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# ASA-SKAT NEWSLETTER

## Science, Knowledge, and Technology

### From the Section Chair

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### 104th ASA Annual Meeting August 8-11, 2009 Hilton San Francisco and Parc 55 Hotel San Francisco, CA SKAT Sessions and Events

In her 2009 ASA meeting theme statement “The New Politics of Community,” ASA President Patricia Hill Collins calls for an exploration of the diverse meanings of “community.” She characterizes community as “an elastic social, political and theoretical construct that holds a variety of contradictory meanings and around which diverse social practices and understandings occur.” As SKAT members are well aware, the concept of community—most notably but not exclusively when it is used to describe “the” “scientific” “community”—can also obscure relations of power that keep some material objects, people, and ideas from consideration and defines others in ways that those included may not prefer.

In diverse ways, this year’s **SKAT Section Sessions** engage questions about how things are grouped and their consequences. At 8:30 a.m., David Schleifer’s panel on “**Science, Food, and Nutrition**” considers how food-related materialities, technologies and political arrangements have produced certain kinds of environmental and bodily outcomes. Anne Figert’s panel “**Science, Technology and Public Sociology**,” at 10:30 a.m., focuses on pathways through which health and environmental problems have been addressed by scientists, SKAT scholars, activists, and intellectuals.



The **SKAT Council Meeting** is from 12:30-2 p.m. at Pakwan Restaurant, 501 O'Farrell St., two blocks from the Hilton.

At 2:30, SKAT afternoon sessions begin, starting with the **SKAT Roundtables**, organized by Chris Ganchoff. They include panels on security and the state; disciplines, fields and institutions; technologies and material cultures; attitudes and perceptions of science; and boundary work and rhetorical demarcations. Chris has also organized a roundtable for the 2008 Robert K. Merton Award winner Libby Schweber's book *Disciplining Statistics*. Laura Senior and Adele Clarke will serve as critics. The **SKAT Business Meeting** takes place from 3:30-4:10 p.m., immediately after the roundtables. The meeting is a great place to discuss the 2010 meetings, get involved in SKAT committee activities, and to make professional contacts. Graduate students and junior faculty are especially encouraged to attend. The 2009 Hacker-Mullins Prize Winner will be announced at the business meeting, and we will honor 2009 Robert K. Merton Book Award Winner David J. Hess and Honorable Mention Winner Maren Klawiter. At 4:30, Jackie Orr's "**Bodies of Technology: Population, Capital, Code**" panel considers how contemporary corporealities and populations are created through new technoscientific and informational practices.

The SKAT **Reception** will be held from 6:30-8 at Heaven's Dog Restaurant from 6:30-8 1148 Mission between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th (<http://www.heavensdog.com/heavensdog.html>) Thanks to Chris Ganchoff for making the arrangements at this lovely and popular restaurant.

The restaurant is a short walk from the Hilton. SKAT will pay cab fare for people with disabilities to travel to and from the reception. Submit receipts to Secretary-Treasurer Chris Henke, at [chenke@colgate.edu](mailto:chenke@colgate.edu), Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY 13346.

*Walking directions:* Walk west on O'Farrell toward Taylor; turn left at Taylor and cross Market (Taylor turns into 6<sup>th</sup>); walk two blocks, and turn right on Mission. Heaven's Dog is 1.5 blocks away, inside the SOMA Grand. Directions are also the SKAT web site, and will be handed out at the business meeting.

Google Maps Walking Directions, uploadable to a PDA, can be found at: [http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&dirflg=w&utm\\_campaign=en&utm\\_medium=ha&utm\\_source=en-ha-na-us-sk-dd&utm\\_term=Walking](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&dirflg=w&utm_campaign=en&utm_medium=ha&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-sk-dd&utm_term=Walking) (The Hilton is at 333 O'Farrell St.)



## FULL LISTING OF SESSIONS AND EVENTS

### SESSIONS

#### ***Science, Food, and Nutrition***

MON, AUG 10 8:30AM – 10:10AM

Session Organizer: David Schleifer (New York University)

Presider: David Schleifer

Boundary Work and Slow Food: The Politics of Gastronomic Science

\*Matthew Chad Hoffmann (Loyola University Chicago)

Conditional Construction of Trust: Experts, Publics, and Genetically Modified Food

\*John T. Lang (Occidental College)

From Hunger to Nutrition: Anti-Poverty Activists and Federal Nutrition Policy

\*Kelly Moore (Loyola University-Chicago)

Global Food Production and Community Transformation: The Social Relations of Industrial Fish Farming

\*Rebecca J. Clausen (University of Oregon)

