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CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

~ from the International Sociological Association's RC46 ~
RC46 website: <http://www.http://clinicalsociology.org/>

Dear RC46 Members,

We are at the end of 2016. It was an eventful year: Brexit, Syria, increasing intolerance towards refugees, the American elections, to mention just a few. I wish all of you a wonderful festive season and look forward to working with you to help the world be productive, fulfilling and inclusive in 2017!

Please note the following items which are discussed in this newsletter:

Interim conference Montreal August 2017. Our RC46 members in Montreal, under the leadership of Jacques Rhéaume, are organising a mid-August interim conference for RC 46, immediately following the American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting in August 12-15, 2017.

Planning for ISA World Congress Toronto July 2018. Our planning for the next World Congress to be held in Toronto, Canada in July 2018 has already begun. We provide information about organisational deadlines in this newsletter.

Book review. Judith Gordon has authored a review of the 2015 book *Citizenship and Mental Health* by Michael Rowe.

News from clinical sociologists around the world. We are providing some information about the activities of clinical sociologists. Please send us some information about your activities for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Please note that our next newsletter is planned for February 2017. Please send information that you would like to be included in the newsletter to an officer or other board member (email addresses at the end of this newsletter) and also send a copy to Tina Uys (tuys@uj.ac.za) If you have published an article, report or book in the last five months; changed jobs; or won an award, please send that information to Jan Marie Fritz (jan.fritz@uc.edu) who will see that it is included in the next newsletter. (Make sure each publication reference is complete and submitted in Times New Roman 12.) Any information about upcoming clinical sociology activities in your region should be sent to your regional representative or to Rosemary Barberet (rbarberet@jjay.cuny.edu), the regional representative coordinator. **Your information needs to be received by January 15, 2017** to be included in the newsletter.

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REPORT FROM WEIZHEN DONG, SECRETARY/TREASURER

Currently, our research committee (RC 46) has 126 active members and it is growing! I would like to give a warm word of welcome to our newest member: **Gianluca Piscitelli**, UNCI, Rome, Italy.

We warmly welcome our new members and look forward to hearing your presentations at our future gatherings in 2017 and 2018.

I want to remind you that some of our members' memberships (in the ISA and/or RC46) will expire at the end of 2016 and the ISA executive office will remove those members' names from our RC46 roster at the beginning of January. If you need to renew either your ISA or RC46 membership, please do so immediately.

INTERIM RC46 CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL AUGUST 2017
from Jacques Rhéaume

RC 46 will meet in 2017 at the end (evening of August 15 and all day August 16) of the American Sociological Association (ASA) annual conference (August 12-15, 2017) in Montreal, Canada. We are forming a committee here in Montreal to organize that special event that would be held on August 15/16. The 'Montrealease' committee includes:

- Spyridoula Xenocostas, Research Associate Director of CIUSSS-CODIM, a major Health and social services establishment in Montreal;
- Catherine Montgomery, Director of METISS, a Research Group of the University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM), and affiliated to the CIUSSS-CODIM;
- Isabelle Fortier, professor at ENAP, National Public Administration School, and President of AISLF Clinical Sociology RC 19
- Danielle Desmarais, of UQAM, and Coordonateur of a Research Group, PARCOURS, working with youth and life stories.
- Isabelle Ruelland, a doctorate in Sociology, and member of ISA RC 46
- Jacques Rheaume, professor emeritus, UQAM and member of RC 46 and RC 19.

This group will meet in January to prepare the outline of this Clinical Sociology meeting that would be held at University of Quebec in Montreal, not far from the Congress Center where the ASA meeting will be held. We anticipate the participation of USA and international members, including, of course, Canadians and Quebecers. One issue to be addressed during our Montreal meeting will be the finalisation of the next ISA World Congress to be held in Toronto, 2018.

A call for participation will be sent to all RC46 members. We look forward to seeing you in Montreal.

