

Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

This exciting issue contains two thought-provoking essays, letters to the editor, a challenge from Tom Hood to consider the direction and function of SSSP, and a host of important business information like the 2007 call for paper proposals and calls for nominations and applications for scholarships, travel support, and awards. Also, this issue introduces new “innovations” to the newsletter itself, including photos from the 2006 annual conference in Montréal, Canada.

In this issue I had hoped to run a series of features focusing attention on the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I worked toward this end for a number of reasons. I thought such work, especially accounts by members with first-hand experience, would be of interest to readers. I believed the production of such work might prove cathartic to those contributors with personal experience of these events. Furthermore, as a self-exiled New Orleans native, I wanted to make my own contribution from behind the scenes. Accordingly, I put out a formal call for contributions in the last newsletter. I e-mailed all SSSP members from Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana inviting submissions related to the storms. And I personally solicited contributions from each of the authors of SSSP conference presentations on this topic (there were only two presentations in all).

In response, a number of potential contributors expressed interest, but work obligations, other commitments and the need to address various crises resulting from the storms reduced the number of possible contributions. In all, these efforts resulted in three contributions, one of which was later pulled at the author’s request, one of which is undergoing additional edits and development and will likely appear in a later issue, and the

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August 10-12, 2007

**Roosevelt Hotel
New York, NY, USA**

July 31-August 2, 2008

**Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers
Boston, MA, USA**

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Contributions sought for a convergences/divergences feature concerning,

“Faculty Adjunct Hell:
Reality or Myth?”

Contact the editor with ideas for essays or if you are interested in coordinating this feature.

Submission Information:

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We welcome essays, commentary, letters to the editor, and announcements of interest to SSSP members. Submissions by email or diskette using Microsoft Word or Word Perfect files are preferred. **The deadline for submitting material for the next issue is January 21, 2007.**

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From the Executive Office - Tom Hood

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is over 50 years old. The people who organized the Society placed the following statement of purpose in our by-laws.

This Society shall be a non-profit corporation to promote and protect sociological research and teaching on significant problems of social life and, particularly, to encourage the work of young sociologists; to stimulate the application of scientific method and theory to the study of vital social problems; to encourage problem-centered social research; to foster cooperative relations among persons and organizations engaged in the application of scientific sociological findings to the formulation of social policies; to foster higher quality of life, social welfare, and positive social relations in society and the global community and to undertake any activity related thereto or necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes.

As a member of this organization, do you still endorse this statement of purpose? Do you believe that the activities of the society, its policies and procedures are consistent with this statement of purpose? At the meetings in Montréal, the Board of Directors scheduled a retreat to examine among other things the role of the Executive Officer in fulfilling the purpose of the organization as we move into the 21st century.

Some of you are aware that I plan to retire from this position at the 2009 Annual Meeting. I plan to remain active in the organization. I purchased a Sustaining (Life) Membership several years ago.

I encourage each member who has ideas about the functioning and direction of the SSSP to communicate them. Discuss them in your division newsletter. Write to Ken Kyle, Editor, and get them published in SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER. Tell a member of the Board your ideas and concerns about the organization.

I am a member of many voluntary organizations. Like the problems facing the various societies of the world, the membership of an organization changes and the problems, which engage their attention change. SSSP continues to fulfill very well the purpose of encouraging the work of young sociologists. During my tenure as Executive Officer, student members have continued to be at least one-quarter of the total membership. In contrast to some professional organizations where students have limited rights, a student member of SSSP has all the rights of any other member of the Society.

During the coming year, the Editorial and Publications Committee will begin a search for a new Editor of SOCIAL PROBLEMS. The three-year term of the Editor plus a strong collection of scholars willing to review for the journal produces a vital and relevant journal. The commitment

to readability rather than jargon makes for wide readership in the 2000 libraries worldwide that subscribe to the journal. Testimony to the quality of scholarship is the number of citations to articles published in the journal. The journal ranked 4th in 2004 and 5th in 2005 on the Science Citation Index for journals in the field of sociology. Our journal encourages and demonstrates the relevance of problem centered social research.

Can we do more to foster cooperative relations among persons and organizations engaged in the application of scientific sociological findings to the formulation of social policies? Yes! We can. We have discussed holding joint annual meetings with other policy oriented social science organizations. The discussion on the Board has not favored this course of action, BUT that is only one way in which this purpose might be implemented. With the development of the Internet, dialogue between organizations and making common cause to support or oppose governmental policies can be easily implemented. Our publication of "Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2004" was an exceptional start in this direction, but suppose that the next effort were sponsored not only by SSSP but also by several other organizations working jointly with SSSP? For example, we might approach the Society for Applied Sociology, the Association of Black Sociologists, the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues to see if they would like to contribute articles to and provide financial support for the printing and distribution of a similar volume. As that famous organizer, Saul Alinsky, said quoting Frederick Douglass, struggle is necessary, "Power concedes nothing without a demand." A broader base of support for our appeals makes the demand louder.