Perceptions of Nanoscience in the Food Domain: The Role of Knowledge and Views of Nature

\*Frédéric Vandermoere (Ghent University)

To Bean or Not to Bean: The Ironic Political Economy of Vanilla Production

\*Jennifer L. Croissant (University of Arizona)

#### ***Science, Technology and Public Sociology***

MON, AUG 10, 10:10-12:15

Session Organizer: Anne Figert (Loyola University Chicago)

Presider: Anne Figert (Loyola University Chicago)

Doing Science Differently: Feminist Health Activism Across Borders

\*Susan E. Bell (Bowdoin College)

Reflections on the Interdisciplinary World Research Policy

\*Susan E. Cozzens (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Public Sociology for Theory and Action: Case Studies for Environmental Health Research and Outreach

\*Crystal M. Adams (Brown University), Laura Senier (Brown University), Elizabeth Hoover (Brown University)

Public Sociology After Katrina

\*Scott Frickel (Washington State University)

Abstract: This invited panel of scholars explores and highlights the various ways in which the field of science and technology studies is actively engaged in public sociology. Whether through educating and informing public policy makers and the general public on key science and technology issues, creating research centers to carry out collaborative research with community members or trying to bring about social and environmental change, science and technology issues are ubiquitous to an active and engaged discipline.

**12:23-2:00 Council Meeting**

***Roundtables (One hour)***

MON., AUG. 10, 2:30-3:30

Organizer: Chris Ganchoff, Michigan State University

***Table 1: Boundary Work and Rhetorical Demarcations***

A Structural Content Analysis of Administrative Science Quarterly, 1956-2007

\*Kyle Siler (Cornell University), David Strang (Cornell University)

Knowledge Space as a Partially Self-organizing System: an Illustration From Literature on EPZs in Asia

\*Neha Gondal (Rutgers University)

The Rhetorical Demarcation of the Boundaries of Physics

\*Brian Douglas Dick (University of California, Davis)

***Table 2: Technologies, Practices, and Material Cultures of Science, Technology, and Medicine***

The Ambivalent Technological Experience: Ultrasound in Pregnancy

\*Hsin-Yi Yeh (Rutgers University – New Brunswick)

Sociological Perspectives on the Rise of Translation Research

\*Harry Perlstadt (Michigan State University)

The Industrial Museum & Transformations of the U.S. Science Museum Field

\*Cheryl Ann Holzmeyer (University of California- Berkeley)

***Table 3: Attitudes/Perceptions of Science, Technology, and Medicine***

Scientists, Elected Officials, and Science-Based Policy: The Cases of Global Warming and Stem Cell Research

\*Timothy L. O'Brien (Indiana University)

Gendered Contexts: Masculinity, Knowledge, and Attitudes Toward Biotechnology

\*Richard Michael Simon (The Pennsylvania State University)

Boundary Work in the Health Research Field: Biomedical and Clinician Scientists's Perceptions of Social Science Research

\*Mathieu Albert (University of Toronto), Suzanne Laberge (University of Montreal), Brian D. Hodges (University of Toronto)

**Table 4: Relationships Among Disciplines, Fields, and Institutions**

Legislating Pain Medication: An Event History Examination of the Spread of Legal Discourse

\*Jennifer L. Croissant (University of Arizona)

Convergence Theory and Disciplinary Differences

\*Grant Blank (Applied Social Research Associates), Roberta M. Spalter-Roth (American Sociological Association), Jean H. Shin (American Sociological Association)

Localism and Local Academic Conventions: An Impact of Faculty Strategies and Values

\*Maria Yudkevich (Higher School of Economics), Elizaveta Sivak (Higher School of Economics)

**Table 5: Policy, Security and the State**

Disciplining an Unruly Field: Terrorism Experts and Theories of Scientific/Intellectual Productions

\*Lisa Stampnitzky (European University Institute)

At Stake with Implementation: Trials of Explicitness in the Description of the State

\*Fabian Muniesa (Ecole des Mines de Paris), Dominique Linhardt (Ecole des Mines de Paris)

War Beyond the Battlefield: Los Alamos as Laboratory for Domestic Security Measures

\*Jeffrey P. Bussolini (CSI-CUNY), Jennifer Fleming (LANL)

**Table 6: Author Meets Critics: Libby Schweber, *Disciplining Statistics: Demography and Vital Statistics in France and England, 1830–1885* (Duke University Press, 2006)**

Session Organizer: Chris B. Ganchoff (Michigan State University)

Presider: Libby Schweber (University of Reading)

\*Critic: Laura Senier (Brown University)

\*Critic: Adele E. Clarke (University of California – San Francisco)