PLANNING FOR ISA WORLD CONGRESS TORONTO JULY 2018

The XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology will take place in Toronto, Canada, on July 15-21, 2018. The main theme of the Congress is: Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities. RC46 has been allocated 18 sessions (which includes the business meeting).

Most immediate deadlines:

January 15, 2017

- Announcing Program Coordinators: RC/WG/TG provide name and contact details of Program Coordinator to the ISA Secretariat isa@isa-sociology.org
- Sessions Proposals should be received at the ISA Secretariat isa@isa-sociology.org for selection process. Guidelines for applying are available on <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/> -Integrative Sessions which involve at least 3 Research Committees, 3 National Associations or a combination of the two; -Regular sessions by National, Regional, Linguistic and Thematic Associations; -Author Meets Critics sessions; -Ad Hoc Sessions;

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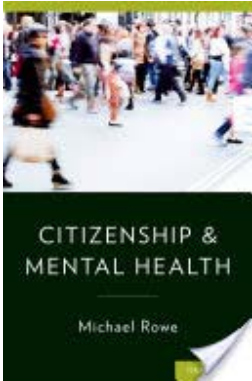
- Call for Sessions
- RC/WG/TG session proposer must submit session's description on-line via Confex platform.
-Invited session organizer (RC/WG/TG, Presidential, Plenary, LOC sessions, etc.) must submit session's description on-line via Confex platform.

March 16 - 7 April 2017

- Final list of Sessions: RC/WG/TG Program Coordinator must finalize a list of sessions. Sessions titles, descriptions and the language in which they will be held (English, French or Spanish), as well as contact details of session organizers (name, affiliation, country, e-mail) will be available on the ISA conference platform run by Confex.

BOOK REVIEW:

Citizenship and Mental Health



by Michael Rowe, 2015
Oxford University Press, 272 pages

Reviewed by Dr. Judith Gordon, PhD
Lecturer in Psychiatry
Yale University

In 2010, the theme of the American Sociological Association meeting, was Constructing Citizenship, Exclusion, Subordination and Resistance. In her Presidential Address, Evelyn Glenn called attention to the fact that "sociologists can highlight how citizenship is constructed through face to face interactions and through place specific practices that occur within larger structural contexts ". (ASR, Feb. 2011, p.2) Michael Rowe, has done just that. This book grew out of the finding that "homeless people with mental illnesses with help could be placed in apartments of their own" (p.xlll). However, they did not become automatically neighbors and community members after moving in as the project outreach team members learned. It was this experience in CT that led Rowe and his colleagues to develop "citizenship oriented care" for the Ct. Mental Health Center, as a pilot project for "taking citizenship to scale" for the Ct. Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. (xiii) As the Acknowledgements p lx-xl) reflect, The Yale University Department of Psychiatry and related University and Medical School Departments in co-operation with the Governor and legislature of the State of CT created CMHC as an example of a town/gown/state collaboration which shaped one context of this project to date.

During the past 20 years "researchers, staff and participants working under certain institutional and professional conditions" paid attention to citizenship and mental health. Chapter 1 is the Introduction: Citizenship Roots in Outreach Work. Chapter 2 turns to organizing Citizenship, Chapters 3 describes in more detail: the Citizen project Early. Chapter 4 presents the Citizens Project: on going. Chapter 5 addresses Going to the Source: Citizenship Measures Development and Validation. Chapter

6-8 focus on Taking Citizenship to Scale: The Citizens Collaborative I, the Citizens Collaborative II and The Citizens Collaborative III. Chapter 9 presents us with a Model of Citizenship and Mental Health which also includes a consideration of what was learned from this experience by use of ethnographic methods as well. We hear in the author's words the voices and concerns of the participants, researchers, clinicians and organizations in which this project took shape.. Chapter 10. The Conclusion, reflects interviews of two participants in this study whose reflections on their experiences raise issues of concern. As Rowe notes "the theory, practice and measurement found in the chapters of this book can be challenged, validated or modified beyond their original borders". What then are issues that we too can challenge, validate or modify?

