through a double-blind peer review process with a month turnaround for reviews. We recommend submission of 25-35 page articles for this section, although alternative lengths are also acceptable (see the submission guidelines link at our journal homepage for more details).

In addition, we encourage shorter contributions to our non-peer-reviewed sections titled "The Politics of Culture" (review essays) and "Perspectives" (short opinion pieces). The editor-in-chief reviews these submissions and determines if they are suitable for publication.

If you have questions, please review our journal home page for more information. Or contact Editor-In-Chief: Ronald W. Cox, Associate Chair and Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University, at [coxr@fiu.edu](mailto:coxr@fiu.edu).

## First AHS Midwest Regional Meeting Held in Indianapolis

By Jim Pennell, University of Indianapolis

AHS sponsored its first Midwest regional meeting in the Fountain Square neighborhood of Indianapolis on Saturday, February 8, 2014. The theme of the meeting was *Whom Will Sociology Serve? Transforming the Discipline through Community-Focused Teaching, Service and Scholarship*. The event attracted 56 people, well beyond what co-organizers Greta Pennell, Tim Maher, and myself were thinking when we started working on this last October. The meeting was held at the Wheeler Arts Community, a community development partnership of Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND, a community development corporation) and the University of Indianapolis. Built as the first carburetor plant in the world and the place where electrostatic painting was invented, Wheeler now features live-in studios, SEND offices, and University of Indianapolis office, classroom, and theater space, in addition to interesting industrial architecture. A group rate was arranged with a local hotel for those who wanted to come in the night before the meeting and/or stay over Saturday night. A reception with pre-registration was held Friday evening at Wheeler Arts as part of the city's monthly First Friday Artwalk event, and included the Visual Arts Trio 2014 exhibit with paintings by Tim Maher, pottery by Sandy Maher, and photographs by Greta Pennell.

The meeting featured a daylong set of sessions where participants shared their efforts to engage their students and themselves in their communities through teaching, service, scholarship, or some combination. Participants came from eight states, and included faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students. Presentations focused on service learning, community-oriented research, addressing community and global issues in the classroom, and using media effectively. A plenary panel of representatives from various community organizations in Indianapolis discussed how they engage students and faculty in their work.

Regional meetings have been discussed during our national meetings for some time as a way to reach potential members and keep current members engaged in the association by offering low cost, one-day events. A New England meeting focused on teaching was held for the first time last year in collaboration with the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and a second meeting will be held April 12th this year at Holy Cross. See the AHS website for more information.

Hopefully others will step up and offer to plan and host another Midwest regional meeting next year. There has been some discussion of a Southern regional meeting next

year as well. The key is locating inexpensive space to hold the meeting within driving distance of universities in a number of states. If your university will let you reserve space to use on a Saturday for little to no cost, please consider arranging a regional meeting. As many of our Midwest regional meeting participants said, "This is a good idea; we should do it again next year." I am happy to provide more information about our planning and preparation if you are interested in arranging a meeting. Feel free to email Jim Pennell at [jpennell@uindy.edu](mailto:jpennell@uindy.edu).

## Association for Humanist Sociology, Inc. Board Meeting Conference Call, December 13, 2013

**Board Members Present:** Alan Spector, Stephen Adair, Johnny Williams, Susan Machum, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Chuck Koeber, Rebecca Hensley

**Other Members Present:** David Embrick, Bhoomi Thakore, Dawn Tawwater, Mary Erdmans, Karen Tejada, Joti Sekhon

Minutes taken by Rebecca Hensley.

**Previous Minutes:** Board members considered and approved minutes from the Board meetings at the Annual Meeting in October, 2013.