**3:30-4:30: Business Meeting**

***Bodies of Technology: Population, Capital, Code***

MON, AUG 10 4:30PM – 6:10PM

Session Organizer: Jackie Orr (Syracuse University)

Presider: Jackie Orr (Syracuse University)

Between Neutrality and Difference: Bodies of Economics and Experience

\*Aneesh Aneesh (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Killer Applications: The Racial Pharmacology of Antipsychotics of Metabolic Syndrome

\*Anthony Ryan Hatch (University of Maryland-College Park)

Mining Patient Information: Making and Asset of Afflicted Populations

\*Martin French (Queens University (Canada) and Fiona Alice Miller (University of Toronto)

Near-Death Experiences: Measuring and Managing Vulnerability in the Post-Welfare State

\*Craig David Willse (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

Discussant: Patricia T. Clough (CUNY Graduate Center)

Abstract: This panel draws together research on the making and unmaking of contemporary 'corporealities,' in particular the production of new social, medical, human and non-human populations via technoscientific and informational practices. How do we re-think embodiment and power today in the context of the biopolitical management of everyday life? What theoretical and empirical practices might be adequate to the challenges of a critical sociology of techno-embodiments?

**Reception:** 6:30-8 p.m., Heaven's Dog Restaurant, 1148 Mission (see page 2, above, for directions). Directions will also be handed out at the business meeting and are posted on the SKAT web site.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As usual, there are many other science, knowledge, and technology related sessions at the ASA meeting, including Regular Sessions on:**

Technology  
SUNDAY, AUG. 9, 8:30-10:10  
Organizer: Kelly Moore, Loyola University

The Sociology of Science  
SUNDAY, AUG. 9, 10:30-12:12  
Organizer: Kelly A. Joyce, College of William and Mary

The Sociology of Knowledge  
SUNDAY, AUG. 9, 12:30-2:00  
Organizer: John H. Stanfield II, Fielding Graduate Student University

Ethics and Science  
SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 12:30 2:30  
Organizer, Stephen Zehr, University of Southern Indiana

and a special session on  
Developing a (Social) Science of Science and Innovation Policy  
MON, AUG 10 - 8:30AM - 10:10AM  
Session Organizer: Jonathon E. Mote (University of Maryland)

## Congratulations

**David J. Hess**, 2009 Robert K. Merton Book Award Winner for *Alternative Pathways in Science and Industry* (MIT Press, 2006)

**Maren Klawiter**, 2009 Robert K. Merton Book Award Honorable Mention for *The Biopolitics of Breast Cancer* (University of Minnesota Press, 2008)

**Yingyi Ma**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Syracuse University, was awarded a grant from Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's Program on the Science and Engineering Workforce for "Gender and Racial Patterns in the Attainment of a Science/Engineering Baccalaureate." She was one of six recipients of Sloan Science and Engineering Workforce Grants.

### **New Program Officers at NSF Science and Society Program**

The NSF Program in Science, Technology & Society is pleased to announce its two new Program Officers starting this month:

Kelly Joyce, Associate Professor of Sociology, College of William and Mary

Michael Gorman, Professor of Science, Technology & Society, University of Virginia

They will succeed Laurel Smith-Doerr and Steve Zehr, who will be returning to the Sociology departments at Boston University and University of Southern Indiana, respectively. Kelly Joyce and Mike Gorman will be attending the ASA meetings in San Francisco and will attend the SKAT Business Meeting. Contact them if you'd like to discuss a research or dissertation project.

### **Wikileaks has taken receipt of the complete catalog of Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports.**

The CRS writes non-partisan reports on every conceivable topic addressed by Congress. All of these materials are supposed to be in the public domain but are released to the public at the discretion of members. Previously, only a very select few reports were ever made public. There quite a bit of SKAT-related material here, all available for the first time. For a list of available reports and more information, visit: <http://wikileaks.org/wiki/>

### **INCOMING AND OUTGOING OFFICERS**

Thanks to outgoing Council Members **Scott Frickel** (Washington State University) and **Laurel Smith-Doerr** (Boston University) and Student Member (and now Assistant Professor) **Chris Ganchoff** (Michigan State University) for outstanding service to the section.

New Officers whose terms begin August 2009 are:

Chair, **Daniel L. Kleinman** (University of Wisconsin);  
Chair-Elect, **Monica Casper** (Arizona State University);  
Council members, **Sydney Halpern** (University of Illinois-Chicago) and **Elizabeth Popp-Berman** (SUNY-Albany);  
Student Member **Wendy McGuire** (University of Toronto)

Please also welcome our new **Newsletter Editor Jay Burlingham** (University of Wisconsin), who will take up his new position on August 1. Look for changes and new sections in the October issue! Contact Jay at [jburling@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:jburling@ssc.wisc.edu).

