

SSEA April 2022 Newsletter

News

Special Message from the SSEA President

Dear SSEA members and friends,

Although we are heading into the first few weeks of Spring, this is the first newsletter of 2022 and a good opportunity for pause and reflection on SSEA in 2021. It was a year of continued resilience and adaptation as we continued to navigate the many challenges of the pandemic. We had an engaging and successful online conference, launched the Small Grants program, and saw the continued growth of the journal



Emerging Adulthood. I want to take this space to thank the 2021 Conference Committee for their incredible work in making the virtual conference a huge success. I am so grateful to have such wonderful leaders and members within SSEA who continuously show up to support and promote the excellent work in our field.

Recently, we hosted a book launch for *Cultivating Student Success*, the newest book in the Oxford University Press Emerging Adulthood series. We had 87 registrants for the webinar! It was wonderful to see so many of you excited to connect with your fellow colleagues and SSEA members. We will continue to host similar events over the next several months and hope to see new and familiar faces celebrating the fantastic work of our members.

My hope for 2022 is that we will continue to reconnect with our SSEA friends and colleagues. This wonderful community has so much to offer. I am inspired by the incredible work of our members – in research, policy and practice – and thank you for being a part of it. We welcome your feedback about ways we can get our members more involved in SSEA in 2022 and will continue to look forward to 2023 when we will be together in person for our next conference in San Diego.

Warm regards,

Emerging Adulthood Book Series from Oxford University Press



The **Emerging Adulthood book series** is published by **Oxford University Press** and edited by Dr. Larry Nelson. This series provides a publication venue that allows for an in-depth, multi-disciplinary, and multi-method examination into key factors that influence development during the third decade of life. Broadly, the focus of the series is on flourishing (i.e., factors that lead to positive, adaptive development during emerging adulthood and the successful transition into adult roles) and floundering (i.e., factors that lead to maladaptive behaviors and negative

development during emerging adulthood as well as a delay and difficulty in transitioning into adult roles) in the diverse paths young people take into and through the third decade of life. More specifically, the series highlights the diversity and individual experiences within this age group and examines the successes and struggles experienced by young people as they transition into and through their twenties. There have now been 11 books published in the series (for a full listing please see

https://global.oup.com/academic/content/series/e/emerging-adulthood-serieseas/?cc=us&lang=en&) with several others in various stages of preparation. If you have potential interest in contributing a book (authored or edited) to the series, please contact the Series Editor (Larry Nelson) for more information as he is happy to discuss possible book ideas prior to the proposal being formally submitted.

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Events

2023 Conference on Emerging Adulthood, San Diego, CA



Save the Date – our next conference will be June 15-17, 2023 in San Diego, CA, USA at the Hyatt Regency Missions Bay Spa and Marina. Please keep an eye out for our Call for Papers coming this summer.

Announcing our new Monthly Networking Meetings

Beginning in September, 2022, the SSEA Executive Committee will be hosting monthly networking meetings via Zoom to help members connect on a regular basis. Our discussion and presentation themes will generally be provided by our topic network groups. If you are interested in proposing a topic, please reach out to coordinator@ssea.org.

Topic Network Updates

Emerging Scholars: (Sam McKay and Melissa Fenton)

The Emerging Scholar Topic Network is primarily following on from the success of the previous team with a new leadership group. We ran our first webinar of our 2022 series in March where Sam McKay delivered an introduction to qualitative research and study design. We have created a YouTube channel share our webinar recordings this year and the first session can be found <u>here</u>. We will run a further 3 webinars across the year and are in the process of organizing speakers for these sessions. We are also working to build a platform on our website to support research collaborations after our members told us in a recent members survey that was key interest. We are hoping to run a webinar on this topic as well.

Finance Topic Network

Recently, Dr. Ashley LeBaron-Black (former Co-Chair) and Dr. Jinhee Kim (former Chair) finished their service to the Finances Topic Network. We are grateful for their work and contributions! It is an honor for us to act as the new Finance Topic Network Chair (Dr. Mette Ranta) and Co-Chair (Matthew Saxey) and great to continue from where they have left off.

Additional Notices

Website Update

The society is in the process of developing a new website! Please bear with us as we navigate this lengthy transition. If you hit any snags using our website or need information, please feel free to reach out to <u>coordinator@ssea.org</u>.

Emerging Adulthood Journal Update

The special issue on COVID-19 was published in October. The journal continues to receive COVID-19 related manuscripts, so each issues has and will continue to have sections devoted to articles covering the impact of COVID-19 on emerging adults. Authors are encouraged to continue submitting their COVID-19 related work. There have been changes in staff on the

publishing side, but the journal continues to have the same group of excellent Associate Editors and the Editorial Board has remained consistent. Since Jan 1st, the journal has had 37 new manuscripts submitted and plenty of revised papers.

Call for Student Members to join the Membership Committee

We are seeking a new person to chair our communications committee. This job entails preparing the quarterly newsletter, helping with communications via email, the website, and social media for our conferences and other society events, and generally helping spread news about the field of Emerging Adulthood to keep our members informed.

Join the SSEA

SSEA membership is open to researchers, students, educators, policy makers, and practitioners interested in development during this period of life. Members contribute to building SSEA, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the understanding of development in emerging adulthood (ages 18-29) through scholarship, education, training, policy, and practice. To join SSEA, visit the membership page <u>membership page</u>.