**President's Report:** Stephan Adair reported that plans for the Annual Meeting on October 8-12, 2014, in Cleveland, Ohio, are going well. An announcement will appear in Footnotes (the ASA newsletter) in February. Five hundred announcement flyers will go to the Eastern Sociological Society conference February 20, with Susan Machum, Johnny Williams, and Mary Erdman expecting to attend that conference. It was agreed that abstracts should be restricted to 150 words (to make the abstracts ready for use in the program). Stephan said he would develop a pull down menu allowing for the submission of abstracts online only under the required length. Mary requested and received input concerning the preliminary program. It was suggested that July 15th to August 15th will be the high production period toward that end, with the preliminary program in place by August 15th. David suggested that session organizers be instructed that sessions not fully organized will be dropped from the program at the preliminary stage. It was also discussed that paper presenters and session organizers don't always like the time or place they are assigned. Nevertheless, since it is unlikely that we would ever be able to please everyone in this regard, it was agreed that the question on acceptance of a paper or session would be: "When can you *not* come?"

**Publications' Report:** David Embrick (Editor in Chief) described his ideas related to a restructuring of the Editorial Board for *Humanity & Society*. He would like to see a members-only Deputy Editorial Board and a group of 32 Associate Editors, 25% of which may be non-members. The thought is that sociologists outside the organization with specific areas of special interest and who adequately demonstrate a grasp of the AHS perspective could heighten the credibility of the journal, provide needed input in their areas of expertise, and increase the likelihood that others outside of AHS would hear about and submit to the journal. Language in the Constitution related to expectations of Associate Editor reviewers would include their continued service being subject to renewal (with right of appeal) and a provision in place to remove them before their term is up for inactivity (as necessary). Since the AHS Constitution (Section 14 of Article 4) requires that an Editorial Board must be made up of AHS members, the necessary change in the Constitution would have to be approved by vote of the membership on the spring ballot. Protracted discussion produced unanimous agreement to proceed accordingly.

Bhoomi Thakore (Book Award Committee Chair) reported that Christine Wood, Marc Settembrino, and Damian Contessa have agreed to serve on the Book Award Committee for this year. The Board agreed unanimously that these members should serve in this capacity.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Koeber reported that the \$3000 royalty on the last issue of *Humanity & Society* did, indeed, go to Sage (a question unanswered at the time of the Annual Meeting). The Annual Meeting had a shortfall of \$3040, but AHS will exit the year with between \$30,000 and \$35,000 in the account. Additionally, paid memberships for 2014 are up, with 55 renewals already in and plans in place to keep that upward trajectory in motion. Having done the research to ascertain the best fit for AHS to make available membership renewal online and at the annual meeting, Chuck suggested that we should invest in a Square Credit Card Reader, which we unanimously agreed was an excellent and cost effective solution to a very basic organizational need.

**Nominations Committee Report:** Jeffrey Torlina (Nominations Committee Senior Co-Chair) was unable join the conference call, so Dawn Tawwater (Committee Junior Co-Chair) reported that the committee's work had been complicated somewhat by levels of concern related to the process of choosing candidates to run for the open positions. Some committee members felt unclear as to exactly how the process was supposed to work and the upshot was that a member who was put forward for consideration to fill the position of President for 2016 did not get fully vetted for that role. Discussion was emotional, largely due to confusion based on the fact that no one seemed to have knowledge of all the information related to the situation.

Ultimately, Alan Spector suggested that such communication difficulties are typical when a group is transitioning from a close knit family style organization to a more formal organizational structure. It was agreed that Board members would work to assist the Nominations Committee so that they could finalize the ballot. The Board also discussed the possibility of running more than one Presidential candidate at a time in the future.

**Possible Support for Campaign to Free the Angola 3:** Rebecca Hensley requested the Board's approval to present a referendum on the coming ballot so that members could vote on whether or not AHS wants to officially support the Campaign to Free the Angola 3. Albert Woodfox is the only member of the Angola 3 who remains incarcerated, having been in solitary confinement for 42 years, apparently for his active role in organizing prisoners at Angola as a Black Panther in the 1970's. The Board agreed that the referendum should be on the ballot and requested that Rebecca write a brief statement for the winter edition of the AHS newsletter so that membership would understand better what the referendum is about.

The Conference Call's time limit was reached and the meeting ended.

### **Referendum to Support the Campaign to Free Albert Woodfox**

The AHS Board agreed during its December, 2013, conference call to present to the membership a referendum on the spring ballot for possible adoption. The referendum is about whether or not the membership wants to officially support the release of Albert Woodfox, one of the Angola 3, incarcerated in solitary confinement for 42 years at this point. It was felt that the membership might need a more comprehensive understanding of the background of the case in order to decide the matter. This is intended to provide the necessary information.