## NEW BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Mary L. Gray, *Out in the Country: Youth, Media, and Queer Visibility in Rural America*  
(New York University Press, forthcoming, August 1, 2009)

From Wal-Mart drag parties and renegade Homemaker's Clubs to home-spun websites, *Out in the Country* offers an unprecedented contemporary, deeply contextualized take on the role of new media in the lives of today's rural lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Mary L. Gray's detailed account of young people living in small towns across rural Kentucky and along its desolate Appalachian borders illustrates that, against a backdrop of an increasingly impoverished and privatized rural America, LGBTQ youth and their allies visibly—and often vibrantly—stretch the boundaries of public spaces available to them, whether in their high schools, public libraries, town hall meetings, churches, or through websites. *Out in the Country* shows that, in addition to the spaces of Main Street, rural LGBTQ youth draw on new media to fashion their emerging queer identities and make them familiar to local family and friends. Their triumphs and travails defy clear distinctions often drawn between online and offline experiences of identity, fundamentally redefining our understanding of the term 'queer visibility' and its political stakes. Gray combines ethnographic insight with incisive cultural critique, engaging fundamental questions that challenge both queer studies and media scholarship. *Out in the Country* is a timely and groundbreaking study of sexuality and gender, new media, youth culture, and the meaning of identity and social movements in a digital age.

For more information see the book publisher's site at:

[http://www.nyupress.org/books/Out\\_in\\_the\\_Country-products\\_id-11057.html](http://www.nyupress.org/books/Out_in_the_Country-products_id-11057.html)

## OTHER NEW and FORTHCOMING BOOKS

Barry Barnes and John Dupré, *Genomes and What to Make of Them*  
(University of Chicago Press, 2008)

Peter J. Bowler, *Science for All: The Popularization of Science in Early Twentieth-Century Britain*  
(University of Chicago Press, 2009)

Margot Canaday, *The Straight State: Sexuality and Citizenship in Twentieth-Century America*,  
(Princeton University Press, Fall 2009)

Bruce Clarke and Mark B. N. Hansen, *Emergence and Embodiment: New Essays on  
Second-Order Systems Theory* (Duke University Press, 2009)

Ed Cohen, *A Body Worth Defending: Immunity, BioPolitics, and the Apotheosis of the Modern Body*  
(Duke, September 2009)

Matthew Connelly, *Fatal Misconception: The Misguided Struggle to Control World Population*  
(Harvard University Press, Fall 2009)

Joseph C. Hermanowicz, *Lives in Science: How Institutions Affect Academic Careers* (University of Chicago Press, 2009)

Christopher M. Kelty, *Two Bits: The Cultural Significance of Free Software* (Duke University Press, 2008)

Michael Lynch, Simon A. Cole, Ruth McNally, and Kathleen Jordan, *Truth Machine: The Contentious History of DNA Fingerprinting* (University of Chicago Press, 2008)

Lynn C. Klotz and Edward J. Sylvester, *Breeding Bio Insecurity: How U.S. Biodefense Is Exporting Fear, Globalizing Risk, and Making Us All Less Secure* (University of Chicago Press, 2009)

Gabriela Soto Laveaga, *Jungle Laboratories: Mexican Peasants, National Projects, and the Making of the Pill* (Duke University Press 2009)

Laura Mamo and Jennifer Fosket, *Living Green: Communities that Sustain* (New Society Press, 2009)

Mark S. Micale, *Hysterical Men* (Harvard University Press, 2009)  
Sandra Mitchell, *Unsimple Truths: Science, Complexity, and Policy* (University of Chicago Press, 2009)

Chandra Mukerji, *Impossible Engineering: Technology and Territoriality on the Canal du Midi* (Princeton University Press, 2009)

Andrew Pickering and Keith Guzik, *The Mangle in Practice: Science, Society, and Becoming* (Duke University Press, 2008)

Karen-Sue Taussig, *Ordinary Genomes: Science, Citizenship, and Genetic Identities* (Duke University Press, 2009)

Dorceta E. Taylor, *The Environment and the People in American Cities, 1600s-1900s: Disorder, Inequality, and Social Change* (Duke University Press, 2009)

Andre Wakefield, *The Disordered Police State: German Cameralism as Science and Practice* (University of Chicago Press, 2009)

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Call for Proposals: Robert W. Gore Materials Innovation Project Center for Contemporary History and Policy Chemical Heritage Foundation

**Deadline: July 31, 2009**

The Center for Contemporary History and Policy (CCHP) of the Chemical Heritage Foundation is seeking scholars to write case studies on contemporary materials innovation. The case studies, typically 25-35 pages in length, will consist of empirical investigations on research and development,

production, marketing, and use of new materials since ca. 1980. Studies should describe the underlying scientific and technical advances, but the primary analytical orientation should be on the broader social, economic, and political context of materials innovation, including but not limited to: the role of regulation; the influence of standards and standard-setting institutions; the role of organizational factors; the impacts of changing markets and supply chains on corporate innovation; the effects of the changing innovation environment.

