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Emerging Scholars Newsletter

Dear Emerging Scholars:

We are happy to announce the second Society for the Study of Emerging Adults (SSEA) Emerging Scholars (ES) Network Newsletter. Our network is growing and becoming more connected. In the current newsletter, we will share some news about our network, regional networks, upcoming conferences, and other activities. Your participation is welcome!

Please feel free to invite interested colleagues and forward the newsletter if you wish! Thanks!

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Did you miss the 7th SSEA Conference?

SSEA Hot Seat

In this session three SSEA emerging scholars turned the tables and posed the questions to Jeffrey Arnett, challenging his theory of emerging adulthood! "Big picture" questions about the nature and future of emerging adulthood were addressed, as well as more specific ones regarding the application of the theory of emerging adulthood to diverse populations around the globe. Hopefully this session answered all your questions about emerging adulthood and also provide some more facts directly from the hot seat!

<http://ssea.org/conference/2015/hotseat.htm>

Visit with Emerging Scholars at the 2017 SSEA Conference in Washington DC.

<http://ssea.org/conference/2017/index.htm>



Emerging Scholar Network Chair, Maria Wängqvist

Welcome Note ES Network Chair, Maria Wängqvist

The aim of the ES Network is to bring together resources for career advice, to create networking opportunities and to establish collaborations to strengthen international research on emerging adulthood. All emerging scholars (students or within four years from Ph.D.) are welcomed to join the network (to join the ES send an e-mail to coordinator@ssea.org). We also have a Facebook group to promote interaction and discussion between the conferences (please join! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/492604637558825/>).

Some of our current activities besides from these newsletters concern the special issue in the journal *Emerging Adulthood*, with guest editors Radosveta Dimitrova and Monique Landberg from the ES network. The submitted manuscripts for the special issue are now undergoing the review process. Also, as you can see in this newsletter, members in the ES network are involved in several upcoming conferences. For example, there is a workshop on mixed and qualitative methods sponsored by SSEA at EARA in September. We do encourage SSEA emerging scholars to meet in person at these conferences and are happy to help distribute invites for such activities through the e-mail list and Facebook group.

Meet Maria Wängqvist

SSEA Leadership: Network Chair

Maria Wängqvist received her PhD in developmental psychology in April 2013, with a thesis on emerging adults' identity formation and her MSc in clinical psychology in 2008. She is now enrolled as researcher and lecturer at the University of Gothenburg. A socio-cultural perspective and a mixed methods approach guide her research, which concern longitudinal studies of identity and personality development in emerging adulthood (within the Gothenburg Longitudinal study of Development—GoLD) and identity constructions in specific contexts such as the family, romantic relationships, and online environments. Her teaching focuses on developmental and personality psychology focus on identity, adolescence, and emerging adulthood.

Latest Publication:

Who am I Online? Understanding the Meaning of Online Contexts for Identity Development

Read the full publication here:

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2F540894-016-0025-0>

Major Publications:

- *Emerging Adults in Sweden: Identity formation in the light of love, work and family*
- *Child and Adolescent Predictors of Personality in Early Adulthood*

Read the full publication here: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cdev.12362/abstract;jsessionid=E50C2710C572499F139EA97F10847F52.f04t02>

Emerging Scholars on the Move

Dr. Gail Ferguson, SSEA Africa Topic Network member (and former TN Co-Chair), has recently been selected to receive the American Psychological Association, Division 52, Early Career Psychologist award for International Psychology. These annual Awards are granted to two early career psychologists who have made significant contributions to the field of International Psychology such as: publications, conference presentations, grants with outcomes that further international psychology, significant honors or awards, development of an international psychology program, mentoring/advising, or significant contributions in international projects that show tangible outcomes relevant to the mission of Division 52. The award includes a \$200 Award, recognition at the 2016 APA Convention, an opportunity to present at the convention/ Division 52 suite program, an opportunity to publish in the Division 52 newsletter, International Psychology Bulletin, and free division membership for one year.

