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TO: SSSP Board of Directors and SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee

FROM: Stephen R. Couch, Editor, *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*

RE: Annual Report of the Editor of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*

I have now completed my fourth year as Editor of the SSSP Newsletter (Volume 30, Number 3 through Volume 34, Number 2). As in the previous three years, this year's issues have appeared on schedule and within the allotted budget. I have requested the same budget amount for the coming year.

I wish to thank those of you who contributed to *Social Problems Forum*. Special thanks go to Jim Rooney and Keith Kilty who coordinated the first two appearances of our new feature, "Convergences and Divergences: Points of View on Social Problems." My appreciation also goes out to the twelve authors of *Forum* featured article and the five authors of book and film reviews.

I also wish to thank Tom Hood and Michele Koontz for their excellent support, and the Newsletter's Editorial Assistant, Anne Mercuri, for her continuing and invaluable assistance.

This coming year, I will be soliciting guest coordinators to continue our "Convergences and Divergences" feature, which I expect will continue to consist of three or four essays addressing theory, research and policy on a particular social problem. I would welcome volunteers to coordinate a set of essays on a topic of interest.

I am also hoping to continue to increase the number of other substantive essays, book and film reviews, and letters to the editor. In order to do this, I need assistance from the SSSP Board and membership. Please submit essays, reviews and letters for possible inclusion, so that *Social Problems Forum* can do a still better job at promoting dialogue and discussion among us about issues of common interest.

Thank you for your continued support of the SSSP Newsletter.