The CCHP will provide selected scholars with stipends and research funds to conduct research and write the case studies, as well as other administrative support to publish and disseminate the final results. Successful scholars will be required to visit Philadelphia for a mid-term review and a final presentation. Selected scholars will retain copyright of the case studies, and the CHF encourages them to publish the results as scholarly articles and book chapters. Begun in 2006, the Gore Materials Innovation Case Studies Project has four completed and six ongoing case studies on a variety of topics. Previous studies include: biodegradable plastics at BASF; chemically amplified photoresists at IBM; Nanomesh water-filtration system; and the role of DARPA in the development integrated photonics. Completed case studies can be viewed on the CHF website at <http://www.chemheritage.org/about/about-cchp-pubs-materials-innovation.html>

While we will accept proposals on all topics covered within the broad boundaries outlined above, in order to maintain the balance of the overall project, we plan to give preference to proposals engaging in the following themes

- (1) Materials innovation in non-U.S. contexts, especially in Asia
- (2) Emerging regulatory regimes in nano-materials
- (3) Failed materials innovations, which become a bottleneck in technological development

For clarifications on preferred themes, please get in touch with the Program Associate, Innovation Studies Program.

Submissions should include:

- (1) Cover letter including the following information: name; mailing address to be used for future correspondence; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; present rank and institution name; date Ph.D. received or expected; and title of your research project.
- (2) Case study proposal of not more than 1,000 words in length.
- (3) Curriculum vitae.
- (4) (For graduate students only) One letter of recommendation sent directly to the Program Associate, Innovation Studies Program

**Please send the complete package to:**

Chi Chan, Program Associate, Innovation Studies Program  
cchan@chemheritage.org  
Chemical Heritage Foundation  
315 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Proposals will be reviewed by CCHP and outside reviewers, and candidates will be notified of results by mid-August 2009. We expect the first draft of the selected case studies to be completed by spring 2010. <http://www.chemheritage.org/about/about-cchp.html>



**The Digging into Data Challenge** is an international grant competition sponsored by four leading research agencies, the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) from the United Kingdom, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) from the United States, the National Science Foundation (NSF) from the United States, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) from Canada.

This program is motivated by the opportunities that innovations in computing provide for reshaping scholarship in the social sciences and humanities. The idea behind the Digging into Data Challenge is to answer the question “what do you do with a million books?” Or a million pages of newspaper? Or a million photographs of artwork? That is, how does the notion of scale affect humanities and social science research? Now that scholars have access to huge repositories of digitized data -- far more than they could read in a lifetime -- what does that mean for research?

For more information and to submit a proposal, follow submission instructions provided at [www.diggingintodata.org](http://www.diggingintodata.org) If you have any question or would like to learn more about CISE interests in the “Digging into Data” program, please contact Program Director Steven Griffin, [sgriffin@nsf.gov](mailto:sgriffin@nsf.gov), 703-292-8930.

### **National Science Foundation Science, Technology, and Society (STS) Program**

STS considers proposals that examine historical, philosophical, and sociological questions that arise in connection with science, engineering, and technology, and their respective interactions with society. STS has four components:

1. Ethics and Values in Science, Engineering and Technology (EVS),
2. History and Philosophy of Science, Engineering and Technology (HPS),
3. Social Studies of Science, Engineering and Technology (SSS),
4. Studies of Policy, Science, Engineering and Technology (SPS).

The components overlap, but are distinguished by the different scientific and scholarly orientations they take to the subject matter, as well as by different focuses within the subject area. STS encourages the submission of hybrid proposals that strive to integrate research involving two or more of these core areas.

STS provides the following modes of support:

1. Scholars Awards,
2. Standard Research Grants and Grants for Collaborative Research,
3. Postdoctoral Fellowships,
4. Professional Development Fellowships,
5. Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants,
6. Small Grants for Training and Research,
7. Conference and Workshop Awards,
8. Other Funding Opportunities.

