

MEETING CALENDAR

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN & RES ASSOC, 29 May-2 June 87, Ottawa

EDRA's theme: PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTS. Info: Conf Secretariat, 275 Bay St, Ottawa, Canada K1R 5Z5 [613-232-8228]. [Ed's note: Unfortunately Canadian learned societies are meeting at the same time in Hamilton, Ont--300 miles away! See below.]

CANADIAN SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY ASSOC, McMaster U, Hamilton, Ont, 2-5 June

Selected Papers:

MARK NOVAK (Winnipeg) "Caregivers of the confused elderly: a comparison of children & spouses"

NEENA CHAPPELL (Manitoba) "Intergenerational helping patterns"

ANDREW WISTER (Waterloo), **DAVID DeWIT & THOMAS BURCH** (W Ontario) "Physical distance & social contact between elderly & their adult children"

WILLIAM CARROLL & T.R. WARBURTON (Victoria) "Feminism, class consciousness & registered nurses in Victoria"

JUNE CORMAN (Carleton) "The interaction among work status, family phase & social ties for working class couples"

MUSTAFA KOC (Toronto) "A critique of the concept of migrant labour as an industrial reserve army"

JAMES STAFFORD & BRIAN McMILLAN (Lakehead) "Immigration & the 2 schools of Canadian political economy"

L. GENE BARRETT (St. Mary's) "The formal & informal dynamics of fishery port markets in Nova Scotia"

BARBARA NEIS (Memorial) "The social impact of technological change in deep sea fish plants in Newfoundland"

SOCIAL NETWORKS session organized by Peter Carrington (Waterloo):

BONNIE ERICKSON (Toronto) "*The consequences of being in the centre or the periphery of a subculture*"

BARRY WELLMAN, PAULA GOLDMAN & CLAYTON MOSHER (Toronto) "*The tie basis of support*"

CHARLOTTE NOESGAARD (Waterloo) "*Refinement of the concept of tie in the writings of Barry Wellman*"

IOWA CONFERENCE ON PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, 31 May-1 June 87, Iowa City

Selected Papers:

MARA ADELMAN, "Love's urban agent: social support & the matchmaker."

ARTHUR ARON & ELAINE ARON, "Progress on measures of interconnectedness in relationships."

ELIZABETH BANKOFF, "The interpersonal context of the psychotherapeutic process: an influential set of factors too long overlooked."

JOHN H. BERG, KELLY E. PINER, and LINDA ROSADO, "The relationship of loneliness to aspects of the social network."

MARIA R. BURGIO, "The role of social cognition in support friendships for the aging."

DON DAVIES, "Friendships: stages, roles and interpersonal communication."

VAL J. DERLEGA & BARBARA A. WINSTEAD, "Interactions with a friend and coping with a stressful event."

BARRY GOFF, "Issues in social support and self esteem."

STEVEN E. HOBFOLL, "Enough of the stress buffering effect!: other important aspects of social support."

RENEE F. LYONS, "Issues of exchange and equity in the relationships of disabled adults."

BRENT MALLINCKRODT, "Social support in a self-help group for unemployed professionals."

DAVID MORGAN, "Who your friends really are: reorganizing relationships in widowhood."

GREGORY R. PIERCE, "Close relationships: a key to understanding the effects of social support."

DAN RUSSELL, "Loneliness and social support: same or different?"

BARBARA R. SARASON & GREGORY PIERCE, "Perceived social support level: its relation to personality characteristics, perception and behavior."

CHARLES H. TARDY, "An experimental study of the provision of emotional and instrumental social support."

DIANE L. WILKIN, "The relationship of social support to measures of patient adherence in the rehabilitation of chronic low back pain."

TOM WRIGHT & LORING INGRAHAM, "An integrative study of individuals and relationships in depression."