Monique Landberg (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena), Maria Wängqvist (University of Gothenburg), and Joseph Schwab (Clark University) are organizing a workshop on qualitative and mixed method approaches at EARA <http://www.eara2016.com/welcome/pre-conference-workshops/>

Luciana Dutra-Thomé (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre-RS, Brazil) will be attending the Marbach Castle Residence Program of the Jacobs Foundation at the end of August.

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ES Co-Chair Regional updates

Narjes Lari (Teheran University) – Asia: Iran is a country with special context, as we are unaware of emerging adulthood studies within this context, Narjes has formed a group of four Tehran University students and is planning a study about emerging adulthood. Arnett's markers questionnaire were not appropriate for the context. Therefore, they started with a qualitative survey for investigating the markers of adulthood and developed a related questionnaire. The next step is to categorize the critiques of emerging adulthood and compare these with other countries using qualitative data. While still in the beginning, they are hopeful for efficient results.

Luciana Dutra-Thomé (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre-RS) – Latin America: Our TN aims to build an integrated and consistent picture of the phenomenon of emerging adulthood in Latin America. Currently, it counts on 16 members from Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, and the United States. Their current themes of investigation are love relationships, residential status, and with the Five-factor model of personality in emerging adults (Argentina) socioeconomic status, social skills, protective and risk factors, future goals, friendship (Brazil), and migration (Mexico).



Megan Weier (University of Queensland) – Australia and New Zealand: There are several youth research centers in Australia: Orygen – National Centre for Youth Mental Health, The University of Melbourne – Youth Research Centre, and The newly established Centre for Applied Youth Research. Any emerging scholars working on emerging adulthood in Australia and New Zealand are encouraged to make contact with Megan.

Byron G. Adams (Tilburg University and University of Johannesburg; Chair of Africa Topic Network) – Africa: In Africa they are working on developing a space for collaborative research in which members could work on joint publications. Their main objectives are to engage current members and possibly to submit a symposium on emerging adulthood in the African context and African Diaspora at the 2017 Conference.



We would motivate you to contact the Co-chair within your region for more details on current activities and plans within this region.

Regional Co-Chairs Members

Europe: Radosveta Dimitrova (Stockholm University, Sweden)

South America: Luciana Dutra-Thomé (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre - RS, Brazil)

Africa: Byron Adams (Tilburg University, Netherlands)

Asia: Narjes Lari (Teheran University, Iran)

North America: Dalal Katsiaficas (University of Illinois at Chicago, USA)

Australia/New Zealand: Megan Weier (University of Queensland, Australia)

Spotlight

Dra. Luciana Dutra-Thomé is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. She was a visiting scholar at Clark University, working with Jeffrey Arnett. She has collaborations with the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil, 2014-2015), Université Paris XIII (invited professor, 2015-2016), and University of British Columbia (2016). Grounded on the socio-cultural approach, her themes of research are Emerging Adulthood, Youth and Work, and Positive Youth Development. She was awarded with fellowships by the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel, and the Research Agency from the State of Rio Grande do Sul. She is the first researcher to work on emerging adulthood in Brazil, focusing on socioeconomic context and inequalities. Aiming to widespread the emerging adulthood theory in Brazil, she and colleagues are editing a book on transition to adulthood bringing the experience of individuals in normative and non-normative contexts, and rural and urban areas, highlighting emerging adulthood variability within Brazil.