## National Science Foundation Program on Science of Science and Innovation Policy

The Science of Science & Innovation Policy (SciSIP) program supports research designed to advance the scientific basis of science and innovation policy. Research funded by the program thus develops, improves and expands models, analytical tools, data and metrics that can be applied in the science policy decision making process. For example, research proposals may develop behavioral and analytical conceptualizations, frameworks or models that have applications across a broad array of SciSIP challenges, including the relationship between broader participation and innovation or creativity. Proposals may also develop methodologies to analyze science and technology data, and to convey the information to a variety of audiences. Researchers are also encouraged to create or improve science and engineering data, metrics and indicators reflecting current discovery, particularly proposals that demonstrate the viability of collecting and analyzing data on knowledge generation and innovation in organizations.

Among the many research topics supported are:

- examinations of the ways in which the contexts, structures and processes of science and engineering research are affected by policy decision,
- the evaluation of the tangible and intangible returns from investments in science and from investments in research and development,
- the study of structures and processes that facilitate the development of usable knowledge, theories of creative processes and their transformation into social and economic outcomes,
- the collection, analysis and visualization of new data describing the scientific and engineering enterprise.

The SciSIP program invites the participation of researchers from all of the social, behavioral and economic sciences as well as those working in domain-specific applications such as chemistry, biology, physics, or nanotechnology. The program welcomes proposals for individual or multi-investigator research projects, doctoral dissertation improvement awards, conferences, workshops, symposia, experimental research, data collection and dissemination, computer equipment and other instrumentation, and research experience for undergraduates. The program places a high priority on interdisciplinary research as well as international collaboration.

Investigators are encouraged to submit proposals of joint interest to the SciSIP Program and other NSF programs and NSF initiative areas. The program places a high priority on broadening participation and encourages proposals from junior faculty, women, other underrepresented minorities, Research Undergraduate Institutions, and EPSCoR states. The program also supports small grants that are time-critical and small grants that are high-risk and of a potentially transformative nature (see [Grants for Rapid Response Research \(RAPID\) and EARly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research \(EAGER\)](#).)

For program specific guidelines on the Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants in SciSIP, please visit: [Doctoral Preparation Checklist](#). The [Division of Science Resources Statistics \(SRS\)](#) will provide special support for Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants that utilize SRS datasets.

**Full Proposal Deadline Date: September 9, 2009**

September 9, Annually Thereafter

Contact Julia Lane [jlane@nsf.gov](mailto:jlane@nsf.gov)



**National Science Foundation**

**Dear Colleague Letter on Climate Change Education**

[http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09058/nsf09058.pdf?govDel=USNSF\\_25](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09058/nsf09058.pdf?govDel=USNSF_25)

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**CALLS FOR PAPERS**

**International Sociological Association**

The International Sociological Association will hold its quadrennial meeting in Gotheberg, Sweden in July, 2010. **Paper submission opens March 15, 2009 and ends in September 2009**

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/rc/rc23.htm>

**VIII Latin American Congress of Science, Technology and Gender**

UTFPR, Curitiba, BRASIL 05 - 09 of April 2010.

See the website: [www.ppgte.ct.utfpr.edu.br/cictg/index.html](http://www.ppgte.ct.utfpr.edu.br/cictg/index.html)

**Deadline for abstracts August 31 2009**

**Foucault Studies**

Foucault Studies is an electronic, open access, peer reviewed, international journal that provides a forum for scholarship engaging the intellectual legacy of Michel Foucault. We interpret this project in the broadest possible terms. Articles range from theoretical explications of Foucault's work and texts to interdisciplinary engagements across various fields, to empirical applications of Foucauldian concepts to contemporary phenomena. In all cases, Foucault Studies strives to move beyond received orthodoxies, simplifications, and uncritical appropriations of Foucault's work, while addressing the richness and diversity of the broad intellectual field associated with Foucauldian thought.

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## **Call for Abstracts: Asia-Pacific Science, Technology & Society (STS) Network Conference**

23-25 November, 2009, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia

Deadline: 15 September 2009

The first annual conference of the Asia Pacific STS Network brings together researchers involved in STS studies in the Asia-Pacific region (East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Australasia near the Pacific Ocean plus the states in Oceania) for stronger regional STS networking and critical discussions about S&T for the new millennium, environmental sustainability, and STS issues of interest to indigenous peoples.

Abstracts are invited in 3 categories (formal papers, roundtable discussion presentations, and posters) on the themes: (1) Environment, and sustainability transitions; (2) Indigenous people, science and technologies; (3) Life techno/sciences; (4) Governance, public policy, community; (5) Utopia and dystopia: Science and technology for the new millennium; (6) Conceptual and methodological innovations.