In the early 1970s, while in jail for having committed separate robberies, Albert Woodfox and Herman Wallace embraced the principles of the Black Panther Party before they were sent to the Louisiana State Prison at Angola, known as the bloodiest penitentiary in America, rampant with drugs, gambling, stabbings and rapes. When they arrived at the prison, Woodfox and Wallace contacted the Black Panther Party national office, requesting permission to establish a BPP chapter inside the walls. Given the go-ahead, Woodfox, Wallace and a few other brave souls began organizing the prisoners at Angola to stop all prisoner-to-prisoner violence, including rape.

As the prisoner-to-prisoner violence decreased, the money made by the guards and administration through wide-spread vice and corruption decreased, as well. The prisoners organizing and working in their own best inter-

ests soon resulted in legislative investigations and Angola Prison administrators no longer felt in control of the institution.

On April 17, 1972, a young White guard was brutally stabbed to death. Almost immediately, Woodfox and Wallace were placed in solitary confinement and within days, a brutal serial rapist serving a life sentence claimed he had seen the two men stab the guard to death. There was no corroborating evidence. A bloody shoeprint and bloody fingerprints found at the scene did not belong to either of them. And their locations at the time of the crime would have made it impossible for them to commit the murder. Yet they were tried and convicted of the crime (based only on the testimony of the rapist who testified in return for his subsequent release from prison).

In the fall of 1972, Robert King, also a Black Panther, was sent to Angola to serve a sentence for robbery. Upon arrival, he was immediately placed in solitary confinement for "investigation" related to the murder of the guard, despite the fact that he was not even in the institution at the time it was committed. King, Woodfox, and Wallace then became known as "The Angola 3."

In 1998, Albert Woodfox' conviction was overturned, but a new grand jury, chaired by the ex-wife of a former warden at Angola (a woman who had written a book about the prison in which she repeated a number of lies about Woodfox, including that he is a convicted rapist, which he is not) determined that he should be re-tried. The new trial was held in the home town of the murdered guard. No new evidence was presented and the supposed eye-witness was dead (which meant that he could not be cross-examined). Yet Woodfox was found guilty once more, based only on the written transcript of the "witness'" testimony from the original trial.

In 2001, after Robert King had spent 29 years in solitary confinement, he was released. In 2008 and 2011, Woodfox' conviction was overturned twice more, but Louisiana Attorney General Buddy Caldwell who called Albert Woodfox "the most dangerous man in the world," has appealed each decision and blocked Woodfox's ability to post bond and be released, so he is still incarcerated, where he has now been in solitary confinement for 42 years. In October of 2013, Herman Wallace was released on a Habeas Corpus ruling only days before he died of liver cancer.

And on January 7, 2014, Woodfox's appeal was heard by a three-judge panel which is expected to make a ruling this year. In the meantime, Amnesty International has called for the immediate release of Albert Woodfox, saying that he has now, to their knowledge, spent more consecutive time in solitary confinement than any other prisoner in the world. U.N. Rapporteur on Torture Juan Mendez has also demanded Woodfox's immediate release.

Even the widow of the murdered guard says she believes that Woodfox and Wallace did not commit the crime and has urged the state and federal governments to determine the identity of her husband's real killer. But Attorney General Caldwell has vowed to take the case personally all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary. And Angola Warden Burl Cain was quoted in the Washington Post as saying, "Albert Woodfox is still into Black Pantherism and he belongs in solitary confinement whether he did anything or not."

## NEWS from AHS MEMBERS

### PUBLICATIONS

**Fitzgerald, Kathleen. J.** 2014. *Recognizing Race and Ethnicity: Power, Privilege, and Inequality*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

**Ladd, Anthony E.** 2013. "Stakeholder Perceptions of Socioenvironmental Impacts from Unconventional Natural Gas Development and Hydraulic Fracturing in the Haynesville Shale." *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* 28(2): 56-89.

