The annual meeting of SCCR will be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites Convention Center in New Orleans, LA. The meetings will begin on Wednesday, March 1 and end on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

The conference website will soon be available, where you will be able to find information about keynote speakers, submissions, registration fees, accommodation, and other details.

For other information about SCCRO, registering for the conference, finding accommodations, or about New Orleans in general will soon be at the SCCR website: www.sccr.org
Editor’s Note

Dear SCCR Colleagues,

I hope that you are all enjoying the Northern summer or Southern winter!

This Summer 2016 edition of the newsletter includes comments from the president-elect (and 2017 conference organizer) Jill Brown and from Bonnie Hewlett, the president of SCCR. We also get to learn more about our 2016 award winners, Stephanie Skourtes and Elif Dede Yildirim.

We did not receive many submissions for inclusion in this edition. I sincerely hope that you will all consider submitting something for our Winter 2016 edition, which is slated for December 2016. Please consider contributing articles, book reviews, announcements for conferences, vacancy postings, calls for proposals and anything else that you think might be of interest to our members. Address contributions and any questions to: ashdown@hws.edu

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans in March!

Sincerely,
Brien K. Ashdown

President-Elect’s Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope the summer in the northern hemisphere is treating everyone well and some of you are off doing interesting field work and research around the world.

As the President-Elect of SCCR I would like to personally invite you to mark your calendar for the 46th annual meeting next year in New Orleans, LA. March 1-4th, 2017. Our meeting begins the day after Mardi Gras ends, so if you have always wanted to hit Mardi Gras, give some thought to arriving a few days earlier and enjoy the festival.

We are building on the great meeting we had last year in Portland. Look forward to some new additions, for example, methodological workshops, an international scholar’s group, and more student activities.

I encourage you all to submit your research, organize a symposium, invite your colleagues and enjoy New Orleans with us next year.

Yours,
Jill Brown
President’s Message

Dear SCCR Colleagues,

Summer is finally upon us! I trust everyone had a successful end to the spring semester and that your summer personal and professional activities are well under way.

While the past year has been a busy one, it is with great anticipation and pleasure that the SCCR Executive Board, along with SCCR members, scholars and students can look forward to the upcoming Society for Cross Cultural Research conference, to be held March 1-4th, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hampton Inn and Suites Convention Center.

Conference organizer and President-elect Jill Brown (Creighton University) has been busy facilitating arrangements and working to bring together passionate and creative researchers for the 46th Annual SCCR meeting in the unique and beautiful city of New Orleans. All attendees can anticipate an exciting and stimulating conference offering an ideal forum for sharing and discussing new ideas, establishing and maintaining professional and personal relationships, and building collaborations with national and international colleagues.

We hope that everyone will come to experience what it is to be a part of the growing SCCR community, to gain insights into what takes place within an organization fostering cross cultural and multidisciplinary research and collaboration.

We invite you to come and experience the intellectually stimulating atmosphere of the 46th Annual 2017 Society for Cross Cultural Research Conference, hosted in one of the most fascinating all of cities, New Orleans.

Laissez les bon temps roulez!

Bonnie Hewlett
Elif Dede Yildirim

2016 Leigh Minturn Award for Early Career Cross-Cultural Research

I am currently a doctoral candidate in the Department of Child and Family Studies at Syracuse University. I hold MS degrees in Applied Statistics and Child and Family Studies from Syracuse University and a BA degree in Sociology from Sakarya University, Turkey. I am currently working with Dr. Jaipaul Roopnarine on a study of the impact of relationship skills education on fathers personal and interpersonal functioning and children’s social skills in diverse ethnic groups in eight locations across the United States that was funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

Broadly, my research focuses on the links between maternal and paternal parenting practices and children’s well-being in different racial/ethnic and cultural groups in the United States and other societies. Guided by risk and resilience, bioecological models and paternal involvement frameworks, my dissertation work investigates whether paternal mental health and economic risk factors are related to young children’s internalizing and externalizing behaviors, indirectly through paternal involvement in cognitive and social activities with children across African American, European American and Hispanic American father-child dyads in the United States.

Using Bayesian structural equation modeling, I explored whether pathways of associations between paternal risk factors and children’s behavioral difficulties through paternal engagement varied by families who participated and did not participate in the Building Strong Families (BSF) intervention program, and how well measures in the BSF study assessed paternal mental health, economic risk, and paternal involvement of physical play, social and cognitive play, and caregiving activities, and children’s internalizing and externalizing behaviors across racial/ethnic groups. Results indicate that economic risk and poor paternal mental health are strong predictors of paternal engagement in different activities with preschoolers, irrespective of racial-ethnic background. Paternal engagement in caregiving activities emerged as a potential “protective factor” influencing the associations between paternal depressive symptoms and preschooler’s internalizing behavior. Paternal depressive symptoms were associated with different aspects of paternal engagement regardless of whether fathers received relationship skills education or not. The findings from my dissertation research could potentially inform several healthy marriage and fatherhood programs.

I plan to continue to examine paternal risk and protective factors and their associations with children’s socio-emotional and cognitive competence within diverse ethnic and cultural groups of families from different SES and structural configurations.

I have been able to publish my research in Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology and I am working on a book with Dr. Roopnarine on Fathers across Cultures: Developmental and Clinical Implications to be published by Routledge Press next year.
Stephanie Skourtes has a PhD in Educational Studies from the University of British Columbia. Her work crosses the areas of girls’ studies, youth cultural studies, the sociology of education, social inequality, and visual sociology. She is interested in critically analyzing, theorizing, and researching the everyday material realities and social relations that shape the lives of young people and using this knowledge in the service of transformative social change. She has a keen interest in visual methodologies and in merging the visual and artistic realms with social theory. Towards this end, she is also a documentarian and creates films and photography with sociological content as a form of social praxis. Her most recent photo-documentary is titled: Ab/Ob-jection: Encountering Youth and The City. It is an alternative, non-representation visual depiction of marginalized girls’ experience of class and gender oppression in the Global City. The traveling exhibit was created in collaboration with working-class, urban girls and the girls’ photographed the images.

The overarching aim of her research is to explore how novel global economic and social changes are transforming economically disadvantaged young people’s experiences of youth, youth subcultures and social exclusion in the new Global cities of the affluent West. With funding from the Killam Trusts, she conducted a two-year long visual ethnography of working-class urban girls, who were living at the margins of Vancouver, Canada. Through this research, she explored how the girls navigated and transformed their urban and spatial environments given the material realities and uneven outcomes of global stratification in the urban milieu. She traced the institutional practices and spaces in the city that work to reproduce inequality, in both symbolic and material ways, for girls living on the fringe. Specifically, she found that surveillance and control mechanisms inherent to contemporary child helping institutions (like social services, school, and the police) function to pathologize working-class and racialized young people, reproducing their negative social positioning. Further, a negative spatial imaginary of the city operates to establish such youth as “other” and as “abject.” All of these processes work to mark marginalized young people as a problem which then contributes to keeping them stuck in poverty.

Dr. Skourtes’ current research is examining the effects of the devaluation of American public education in the nations’ urban centers and how this is impacting historically marginalized populations of school-aged youth. The goal is to better understand the segregating effects of neoliberalism for economically and spatially marginalized, urban youth.
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There are three categories of membership in SCCR. Regular, Student, and Retired members receive Cross-Cultural Research, the Newsletter, 20% publisher discounts from Sage Publications and Information Age Publishing, reduced meeting registration rates, and voting privileges. Joint members share one copy of CCR. You may choose an alternate two-year dues payment option at a reduced rate. Current and new members: please use the following table to choose your dues amount.

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