For full details, keynote speakers, sponsors, events, registration fees, travel bursaries, and online submission of abstracts: see APSTSNetwork Conference website at:

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/conference/asia-pacific-science-technology-society-network-conference-2009/>

## **Journal of Virtual Worlds Research Special issue, Vol. 3 (3), 2010: Virtual Worlds for Kids**

Deadline: October 20, 2009

Guest Editors:

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Lynn Schofield Clark, University of Denver, Lynn.Clark@du.edu

While virtual worlds for young adults have received considerable research attention, virtual worlds for young children - from preschoolers to preteens - have not been studied as extensively. Yet statistics indicate that children worldwide are using the Internet at younger and younger ages, and are exploring a wide range of online environments including virtual worlds such as Neopets, Habbo Hotel, Club Penguin, Webkinz, BarbieGirls.com, MoshiMonsters etc. Participation in such virtual worlds have been found to aid in the development of children's social, linguistic and technological skills, and to offer them enriching learning experiences, outlets for creative expression and opportunities for identity exploration. At the same time however, concerns about the potentially adverse impact of such virtual worlds prevail, be it moral panics about sexual grooming, fears of online addiction or more mundane worries about exposure to online advertising. While research on children's participation in virtual worlds is growing, clearly more light needs to be shed on the benefits and harms of children's participation in these engaging and increasingly popular multimedia environments.

This special issue of the Journal of Virtual Worlds Research will explore children's participation in online virtual worlds, and focus specifically on the preschool to preteen group, from about 3 to 14 years of age. We welcome participation from a broad range of academic researchers and practitioners using a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches from such fields as communications, psychology, education, computer science, sociology, anthropology and marketing.

Full call for papers at <http://editor.jvwresearch.org/?p=90>.

  
**Call for Papers: PROTEUS: A Journal of Ideas**

Deadline: August 17, 2009

Vampires, Parasites, and Invaders in Nature and Society Bloodsucking, parasitism and invasion have long haunted our human imaginations and played a crucial role in shaping our natural world. Proteus: A Journal of Ideas seeks essays and scholarly articles that explore the themes of parasitism and alien invasion from a wide variety of disciplinary perspectives—including those of biology, cultural studies, sociology, philosophy, psychology, economics, and literary theory. Articles might analyze how authors and/or societies have represented vampires in literature, folklore, or the media. Or the biological processes underlying parasitism or alien invasion among individual or multiple species within an ecosystem. Articles that discuss the economic, social, and biological impact of parasites and invasive species on human populations are encouraged. Theme-related photographs, poetry, and creative writing are welcome.

Manuscripts accepted — NOW until AUGUST 17, 2009

Preferred format - Chicago Manual of Style, in text with endnotes.

Publication date October 2009.

Submit manuscripts electronically to [proteus@ship.edu](mailto:proteus@ship.edu).

Proteus (717) 477-1206

## Employment and Fellowships

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program** provides two years of support to postdoctoral scholars at all stages of their careers to build the nation's capacity for research and leadership to address the multiple determinants of population health and contribute to policy change. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends upon multidisciplinary collaboration and exchange. Deadline: October 2, 2009. For more information, visit [www.healthandsocietyscholars.org/](http://www.healthandsocietyscholars.org/)

**The Initiative for Sustainable Enterprise (iSE)**, a program of the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment, is searching for suitable candidates to fill up to four fellow positions to support the work of the newly formed NorthStar Consortium. This position is a one-year (with opportunity for renewal), 100 percent time appointment at a rank commensurate with experience. - Successful candidates will be expected to manage cutting-edge, stakeholder-driven research projects developed through the NorthStar Consortium, a unique collaborative of corporate, nonprofit, government and university participants. The fellows will work in conjunction with IonE/iSE mentors who will determine the research and training agenda. Responsibilities generally involve participation in the design, implementation and evaluation of research projects. Appointees will also participate in the preparation and presentation of data; and author, co-author or collaborate on reports, conference papers, publications and other project outputs. Significant leadership development training will also be provided.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Sept. 1, 2009 (initial screenings will begin Aug. 1)

QUALIFICATIONS: Advanced degree (Ph.D., J.D., or other graduate degree, in combination with significant related experience) in nearly any disciplinary focus will be considered. A strong background in industrial ecology, energy/environmental policy, corporate sustainability, environmental sociology, environmental systems analytics (LCA, SD, FCA, etc.), environmental sciences or engineering, or environmental law is required. Advanced degrees must be obtained by the date of appointment. Successful candidates will have a strong track record of accomplishments and productive scientific and/or applied training, as well as demonstrated experience within an interdisciplinary setting.

