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1. Student Paper Competition and the Michael Harrington Award for Community Action (2010):

Yvonne Luna, Chair and Jennifer Wesely will establish evaluation criteria used for these awards (possibly check with Michele Koontz to see if previously established criteria are available). Raine Dozier and Lisa Welch will participate in the committees for these awards.

2. Proposed Sessions for SSSP 2010, Atlanta, GA (with accepted co-sponsorships)

The rules regarding sessions changed this year. We are restricted to seven co-sponsored sessions in addition to our three exclusive PCI sessions for a total of ten that can have our label. We can, however, offer roundtables in addition to the ten sessions. Since the chair of the Health division was not present at the Program Committee meeting, I decided to make our session on health a round table. There are going to be a lot of sessions related to health so our folks interested in that area shouldn't have difficulty getting papers into the conference if they want to do so.

I should also point out that some people who wanted to attend the meeting could not do so for various reasons. Anthony Nocella, who was one of those people, provided input on the sessions. The session on animals was his recommendation, and he has offered to organize it.

1. *Social Justice, Social Policy, and the Working Poor (PCI session)*
Organizer: Lisa Welch
2. *Social (In)Justice: Resisting and Negotiating Poverty (PCI session)*
Co-Organizers: Yvonne Luna and Jennifer Wesely
3. *Inequality at Work (PCI session)*
Organizer, Raine Dozier
4. *New Labor, Union Movements and Social Justice*
Co-sponsored with Labor Studies
(Organizer to be determined)
5. *Is Poverty a Social Justice Issue?*
Co-sponsored with Sociology and Social Welfare
(organizer to be determined)
6. *Family Inequality and Poverty*
Co-sponsored with Family Division
(organizer to be determined)
7. *Global Intersections: Inequalities, Conflict and Environmental Justice*
Organizer, Julie Andrzejewski
Co-sponsored with Global; Conflict, Social Action and Change (also proposed to include Environment and Technology)

8. *Political Economy and Inequality*
Organizer, John Alessio
Co-sponsored with Sociology and Social Welfare; Conflict, Social Action, and Change
9. *Persistent Inequalities: Considering Intersectionalities*
Co-sponsored with Labor Studies; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Disabilities; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities
(Organizer to be determined)
10. *Animals and the Environment: Inequalities and Social Justice Theory*
Organizer, Anthony Nocella
Co-sponsored with Social Problems Theory (also proposed to include Environment and Technology)
11. *Health Policy and Inequality (possible roundtable co-sponsored with Health, Health Policy, and Health Services – they did not attend the meeting)*
(organizer to be determined)

3. Resolutions for SSSP 2010

1. SSSP should add a division on Gender. (This pressing issue is currently not sufficiently visible at SSSP)
2. SSSP should better communicate to members how to become involved with the organization, especially the importance of attending division meetings, how to suggest and chair sessions, how the organization and committees work, etc. with the goal of increasing diversity and representation.
3. SSSP should take a stand and take actions to oppose wars, militarism, imperialism, etc. and take corresponding political actions to reduce military funding since it is directly related to decreases in social spending.