



# Society for the Study of Emerging Adults (SSEA) Emerging Scholars (ES) Network

Dear Emerging Scholars,

We are happy to announce the newest Society for the Study of Emerging Adults (SSEA) Emerging Scholars (ES) Network Newsletter. In the current newsletter, we will share updates about the members of our network, the plans for the network, special announcements, upcoming conferences, and the newest research from ES members.

## Chair's Welcome:

I would like to take a moment to welcome our new members to the SSEA Emerging Scholars Topic Network! Thank you for your interest in this group.

The Emerging Scholar Topic Network aims to bring together resources for career advice, to create networking opportunities, and to establish collaborations to strengthen international research on emerging adulthood.

We are extremely excited about this group, and we are planning some projects to help us meet these goals. For example, we are creating a new website to store information for members. We have also been contacting topic network members directly to learn more about what members hope to gain from this network. We look forward to using this information to help our members connect, collaborate, and learn!

Please feel free to invite interested colleagues and forward the newsletter if you wish! New members can join by sending an e-mail to [coordinator@ssea.org](mailto:coordinator@ssea.org)

## Upcoming Events

### May 17

SSEA THEMATIC CONFERENCE: SELF AND IDENTITY IN EMERGING ADULTHOOD.

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## Important Announcement

Call for Papers to Special Issue for Journal of Emerging Adulthood

### Financial Instability during Emerging Adulthood

Special Issue Editors:

Margherita Lanz, Catholic University of Milan, Italy

Joyce Serido, University of Minnesota, USA

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## So what's new to come for the network?

After considering the best options on how to share and compile information for SSEA ES members, the ES board decided to create a dedicated website for the SSEA ES network. This website will be a place where we can provide members with up to date information about issues related to professional development, opportunities to connect with and learn about other Emerging Scholars in the field, information about future conferences, and a repository of useful information for both students and recent graduates.

The main administrator of this website will be Rimantas Vosylis (at least until the next SSEA conference). We encourage members of the network to provide information about their recent publications, projects, and accomplishments for the website. Those who wish to contribute can send information to [rvosylis@gmail.com](mailto:rvosylis@gmail.com).

The website should be published online before summer 2018.

## SSEA thematic conference: Self and identity in emerging adulthood

The first SSEA thematic conference on "Self and Identity" will take place on May 17-19, 2018 in Romania, Cluj-Napoca.

A conference is a three-day event, which includes two days of the conference and one day of post-conference master workshops. Among the confirmed speakers for the conference are: Jeffrey Jensen Arnett, Radosveta Dimitrova, Lenne Arnett Jensen, Theo Klimstra, Koen Luyckx, Seth Schwartz, Kazumi Sugimura, Vivian Vignoles, and Sophie D. Walsh.

Two members of SSEA ES network will also present their latest research in this conference. Specifically, Susan Gilbert will present a study titled "Social, emotional, and character development of counselors In-training," and Rimantas Vosylis will present a study titled "Links between purposeful parental financial socialization practices and financial identity in emerging adulthood."

## Survey results I:

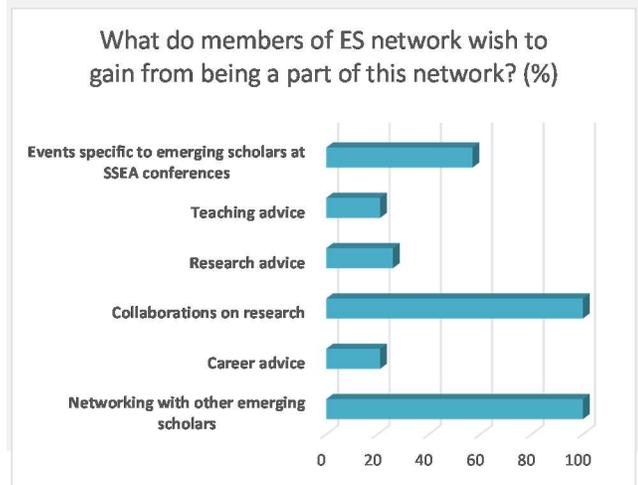
### What do members of ES network wish to gain from being a part of this network?