TO APPLY: Submit resume and cover letter, one-page statement of intent, and names and addresses of three references. -is position will be open until filled. All applications must be submitted through the University of Minnesota employment site. Link to the job posting at: <https://employment.umn.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1246314268368> and search for posting number 161775.

Official academic transcripts should be included with the application.

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO: Dr. Tim Smith, Director, Initiative for Sustainable Enterprise, e-mail: [timsmith@umn.edu](mailto:timsmith@umn.edu), <http://www.environment.umn.edu/about/employment.html>.

### **Pew Biomedical Scholars Oral History Collection - Short Term Fellowship**

Deadline: August 15, 2009

The Center for Contemporary History and Policy (CCHP) at the Chemical Heritage Foundation (CHF) invites proposals for short-term fellowships focused on the use of the Pew Scholars in the Biomedical Sciences Oral History Collection located at the CHF. Fellows are expected to be in residence for six weeks and will use the Pew Collection to develop projects related to their own work. We welcome applications/proposals from researchers at all stages of their careers and from a diversity of fields: STS, sociology, history (of science, medicine, or technology), philosophy, and science policy. Since the goal of this Fellowship is to promote the use of this oral history collection, all Fellows will be required either to write a ten-page description of the ways in which the collection contributed to their research or to supply a copy of a book chapter or an article based upon work derived from this collection.

Details at <http://www.chemheritage.org/exhibits/ex-nav2-fellowships.html>

### **Post-Doctoral Fellow (PDF) or Research Assistant Professor (RAP) in the field of Nanotechnology Ethics and Policy**

The John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values at the University of Notre Dame seeks candidates for a position as a Post-Doctoral Fellow (PDF) or Research Assistant Professor (RAP) in the field of Nanotechnology Ethics and Policy. The term of the position is three years. The RAP position is renewable contingent on research productivity and grant-writing ability.

The Reilly Center collaborates with The Notre Dame Center for Nanoscience and Technology (NDnano, [www.nd.edu/~ndnano](http://www.nd.edu/~ndnano)) to examine the ethical and policy aspects of cutting-edge research in nanotechnology. The PDF or RAP will be an active participant in the NDnano program along with other nanotechnology initiatives at Notre Dame. She or he will conduct both individual research collaborative research with the NDnano investigators in accordance with her or his interests and

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expertise. She or he will also actively participate in programs and events sponsored by the Reilly Center in nanotechnology ethics and policy. During the first year there will be no teaching requirement or expectation. After the first year the PDF or RAP may be expected to teach a maximum of one course per semester, depending on her or his research agenda and grant activity.

Qualifications include a Ph.D. or other terminal degree in a relevant field and a publication record in ethics or policy issues in nanotechnology or other new and emerging technologies (RAP) or promise of such (PDF). Salaries for both positions are competitive.

Applications for this position will be considered beginning Monday, June 8, and the position will remain open until it is filled. Applicants should send a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three references to Gerald McKenny, Director, John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values, 309 O'Shaughnessy Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556 or electronically to [gmckenny@nd.edu](mailto:gmckenny@nd.edu).

### **Five Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships on "Virtuality"**

Five Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships are available for untenured scholars, who are invited to submit applications related to the umbrella topic of "Virtuality," the Forum's research topic for the 2010-2011 academic year. Fellows teach one undergraduate course in the fall term in addition to conducting research. \$46,500 stipend plus health insurance. The Fellowship is open to all scholars, national and international, who meet eligibility criteria.

Full guidelines, "Virtuality" topic description, and application are available online only: [www.phf.upenn.edu](http://www.phf.upenn.edu).

Questions? Email or call Jennifer Conway, Associate Director, Penn Humanities Forum, University of Pennsylvania (see website for details). [http://humanities.sas.upenn.edu/mellon\\_howtoapply.shtml](http://humanities.sas.upenn.edu/mellon_howtoapply.shtml)  
<http://www.phf.upenn.edu>

### **2010-2011 Fellowship Award Announcement School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study**

Deadline: November 1, 2009

Each year, the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ, invites up to twenty scholars to be in residence for the full academic year to pursue their own research. The School welcomes applications in economics, political science, law, psychology, sociology and anthropology. It encourages social scientific work with an historical and humanistic bent and also entertains applications in history, philosophy, literary criticism, literature and linguistics. Applicants must have a Ph.D. at time of application. Each year there is a general thematic focus that provides common ground for roughly half the scholars; for 2010-2011 the focus will be Secularism. The application deadline is 1 November 2009.

For more information: [www.sss.ias.edu/applications](http://www.sss.ias.edu/applications).

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