Special Announcements

- EA Special Issue: The guest editors Radosveta Dimitrova (Stockholm University) and Monique Landberg (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena) for the Emerging Adulthood Special Issue for SSEA Emerging Scholars entitled 'International Perspectives on Identity and Acculturation in Emerging Adulthood' would like to thank all emerging scholars within the network for showing interest, great submissions, and commitment to the special issue. The special issue is scheduled to come out in 2017.
- Upcoming Book Project in 2016: Luciana Dutra-Thomé, Susana Nuñez, Anderson Siqueira-Pereira and Silvia Helena Koller, members of the TN on Latin America, are organizing a book about emerging adulthood in Brazil. We count on investigations in both urban and rural areas, and we access the reality of medium-high and low-income emerging adults living in protected or vulnerable conditions. We consider important bringing this contextualization, taking into account that emerging adulthood is a non-universal phenomenon, affected by the variability within and between countries.

The book already has 17 chapters. It is missing an introductory chapter that aims to bring the state of the art of the emerging adulthood phenomenon. Members of the SSEA Emerging Scholars Network are invited to contribute to this chapter in collaboration with Jeffrey Arnett and Luciana Dutra-Thomé.

Job Announcements

The Culture and Family Life Lab at the University of Illinois, Human Development and Family Studies under the leadership of Dr. Gail Ferguson is looking to recruit a Ph.D. student. Any talented undergraduate (or Master's level) students with an interest in research/interventions related to modern globalization or acculturation among youth and families internationally are encouraged to check out our Ph.D. program and make contact with Dr. Ferguson.

Many topics connect to globalization and acculturation, which means that work in this lab is increasingly interdisciplinary and has included topics such as identity, values, family relationships, media use, eating attitudes/behaviors, and emotional health among non-immigrant and immigrant youth in some countries. Dr. Ferguson, welcome students, interested in youth and families in/ from developing countries.

Applications for our Ph.D. program (it is a combined MS and Ph.D. program) are due January 15th, 2017 for enrollment in August (2017), and some funding has always been offered.

Please see the links to the program and Dr. Ferguson below:

University of Illinois, Human Devel-

opment and Family Studies (HDFS)
Website: <http://hdfs.illinois.edu/>

HDFS PhD Admission requirements/
information: <http://hdfs.illinois.edu/handbook/admissions-procedures>

Ferguson Faculty Profile: <http://hcd.illinois.edu/directory/gmfergus>

Culture and Family Life Lab: <https://publish.illinois.edu/cultureandfamilylifelab/>

Doctoral candidate in Border Studies
- the University of Luxembourg,
UniGR-Center for Border Studies -

The University of Luxembourg accepts applications for the position of "chercheur en formation doctorale" in the field of cultural studies oriented Border Studies (full-time, fixed term contract).

More information: <http://emea3.mrted.ly/13i51>

Members could also visit the following websites for Academic Positions:

In Europe: <http://academicpositions.eu/>

In the Netherlands: <https://www.academictransfer.com/>

Note: If you are aware of any positions that would be of interest for SSEA emerging scholars, please let us know.

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<http://ssea.org/membership/index.htm>

Save the Date:

November 1-4, 2017

Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood



International Upcoming Conferences

(where SSEA emerging scholars participate)

2016

June 30-July 1, [On New Shores Conference, Fathers in Cultural Contexts: From Fatherlessness to Fathering and Everything In Between](#)

July 7-9, Diversity, Migration, and Education: <http://www.diversity2016.org/>

July 10-14, [24th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development](#), ISSBD, Vilnius, Lithuania

July 24-29, [31st International Congress of Psychology](#), Yokohama, Japan

July 30th – August 3rd,, [23rd Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology](#), IACCP, Nagoya, Japan

September 14-17, [International Association for Adolescent Health Congress, Pristine](#), Kosovo

September 16-19, European Association for Research on Adolescence, La Barrosa, Cadiz, Spain: <http://www.eara2016.com/>

October 27-28, [7th On New Shores Conference, Immigrant Families across the Lifespan: Theoretical and Practical Considerations](#), Toronto, Canada

2017

April 7-8, Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting: <http://www.srcd.org/meetings/biennial-meeting>

Information about SRCD Biennial Meeting 2017 travel awards: <http://www.srcd.org/meetings/biennial-meeting/travel-awards>