

BRINGING DOWN DIVIDES

Special Issue Commemorating the Work of Gregory Maney (1967 – 2017)

The notion of *divide* is a central concept in the social sciences. Relevant to various levels of human interactions, *divides* lie at the core of many causal social mechanisms (e.g. dissociation, boundary activation, and category and stereotype formation). Divides reflect interactions of separation and polarization; they also shape and reflect cultural codes, social practices and organizations, and institutional norms and policies. As a sociologist working in the fields of social movements, peace, conflicts, and community-engaged scholarship, Greg Maney made the study of divides and attempts to challenge divides his research focus. Maney was interested in how ordinary people mobilize to challenge institutional norms, practices, and policies that legitimize and preserve divides, as well as how state actors and other powerholders react to these challenges. Seeing the applied potential of this field, Maney also pushed academics to connect with practitioners and policymakers in the pursuit of publically engaged scholarship.

Celebrating Greg's work, we seek articles that offer new ways to research and theorize attempts to challenge divides, focusing on three major types of divides:

- Attributional, by which we mean a quality or feature of people around which resources, rights, and powers are distributed unequally (e.g. race, gender, and ethno-nationality);
- Epistemological, by which we mean types, productions, and usages of knowledge over which contests and conflicts occur, (e.g. academic vs. activist; scientific vs. experiential; and mainstream vs. alternative media); and,
- Ideological, by which we mean systems of meanings, ideas, and beliefs and how they may divide and polarize people (e.g. conservative vs. progressive, pro-life vs. pro-choice, and antiwar vs. pro-war).

Respecting Greg Maney's versatile approach to research, we value no specific research design (qualitative or quantitative; idiographic or nomothetic) or types of conflicts or social movements. Rather, we welcome diversity in submissions. Following the long-standing approach of the RSMCC series, we will privilege data-driven research papers over interpretive or conceptual pieces. Send submissions **by August 1, 2018** as a WORD document to one of the

co-editors of this volume, Eitan Alimi (eitan.alimi@mail.huji.ac.il) or Lisa Leitz (leitz@chapman.edu) for consideration in *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, an annual peer-reviewed volume of research, Volume 43: *Bringing Down the Divides*.

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