There were two areas that every member who responded to the survey indicated as being important: collaboration on research and networking with other emerging scholars.

More than half of respondents also indicated that they would like for ES network to prepare a specific even for ES members at SSEA conference

Several members also noted that they wish to receive more teaching, research, and career advice.

Thus, the priority for this network will be to create more opportunities for young researchers to work together.



## Upcoming Special Issue for Emerging Adulthood journal: *Financial Instability during Emerging Adulthood*

Special Issue Editors: Margherita Lanz (Catholic University of Milan, Italy) and Joyce Serido (University of Minnesota, USA)

Of particular interest are studies that investigate the connection between finances and emerging adult life in different countries and cultures or different life conditions within country/culture (e.g., occupational status, living arrangement). Manuscripts from authors in all disciplines are welcome (e.g., psychology, human development, family studies, consumer behavior, sociology), and all types of manuscript submissions will be considered: empirical (qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods) as well as reviews and meta-analyses. Studies using a longitudinal design, cross-cultural comparison, and/or qualitative approach are preferred. Initial proposals consisting of a provisional title, 300-500 word abstract, and author information (title, names, affiliation and contact details), are due by June 30, 2018. Proposals should be prepared as PDF or MS Word documents and sent as attachments via email to the Special Issues Editors at [margherita.lanz@unicatt.it](mailto:margherita.lanz@unicatt.it), and [jserido@umn.edu](mailto:jserido@umn.edu)

Authors will be informed by July 31, 2018, whether they will be invited to submit a full manuscript. Full manuscripts will be due by October 31, 2018, and will be subject to peer review. Full articles are expected to conform to the 6,000-word limit (main text only), but longer articles will be permitted for qualitative, mixed methods, multi-study, and other complex methods that require additional space.

### Survey results II:

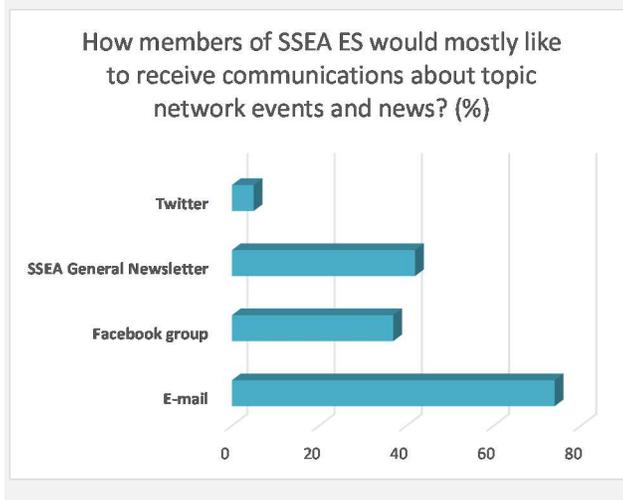
#### How members of SSEA ES would mostly like to receive communications about topic network events and news? (%)

The highest proportion of those who took the survey indicated that e-mail would be the best way of communicating the news from SSEA ES network.

Some members also preferred Facebook and the General SSEA newsletter.

Thus, we will prioritize e-mail as a way of communicating the news from ES network, however, we will cross post the news into a Facebook group.

Some of the information will also be presented in General SSEA Newsletter.



## Special issue from SSEA emerging scholars has finally come out!

A special issue that was put forward by emerging scholars that participated in the 7th SSEA conference in Miami, Florida in 2015, has been published. The topic of the Special Issue is "International Perspectives on Identity and Acculturation in Emerging Adulthood," and the issue includes five papers. The special issue can be accessed [here](#).

## Spotlight

ES Network Chair: **Shannon Claxton** is an



Assistant Professor of psychology at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA. Her research focuses on quantitative methodology and on understanding the important romantic and sexual relationships that typify the experiences of emerging adults.

Specifically, her research evaluates the predictors and outcomes of engaging in the casual sexual relationships and experiences that are common among emerging adults.

