CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
2013 Junior Theorists Symposium

New York City, NY
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 15 FEBRUARY 2013

We invite submissions for extended abstracts for the 7th Junior Theorists Symposium (JTS), to be held in New York City on August 9th, 2013, the day before the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). The JTS is a one-day conference featuring the work of up-and-coming theorists, organized by the Theory Section of the ASA. Since 2005, the conference has brought together early career-stage sociologists who engage in theoretical work.

We are pleased to announce that Wendy Espeland (Northwestern University), Paul DiMaggio (Princeton University), and Robin Wagner-Pacifici (The New School) will serve as discussants for this year's symposium.

In addition, we are pleased to announce an after-panel on “Theory, Past and Future,” featuring Claire Laurier Decoteau (University of Illinois-Chicago), Neil Gross (University of British Columbia), Greta Krippner (University of Michigan), Richard Swedberg (Cornell University) and Iddo Tavory (The New School). The panel will examine such questions as why certain theoretical traditions retain their apparent usefulness while others die off, and what theoretical positions and debates are likely to remain or become salient in the near future.

We invite all ABD graduate students, postdocs, and assistant professors who received their PhDs from 2009 onwards to submit a three-page précis (800-1000 words). The précis should include the key theoretical contribution of the paper and a general outline of the argument. Be sure also to include (i) a paper title, (ii) author’s name, title and contact information, and (iii) three or more descriptive keywords. As in previous years, in order to encourage a wide range of submissions we do not have a pre-specified theme for the conference. Instead, papers will be grouped into sessions based on emergent themes.

Please send submissions to the organizers: Fiona Rose-Greenland, University of Michigan (frose@umich.edu) and Josh Pacewicz, Brown University (pacewicz@brown.edu) with the phrase “JTS submission” in the subject line. The deadline is February 15, 2013. We will extend up to 12 invitations to present by March 15. Please plan to share a full paper by July 1, 2013.

Further information about the JTS and the ASA Theory Section can be found here: http://www.csun.edu/~egodard/asatheory/jrtheorists-12.html