**Jason Smith.** 2013. "Between Colorblind and Colorconscious: Contemporary Hollywood Films and Struggles Over Racial Representation." *Journal of Black Studies*, 44(8).

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2014. "Must-See TV: South Asian Characterizations in American Popular Media." *Sociology Compass*, 8(2): 149-156.

**Wolfe, James S.** 2013. *The Kennedy Myth: American Civil Religion in the Sixties*. Bloomington, IN: AuthorHouse.

**Jerome Rabow** has been busy publishing. Below are a list of his recent publications:

Chin, T., Rabow, J., Estrada, J., *Tutoring Matters: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About How to Tutor*. 2011, 2nd ed. Temple University Press.

Jerome Rabow, Pauline Y. Venieris and Manpreet Dhillon. 2014 *Ending Racism In America; One Microaggression at a Time: Students Speak of Pain Hope and Change*, Kendall Hunt, 2014.

Dhillon, M., Moore, J., Rabow, J., and Vega, Y. M. First You Stand Out, Then You Stand Up: Becoming an Ally for the LGBT Community. *Sociology Mind* 2013. Vol.3, No.4, 333-338.

Rabow, J. Blasphemy into Alchemy: A Teaching Moment. *Academic Exchange Quarterly* Summer 2013: Volume 17, Issue 2

## AWARDS

**Kristen Hourigan** was the recipient of the State University of New York at Albany's Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student Instructor. Congratulations Kristen!

**Kasey Henricks** won honorable mention for the Eastern Sociological Society's Candace Rogers Graduate Student Paper competition. Congratulations Kasey!

## NEWS

**Ben Sherman** was the subject of a story by in the SaportaReport about his continuous efforts to protest Walmart. Please be sure to read the article at [http://saportareport.com/blog/2013/11/brian\\_sherman\\_protests\\_walmart/comment-page-1/](http://saportareport.com/blog/2013/11/brian_sherman_protests_walmart/comment-page-1/). Keep it up Ben!

**Jan Marie Fritz**, University of Cincinnati, was a plenary speaker for the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology's annual meeting in Portland, Oregon (October 2013). Also, as the lead representative for the International Sociological Association to the UN, she was in charge of the International Sociological Association's parallel session - UNSCR 1325, MDGs and SDGs: Research and Action. The session was held (in relation to the UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting) on March 11, 2014 at 2:30 pm in the Guild Hall of the Armenian Convention Center (630 2nd Ave., New York). The keynote speaker was Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury, former Under-Secretary General and High Representative of the UN.

**Jerome Rabow** is currently developing a documentary on the experiences that his students have had wearing the pink triangle for one week. This is the symbol worn during the WWII holocaust by Lesbians and Gay men who were rounded up by the Nazis and put into camps.

**Dr. Jean-Marie Kauth** and **Dr. Luigi Manca** are organizing an interdisciplinary research-planning conference entitled "One Humanity--One Planet: Communications For and Against" to be held at Benedictine University in Lisle, IL, May 28-31, 2014.

**Matthew Hughey** and **Saher Selod** have started a collaborative of race and ethnic scholars in the New England area. The group, the **New England Workshop on Ethnicity and Race (NEWER)** has met twice so far. These meetings provide a space for scholars to come together to share their research and seek mentorship from one another on navigating academia as scholars of race and ethnicity. Feel free to contact Matthew Hughey ([matthew.hughey@uconn.edu](mailto:matthew.hughey@uconn.edu)) or Saher Selod ([saher.selod@simmons.edu](mailto:saher.selod@simmons.edu)) if you would like to join the group.

## **2014 ASSOCIATION FOR HUMANIST SOCIOLOGY BOOK AWARD**

The Association for Humanist Sociology is pleased to announce their 2014 Book Award. Authors, publishers, and AHS members may nominate books for consideration. The winner will be recognized at our annual meeting October 8-12, 2014 in Cleveland, OH. Nominations should be for Sociology or interdisciplinary social science books that approach their subjects from a humanist perspective.

As our Mission states:

Humanist sociologists strive as professionals, as scholars and as activists to uncover and address social issues, working with others to lessen the pain of social problems. We view people not merely as products of social forces, but also as shapers of social life, capable of creating social orders in which everyone's potential can unfold. Difficult times give humanist sociologists opportunities to apply their special skills and perspectives for the purpose of creating a more humane world.

Eligible books should have been published in the calendar year 2013 or the first half of 2014. If a book was submitted for last year's consideration, it cannot be nominated again.

To nominate a book, authors/publishers/nominators should e-mail a letter of nomination with the subject line "AHS 2014 Book Award Nomination" to Bhoomi K. Thakore at [bhoomi.thakore@northwestern.edu](mailto:bhoomi.thakore@northwestern.edu). Authors/publishers should send one copy of the book to each of the award committee members listed below. The deadline for nominations is June 15, 2014. Additional information about AHS is available at [www.ahssociology.org](http://www.ahssociology.org).

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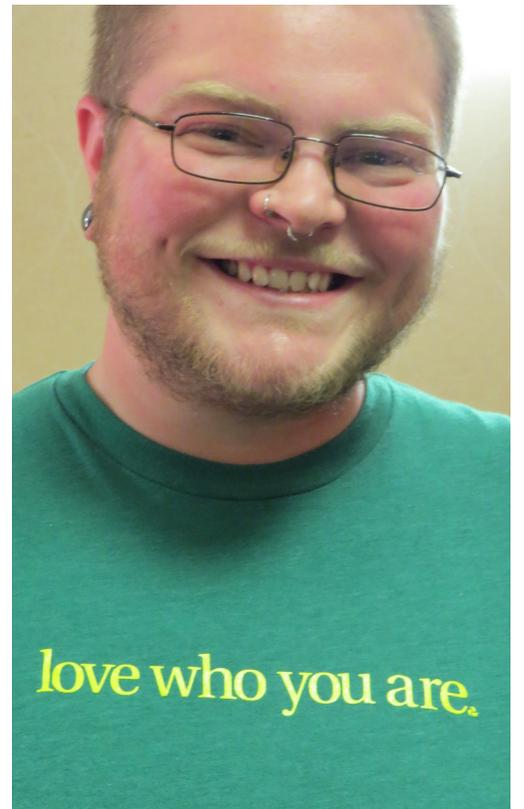
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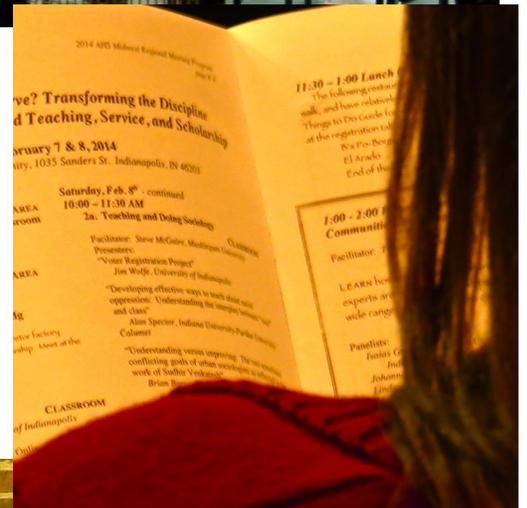
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## **Who Are We The Association for Humanist Sociology**

Our Past: The Association arose out of growing disenchantment with conventional sociology and a need for a more clearly value committed emphasis in sociological work. We came together in 1976, not out of shared politics or similar "schools" of sociology, which were, and still are, richly varied, but out of a common concern for "real life" problems of peace, equality, and social justice.

Our Philosophy: Humanists view people not merely as products of social forces but also as shapers of social life, capable of creating social orders in which everyone's potential can unfold.

Our Purpose: Accordingly, humanist sociologists study life with a value commitment to advance that possibility through scholarship and practice. We intend to be an active support network for sociologists committed to humanist values, as they practice sociology in institutions often hostile to such an approach. To this end, we produce a quarterly journal, *Humanity & Society*, as well as a newsletter, *The Humanist Sociologist*; we organize national meetings and have sessions at regional sociology conferences.