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MENTORING, 20-25 July 87, Vancouver

Theme: MENTORING, COACHING, SUPERVISING, CAREER COUNSELLING & NETWORKING: 5 WAYS TO AID PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL & CAREER DEVELOPMENT. Info: Grey & Assocs, 4042 W 27 St Vancouver, BC, Canada V6S 1R7 [604-228-0621].

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, 8/87, Chicago

Meets just before ASAs. Theme: THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF AIDS. Abstracts to Philip Kayal, Soc, Seton Hall U, S Orange NJ 07079.

The Cmty Res & Dev Div of SPSS will have its own sessions; topics include soc support & informal community networks. Info: Nancy Kleniewski, Soc, SUNY, Geneseo NY 14454 [716-245-5207].

CONFERENCE ON CORPORATE INTERLOCKS, 24-27 Sept 87, Nags Head Conf Ctr, Kill Devil Hills NC

Papers on substantive or methodological issues re the sociological study of corp. interlocks. 2 page abstracts by 1 May 87 to Mark Mizruchi, Scientific Computing, Albert Einstein Col of Medicine, Yeshiva U, 1300 Morris Park Ave, Bronx NY 10461. [Ed.'s note: This is a remote & beautiful beach dunes area, where the Wright Bros. 1st flew.]

ASSOC FOR SOCIAL STUDIES OF HEALTH, 18-22 Oct, New Orleans

Papers should present a soc sci perspective on public health or health policy analysis. See 1/87 issue of AM J OF PUBLIC HEALTH for details. Info: Linda Siegnthaler, Natl Ctr for Health Services Res, Room 18A-19, #9, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857.

MARXIST SCHOLARS CONF, 12-15 Nov 87, U Cal-Berkeley

Info: Harry Targ, Pol Sci, Purdue, W Lafayette IN 47907

GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, Washington DC, 18-22 Nov, 1987

Theme: "The Strength & Value of Basic Science." Info: GSA, 1411 K St NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20005. [202-393-1411].

COMMITTEE ON FAMILY RES, INT'L SOC ASSOC, 16-19 April 88, Balaton Zamardi, Hungary

Theme: KINSHIP & AGING. Papers on theories or structures for long-term caregiving, family ties & elderly. 500 word abstract by 30 Nov 87 to Organizing Ctte, Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Uri utca 449, H1014, Budapest.

CACTUSBELT ANYONE?

It looks as if the Pacific Sociological Assoc will have a few network sessions at their 1988 meetings, mid-April, at Tempe (suburban Phoenix). This year's PSA pres, Stan Lieberman, had the

original idea & its been picked up enthusiastically by incoming PSA pres, Jonathan Turner (spouse of INSNA member Alexandra Maryanski & neighbor of Lin & Sue Freeman). More info as things develop, or contact Turner now (Soc, Cal-Riverside).

ASA CONFERENCES

Several network folks have received ASA grants to organize small conferences. These are usually invited affairs, so ties will have to be tugged:

MARY BRINTON (CHICAGO) & TOSHIO YAMAGASHI (U WASHINGTON), "Rational Choice Analysis of Micro-Macro Systems of Action.

TOBY PARCEL (OHIO ST), JAMES BARON (STANFORD), WILLIAM BIELBY (CAL-SANTA BARBARA), PAULA ENGLAND (TEXAS-DALLAS), JERRY JACOBS (PENN), BARBARA RESKIN (ILLINOIS) & PATRICIA ROOS (SUNY-STONY BROOK), "Occupational Sex Segregation & Comparable Worth."

WALTER POWELL (CTR FOR ADV. STUDIES, PALO ALTO) & PAUL DIMAGGIO (YALE), "Institutional Change."

CAROL MUELLER (HARVARD) & ALDON MORRIS (MICHIGAN), "Frontiers in Social Movement Theory."

PAST CONFERENCES

LETTER FROM CLEARWATER BEACH

This year the sun actually shone at the Sunbelt conference, usually when the most interesting papers were being given. However, using to the utmost our mandatory Noon-3 poolside networking break, we managed to get tans to go with the ideas burned into our minds.