1. The definition of Citizenship. Members of this RC can challenge, validate or modify the theory and findings in this book by studies of citizenship as defined in varying locations, interactions, constitutions, and sociological practices. As ISA is an international organization, our members can take account of the attention to the variation in structural and social contexts of citizenship, global, national and local. As Rowe and participants in the project note, such a project is shaped by the clinical team, the lives lived by the participants in the study, the research team and the organizational settings in which such a study takes place.

2. The Citizen Course. A course was offered to a select and small group of people that "touched on' the" 5 R's" of Citizenship: Rights, Responsibility, Resources, Relationships and Roles." (p.41)The course called attention to the Right of people to serve on Boards or agencies that govern their own lives, it provided training and internships that required people to accept Responsibility for their part in the services provided to themselves and colleagues by taking on the valued role of a Board Member, Resources were represented modestly in the work experience that came with training and Internships.. Participants developed Relationships with fellow students working toward a common goal and with fellow board members. And they all could perform specific Roles within this group as they prepared for Roles outside of it which were shaped by socio-economic realities such as poverty not always within their control. Moreover, this of course also called attention to the group members who as US citizens have a constitutional right to vote only if they register to do so.

The people who attended were called "citizens in training". The course covered practical activities such as how to interview for a job and voter registration. It ended with a graduation ceremony. The notion that one must take a "citizen" building course" to be trained to be a citizen is one that clinical sociologists can both consider and challenge given alternative definitions of citizenship found in other social worlds and places.

3. Clinical Sociology, Citizenship and Mental Health There is much to be learned from this book. However, Rowe and his collaborators' definition of the situation and structural contexts are not identical to that of all members of our RC. Like Moliere who spoke French without knowing it, Rowe has done Clinical Sociology without naming it. As both citizens and clinical sociologists, we too can conclude as Rowe does that "between troubles and the facing of them, we also must remind ourselves to celebrate, and be encouraged" (p.204). We too can be encouraged by the conclusion of this book which offers reflections that lead to new possibilities for our actions in our life worlds.

NEWS FROM CLINICAL SOCIOLOGISTS AROUND THE WORLD

Michael Fleischer (USA) was awarded the 2016 Alex Boros Award for Contributions to the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, which is presented to an AACS member who has served AACS with distinction.

Zbigniew Woźniak (Poland) published an article with the title: “Clinical sociology – an intervention variant of practical applications of sociology” in the journal RUCH PRAWNICZY, EKONOMICZNY I SOCJOLOGICZNY. A summary of the article follows below:

The paper discusses a relatively unknown variant of practical sociology defined as clinical sociology, which consists first, in an analysis and assessment of a situation, and then, a solution of the problem by way of intervention, ultimately leading to the improvement in the quality of life of members of the community. The objectives of clinical sociology assume close collaboration with its addressees with a simultaneous access of all interested parties to the information about the Development projects and its results (partners' relations). Once information is obtained in the course of a sociological analysis, the chances of meeting the overload are calculated and a specific problem-solving plan is developed, followed by an implementation of a corrective plan. In this way sociology assists in outlining the promoted or protective areas and helps local authorities to allocate the available budget for rational use as well as implementation of necessary measures and specific 'rescue' programmes (also outside the public sector). It is postulated to make clinical sociology an attractive career path, generating employment of sociology graduates on the job market.

Fleischer, Michael. S., and Norma A. Winston. Forthcoming (2017). Section on “Accreditation.” *La Sociologie Clinique de A à Z (Clinical Sociology from A to Z)*, sous la direction de (edited by) Pascal Fugier et Agnès Vandevælde-Rougale. Paris, France. Association Française de sociologie (French Sociological Association).

Jan Marie Fritz (USA) received the 2016 AACS Lester F. Ward Distinguished Contribution to Applied and Clinical Sociology Award at the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS) annual meeting in October. She gave four presentations at Adam Mickiewicz University this December in Poznan, Poland.

Wan Puspa Melati Wan Halim (Malaysia) was appointed Moderator for ASEAN Young Women Leadership Conference. Social & Education: Empowering Young Women Development Society. 13 – 15 November 2016. She also recently published an article with the title: “The role of sociology and sociologists: Aspirations and Perceptions of Sociology Students in Malaysia” in the *Southeast Asian Social Science Review* 1(1), 79-99. Selangor: PSSM.

Nagaraju Gundemeda (India) published a chapter titled ‘Gender and Education Policy: A study of dropout girls from rural Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state’ in the book *Mapping Human Rights and Subalterns in Modern India* edited by Jagannatham Begari (New Delhi: Kalpaz Publications. Pages 133-154), as well as a co-authored article (with Dutta Patnaik) titled ‘Pushouts from Schooling- A

Sociological Study of Girls' Education in Odisha' in *Journal of Educational Planning and Administration* (Volume XXX, No. 3, July 2016, pp. 247-260, New Delhi).

Fernando de Yzaguirre García (Columbia) News of Clinical Sociology from the Universidad del Atlántico of Colombia:

At the Universidad del Atlántico (Colombia) in August of 2015, we put in place a new course for the undergraduate degree in sociology titled "Clinical Sociology of Businesses and Workplaces". In February of 2017 we are going to put in place a new course called "Socioclinical focus and psychosociological intervention". The working group on Clinical Sociology and Psychosociology SOCLIP, from the same university, has obtained the approval of a two-year research-intervention project, named ACOMPREDDES, for the retention of students (prevention of dropout) at this university. This project will accommodate seven student interns from SOCLIP each semester (a total of 28 students over two years). It will use the clinical sociology perspective and the life history technique to try to reduce the dropout rate among students in the sociology program. Thus the clinical sociology approach is being consolidated within the sociology program of the Universidad del Atlántico as a theoretical and practice specialization, which includes electives, internship opportunities and the completion of a culminating experience via professional internships in the Research and Intervention Project ACOMPREDDES.

Sharon Everhardt (USA) was invited to serve as a panelist for the North Central Sociological Association's panel on Applied Sociology. This meeting will take place in April 2017.

Mariam Seedat Khan (South Africa) has received a grant from the NIHSS for a Sub Saharan Africa book project entitled CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGY: AN AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE for which she will collect and collate sociological ideas from African scholars for the purpose of documentation and enrichment of a sociological knowledge-base on the continent. The book introduces sociological concepts and theories and demonstrates how important these are to the understanding of African societies. The proposed book will be essential reading for all students and experts in sociology on the African continent.

The 6th edition of **Frans Bezuidenhout's** (South Africa) book, titled *A Reader on Selected Social Issues* (Van Schaik Publishers, Pretoria) will be on sale by end of this year. Amongst other phenomena, he has focused on marriage and family, children and youth, work and health, and population and environmental problems. Frans also recently delivered a paper on the impact resilience of self-relations training has on behavioural change in the workplace, as experienced and reported by full-time employed MBA students, at the 10th International Business Conference held at Club Mykonos, South Africa. Frans expects to launch his interactive website under the name Kerdos Academy (Kerdosacademy.co.za), meaning to gain, aspire or grow, before traveling to Germany where he will teach for the Department of Sociology at Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz.

Luc Bonneville (France) published two articles recently; the first, co-authored with S. Grosjean, was «Information-Communication Technologies (ICTs) and Time Pressures: A Case Study of Nurse-Managers Strategies to “Let Go” », *Canadian Journal of Nursing Informatics*, Vol. 11, No. 2. 2016. The second article was titled: « Women in Academia: Stories of Female University Professors in a Research-intensive Canadian University », *Higher Education Review*, Vol. 48, No. 2, 2016, p. 71-97.

Tina Uys (South Africa) co-authored an article with Ria Smit with the title ‘Resilience and Whistleblowers: Coping with the Consequences’ which was published in *South African Review of Sociology*, 47(4).

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