ES Network Co-chair: **Angela Sorgente** has just



received her Ph.D. in Psychology at Catholic University of Milan (Italy). She is mainly interested in Psychometrics and Research Methodology. Angela is currently studying emerging adults' financial well-being applying new research methodologies (e.g.,

multiple informant methodologies) and statistical techniques (e.g., Latent Transition Analysis). In 2017 Angela has been elected as SSEA Emerging Scholar Representative of the Governing Council.

## Survey results III:

### What members of ES network consider as most useful information in an emerging scholar topic network newsletter? (%)

The highest proportion of those who took the survey indicated that they want more collaboration between members of ES network. Also most indicated that they wish to receive more information about conferences relevant for SSEA members and other SSEA related announcements.

However, we will also try to include more research methodology spotlights, job announcements, and latest research from the members of SSEA ES network. Some of these you can already find in this newsletter.

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## Latest research from members of SSEA ES (listed alphabetically)

### **Martina Benvenuti:**

Mazzoni E., Piobbico, G., & Benvenuti, M. (2017). Robots and socio-cognitive conflict enhance wayfinding in children. *Annual Review of CyberTherapy and Telemedicine*, 15, 33-38.

<http://www.arctt.info/volume-15-summer-2017>

Benvenuti, M., Mazzoni, E., & Piobbico, G. (2017). Being online in emerging adulthood: between problematic or functional use of the internet. In M. Wright (Ed.), *Identity, Sexuality, and Relationships among Emerging Adults in the Digital Age* (pp. 226-246). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

<https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-5225-1856-3.ch014>

### **Sarah Brewer**

Brewer, S. E., Nicotera, N., Veeh, C., & Laser-Maira, J. A. (2018). Predictors of positive development in first-year college students. *Journal of American College Health*, 1–12.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2018.1440567>

### **Stella Kanchewa**

Schwartz, S. E. O., Kanchewa, S. S., Rhodes, J. E., Gowdy, G., Stark, A. M., Horn, J. P., ... Spencer, R. (2018). "I'm Having a Little Struggle With This, Can You Help Me Out?": Examining impacts and processes of a social capital intervention for first-generation college students. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 61 (1–2), 166–178. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12206>

### **Mette Ranta**

Ranta, M., & Salmela-Aro, K., (2017). Subjective financial situation and financial capability of young adults in Finland. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*, Early Online Publication.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/0165025417745382>

Ranta, M., Pessi, A. B., & Grönlund, H. (2017). Young Adults' Conceptions of the Sacred in Finland Today. *Young*, 25(1), 45–65. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1103308816669212>

### **Rimantas Vosylis**

Erentaitė, R., Vosylis, R., Gabrielavičiūtė, I., & Raižienė, S. (2018). How does school experience relate to adolescent identity formation over time? Cross-lagged associations between school engagement, school burnout and identity processing styles. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-017-0806-1>

## Other Upcoming International Conferences

[30th Association for Psychological Science \(APS\) Annual Convention, May 24-27, 2018, San Francisco, CA.](#)

[25th Biennial Meeting of the ISSBD \(International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development\), July 15-19, 2018, Gold coast, Queensland, Australia.](#)

[EARA \(European Association for Research on Adolescence\) 2018 Conference, September 12-15, 2018, Ghent, Belgium.](#)

[SRCD \(The Society for Research in Child Development\) Special meeting "Promoting Character Development Among Diverse Children and Adolescents: The Roles of Families, Schools, and Out-Of-School-Time Youth Development Programs," October 18-20, 2018, Philadelphia, PA.](#)

[2019 SRCD \(The Society for Research in Child Development\) Biennial Meeting, March 21-23, 2019, Baltimore, Maryland](#)

[International Convention of Psychological Science, 7-9 March 2019, Paris, France.](#)

## Thank you from the SSEA ES Topic Network Chair and Regional Co-Chairs!

*Chair:* Shannon Claxton (Morningside College, USA)

*Emerging Scholar Representative of the Governing Council:* Angela Sorgente (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy)

*South America:* Luciana Dutra-Thomé (Federal University of Bahia, Brazil)

*Canada and China:* Fanli Jia (Seton Hall University, USA)

*Europe:* Rimantas Vosylis (Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania)