

**A CLARION CALL FOR  
SOCIOLOGY IN 2017: NEEDED  
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**THE 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW  
YORK STATE SOCIOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION**

**ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE  
OCTOBER 20 – OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>  
2017**

The 2017 NYSSA Annual Meeting is  
Co-Sponsored by the RIT College of Liberal Arts

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**REGISTRATION OPENS 12:00 P.M.  
WEGMANS SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**Sessions 1 P.M – 2:20 P.M.**

**1. Gender, Sexuality, and Sexism RM. 101**

Session Facilitator: David Bell (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Invisibility, Illegibility, and Stigma: The Citizenship Experiences of Divorced Gays and Lesbians,” Aaron M. Hoy (Syracuse University)
- ❖ “Feminism in Comedy: Is ‘Raunch’ Combating Sexism?” Jack Nix

**2. Precarious Lives RM. Nursing 102**

Session Facilitator: Roja Singh (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Bolstering Women’s Employment and Increasing Men’s Care Work through Parental Leave Policy Reform,” Alec Rhodes (Hobart & William Smith Colleges)
- ❖ “Traacherous Crossings: Responses to the Influx of Unaccompanied Minors in the Hudson Valley,” Timothy Allan (State University of New York at New Paltz)
- ❖ “Placing Out” in Upstate New York: The Phenomenon and its Regional Identity Implications in New York State,” Amy Traver (City University of New York, Queensborough Community College)

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**Sessions 2:30 P.M - 3:50 P.M.**

**3. Undergraduate Writing Workshop RM. Nursing 101**

Session Facilitator: Marta Rodríguez-Galán ((St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Writing and Thinking in the Undergraduate Research Seminar: A Workshop,” Jeanne Cameron (Tompkins Cortland Community College); Michelle Morris (Cornell University)

**4. The Worlds of Rich and Poor RM. Nursing 102**

Session Facilitator: Kevin Clarke (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Homelessness as Death Sentence: Findings from the House of Mercy,” Harry Murray (Nazareth College)
- ❖ “Financial Crimes: White collar crime investigators and prosecutors perceptions,”Jaeung Lee (The State University of New York at Buffalo); Jingguo Wang (The University of Texas at Arlington); Melchor de Guzman (Georgia Gwinnet College); Korn S Kumar (The State University of New York at Brockport); H. Raghav, Rao (The University of Texas at San Antonio)

**5. Undergraduate Retention and Identities RM. Nursing 103**

Session Facilitator: David Bell (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Navigating the College Social Climate Based on Social Identities,” Sasha Carey, Chris Gorman, Kahiya McDaniels, Livvy Milne, and Jon Pate (Hobart and William Smith Colleges)
- ❖ “Individual characteristics, academic and social satisfaction, and transfer risk,” Dylan Morris, Saiorse Scott, Grant Shinagawa, Anna Smith (Hobart and William Smith Colleges)

Friday, October 20th

**Sessions 4 P.M – 5:20 P.M.**

**6. The Boundaries of Friendship RM. Nursing 101**

Session Facilitator: Patricia Tweet (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Comparing Electronic Friendships to Face-to-Face Friendships,” Tim Delaney (State University of New York at Oswego)
- ❖ “‘Familiar Strangers’ and Friendship Bonds” Timothy Madigan (St. John Fisher College)

**7. The Opioid Crisis RM. Nursing 102**

Session Facilitator: Kevin Clarke (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “The Opioid Epidemic: The Worst is Yet to Come,” Gary Metz (Healthcare Studies Department); Swaroop Kumar Korni (Criminal Justice Department); and Patti Follansbee (Healthcare Studies Department) -- The College at Brockport, Brockport, NY
- ❖ “Understanding the rise of opiate overdose deaths in rural America: A Proposal for an integrated theoretical approach,” Kelsey Nicosia (Medaille College)

**5:30 P.M. – 6 P.M.**

**RECEPTION**

**Golisano Gateway**

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6 P.M. – 7 P.M.

DINNER

Golisano Gateway

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7 P.M.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

*Mike Farrell*

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, SUNY- BUFFALO

“Collaborative Circles and their Discontents: The Case of Sigmund Freud's Wednesday Society Circle”

Collaborative circles (CCs) are primary groups that share a common vision in a field where creative work is done. Combining the dynamics of friendship and work groups, these groups contribute to both the creative work and adult development of their members. CCs develop through stages, beginning with a Formation stage when they are brought together by a gatekeeper, and concluding with the Collective Action and Member Individuation Stages. A 1st Generation CC consists of peers who initiate a new movement in a field; a 2nd Generation CC includes a mentor from a 1st generation CC and a set of novice followers. In this talk I examine the "friction" that develops in 2nd generation circles as novice members attempt to break free from dependency on the vision of an illustrious mentor. Examples from Freud's Wednesday Society will be used to illustrate friction and group boundary setting processes in 2nd Generation CCs.

Michael P. Farrell received a PhD in sociology from Yale University and did postdoctoral research at Harvard University. Author of *Collaborative Circles: Friendship Dynamics and Creative Work*, his research program includes studies of adolescent and adult developmental processes in families, friendships, and work groups. He is a former chair of the Sociology Department and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at University at Buffalo, SUNY.

**Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>**

# **REGISTRATION OPENS 8AM WEGMANS SCHOOL OF NURSING**

## **Sessions 8:40 A.M – 10 A.M.**

### **8. Rochester Area Sociologists RM. Nursing 101**

Session Facilitator: Kim McGann (Nazareth College)

- ❖ Panel of Rochester Area Sociologists

### **9. Neoliberal Rule in Academia and NGOs RM. Nursing 102**

Session Facilitator: Marta Rodríguez-Galán (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “The iron law and the academy: an empirical investigation of the fall of the faculty and rise of university administration as a managerial class,” Michael Restivo (SUNY Geneseo)
- ❖ “More embedded than ever: marketized nonprofit organizations in neoliberal urban regimes,” Patricia Tweet (St. John Fisher College)

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

## **Sessions 10:10 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

### **10. Urban Spaces and Places RM. Nursing 102**

Session Facilitator: Kevin Clarke (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Redeveloping the declining city: the role of a medicalized deficiency theory,” Patricia Tweet (St. John Fisher College)
- ❖ “The Emergence of Gentrification in the ‘City of Good Neighbors’: Race, Class, and Neighborhoods in Buffalo,” Jessica Coley (University at Buffalo)
- ❖ “Postindustrial Urban Agriculture and the Materiality of Everyday Life,” Jared Strohl (University at Buffalo)
- ❖ “Morality and the Making of Urban Space: A Dissertation Proposal,” Vinay Kumar (University at Buffalo)

### **11. Panel of Graduate School RM. Nursing 103**

Session Facilitator: Marta Rodríguez-Galán

- ❖ “Tips and Tricks for Getting the Most out of Graduate School,” Debra Street (Department Chair at University of Buffalo)
- ❖ “Becoming and Being a Graduate Student,” Margaret Rex (University at Buffalo) and Joanne Tompkins (University at Buffalo)
- ❖ “Demystifying the Application and Admission Process,” Mary Nell Trautner (Director of Graduate Studies at University at Buffalo)

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## **Sessions 11:40 A.M. – 1 P.M.**

### **12. Crime and Punishment RM. Nursing 101**

Session Facilitator: Roja Singh (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Challenges Faced by Individuals in Reentry and Methods for Successful Transitioning,” Michelle L. Morris (Cornell University)
- ❖ “Armed and Female: Perspectives on Upstate New York’s Female Gun Owners,” Zachary Miner (State University of New York - Albany)
- ❖ “The Case for an Independent Police Accountability System: Transforming the Civilian Review Process in Rochester, New York,” Theodore Forsyth, A.J. Durwin, and Kerry Coleman

### **13. Media, Text, and Design RM. Nursing 102**

Session Facilitator: David Bell (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Digital Media and the Production of Oppositional Knowledge,” Latoya Lee (SUNY Oswego)
- ❖ “Truth and Truth-telling: *Aletheia* and *Parrhesia* through Achilles and Harry Potter,” Nicole M. Jowsey (Medaille College)
- ❖ “Letting Science Design the Religion of the Future,” David White (Independent Scholar)

### **14. Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Across Populations RM. Nursing 103**

Session Facilitator: Kevin Clarke (St. John Fisher College)

- ❖ “Racial-Ethnic Preference: A Mixed-Method Content Analysis of Craigslist Ads,” Chris Kim (Ithaca College)
- ❖ “Gender and Race Differences in Self-Rated Health Among Community Dwelling Elderly Population,” Randall Stetson (SUNY Oswego)

**1 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**



# SATURDAY LUNCH

GOLISANO GATEWAY

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1:30 P.M.

AWARDS

AND

LUNCHEON ADDRESS

GOLISANO GATEWAY

***BRIAN BARRY***

Rochester Institute of Technology

*“The Sociology of Suffering”*

The Sociology of suffering will consider the theoretical versus activist strain in sociology, the ways evidence-based sociology can inform social policy, the framing of social problems and the ways individual s can lessen human suffering through consumer and charitable behavior.

Brian Barry is Associate Professor of Sociology and Psychology at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He received his Ph.D. In Social Science at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, a Masters in Social Science at Syracuse University, and a B.A. in Sociology cum laude at Saint John Fisher College.

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3 P.M.  
Executive Business Meeting  
Golisano Gateway

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The 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of NYSSA comes at a propitious time, as the winds of political change uneasily rock the nation. Hence, the need for a sociological lens and sensibility seems as strong today as ever. Critical and historical social analysis has provided fresh thinking and understanding of the current reality and our future options. What kind of society we might envision and create is now an active conversation across the nation. We thus belong to that rare generation of sociologists who are able to directly engage and contribute to such efforts. Let us begin and/or continue this work this Fall in Rochester, New York—home of Frederick Douglass’ *North Star* and Susan B. Anthony’s organizational headquarters.

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David Baronov (St. John Fisher College, Sociology and Anthropology), 2017 NYSSA President