About 120 attended, roughly the attendance of the past few East Coast years (the West gets a score more). Tightly organized by Russ Bernard & Al Wolfe (3 sessions at a time), the conference also featured Ev Rogers' memorable keynote address (he cited me), Stan Wasserman's sold-out 6-hour intro tutorial to network analysis, & Bev Wellman's poolside demo of how to use body language to enhance networking. (Will Jerry Rubin be our next keynoter?). Lots of folks brought programs for PCs (clones of course) & lots more brought blank discs for copying purposes.

My impression of the conference was lots of good, normal science (only in this crowd can you call studies of windsurfers 'normal'). Theories, techniques, and research findings have cumulated & consolidated. (See this issue's Abstract section for confirmatory details.) A number of informal scholarly clusters now have ongoing dialogues from Sunbelt to Sunbelt. Aided by accumulating lore & more widely-available computer programs, lots of things are now less-mystifying & more routinely done. At the same time, I missed great new breakthroughs (or maybe I was busy networking at the time.) Perhaps they only become apparent with hindsight. Didn't Nick Mullins once write a book about this?

Next year we go west again. To the Bahia Hotel on Mission Bay, San Diego. We've met there before happily. Mid-Feb (President's weekend, of course) with a possible half-day extension to the end of Sunday. Lin & Sue Freeman (Soc Sci, Cal-Irvine) will handle local arrangements. Eugene Johnson (Math) & John Sonquist (Soc) of Cal-Santa Barbara will be program chairs.

Some possible sessions discussed at the business meeting are: Fuzzy Nets, Women's Organizations, Nets & Ethnicity, Aging (Victor Marshall, Beh Sci, Toronto, to organize), Social Support (Jeff Salloway, Psych, Rush Med Col, Chicago), Cognition & Nets (Sue Freeman), Network Theory, Epidemiology, Children's Nets, Organizational Nets (Bill Stevenson, Management, Cal-Irvine), Interorganizational Nets, Exchange Networks, Community Networks, Position & Role, Communication Nets, New Media, Modelling (Lee Sailer), Computer Workshops.

If you want to give a paper or organize these (or any other sessions), contact Gene or John as soon as possible. We always try to include all respectable papers, but it's only polite not to show up at the last moment. Indeed, I would make the plea stronger--a few persons have been carrying much of the organizing load for many years. They need help & we all need diversification.

INTERORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONS & THE STUDY OF POWER, 10-11 Oct 86, Purdue

Papers examined contribution of interorganizational analysis to the study of power in national policy domains, community influence structures, & national corporate structure. Organizer: Robert Perucci, Soc, Purdue.

PAPERS:

Joseph Galaskiewicz (Soc, Minnesota), "Networks mobilizing action at the metro level: organizations, their agents & community problem solving."

J Allen Whitt (Soc, Louisville), "Organizational ties & urban growth"

Edward Laumann (Soc, Chicago), "The organizational state: social choice in national policy domains."

Beth Mintz (Soc, Vermont), "Organizational vs. class components of interlocking directorate networks."

MERGERS, CORPORATE CONCENTRATION & CORPORATE POWER IN CANADA, 23-24 March 87, Montreal

At the aggregate level, the Canadian economy is 1 of the most concentrated in the world. Do more mergers & takeovers provide social & economic benefits necessary in a competitive world? Are large firms necessary for efficient production? [Ed.: *What basic issues are these questions begging?*] The conference to consider this was sponsored by the Schl of Comty & Pub Affairs of Concordia U & the Inst for Res on Public Policy. Proceedings available Fall/87 from IRPP, PO Box 3670 South, Halifax NS B3J 3K6.

AMER ORTHOPSYCHIATRIC ASSOC, 25-29 March 87, Washington

Theme: TOWARD EMPOWERMENT OF FAMILIES: STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE. Info on papers: Amer Orthopsychiatric Assoc, 19 W 44 St, Suite 1616, New York NY 10036. [212-354-5770.]