Let me hear from you on your ideas about what SSSP should be doing. Better still let me see what you think in print in division newsletters and in SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM. Don't just send comments to me; send them to the officers of the Society and to your Special Problems Division Chairs.

I cannot close this column without thanking President Claire M. Renzetti, her program committee, the staff of the Executive Office, our local arrangements chair, the book exhibitors and all the members who contributed to the Montréal meetings program. The meeting was a great success. Thank you all very much.

SSSP is a great organization. Let us work together to make it better.

Tom Hood
Executive Officer

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I always look forward to the newsletter and have just read with pleasure the Summer 2006 *Social Problems Forum*. I was struck by the dramatic contrast between the idealistic column by Gary Alan Fine with its emphasis on the questioning of conventional wisdom and the pragmatic interview of Anne Schneider by SPF. Schneider/SPF seem bent on informing us how to discover the expectations of others and then how to meet those expectations. I do hope that the kinds of sociologists who choose to join SSSP are more inclined to follow their muse and pursue Fine's course, than to give up their own aspirations and interests in the pursuit of job security based on other people's criteria. It is hard to imagine a young Howard Becker or Erving Goffman or Alvin Gouldner struggling with the problem of how one must behave in order to obtain tenure.

Irwin Deutscher
University of Akron

Dear Editor,

Could you explain to me why all applied sociologists are grouped with untenured faculty and graduate students as "mentees" in the Speed Mentoring option offered by SSSP in Montréal?

It would seem that many of us would be sufficiently accomplished to match expertise with the 13 person panel of "stellar" academic sociologists offering advice ("mentors"). While mouthing platitudes to the contrary, this offensive slight further reinforces a second class citizenship for non-academic sociologists even in SSSP.

Hank Steadman
Policy Research Associates, Inc.

SPF asked the Speed Mentoring session organizer, Steven Barkan, to respond. Here is his reply.

Dear Editor,

As the organizer of the first-ever speed mentoring session at the 2006 SSSP annual meeting, I readily agree that Dr. Steadman makes very valid points and I sincerely regret the wording of the session's description that appeared in this newsletter ahead of the meeting. Another applied sociologist emailed me a very similar concern last June, and here is the main part of what I wrote him in response:

Ironically, applied sociologists were added to the list of possible mentees so that they wouldn't feel excluded from being able to enjoy this opportunity and because I felt that some work in settings where they lack colleagues with similar interests. I certainly did not intend any slight against applied sociologists nor any insinuation that they need mentoring, and I apologize if any was given.

After receiving that June email, I changed the session description wording for the final annual meeting program so that it would not contain language that might be perceived as derogatory of applied sociologists. In the final program, mentees were simply described as "those in graduate school or at the early stages of their careers," and mentors were described only as "senior SSSP members." I trust that any future speed mentoring sessions at the annual meeting will avoid any derogatory and exclusionary wording and that the many stellar applied sociologists among the SSSP membership will be serving as mentors.

Steven E. Barkan
University of Maine

The Global Problem of Torture Resolution

Whereas today many governments practice torture and other cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment or punishment, thereby making torture a global problem, and

Whereas "extraordinary rendition," a practice by which detainees are transferred to other countries where they will most certainly be tortured, is part of the global mechanism of torture, and

Whereas torture and "extraordinary rendition" are violations of international law, and

Whereas there have been recent cases when medical and psychological scientists and practitioners have abetted the practice of torture in cooperation with governments,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the SSSP:

Condemns the world-wide practice of torture, and
Specifically condemns the practice of and support for torture by world governments, and
Calls on all members of SSSP to stand up for and support colleagues who resist the use of social science knowledge and skills in the practice of torture.

Post-Katrina New Orleans: The Worst of Times...

Valerie J. Gunter, University of New Orleans
Visiting Associate Professor, Michigan State University

People keep telling me I should write about this, and I can well understand their reasoning. After all, I am an environmental sociologist who has studied communities affected by chronic technological disasters. I should be able to decipher my experiences through a sociological lens, to combine the role of analyst and disaster survivor.

Yet, like much of my post-Katrina life, I find the task far more daunting than even I feel it should be. In part, this is because there is so much I could say, so many sociological insights on which I could expound. I find myself flitting between them, wondering which is most worthy of being singled out for special attention. The difficulty also rests in part, however, on the fact that there is so much which is so personal. I am not the same person I was a year ago, and know that the reverberations of Katrina are not done with me. I have to reconstruct myself in the midst of tremendous loss and uncertainty. I have to struggle in a context where everyday life has become problematic.

I can assure you that even the best sociological accounts of post-traumatic stress disorder do not begin to convey the actual experience. I am caught by surprise when it hits me, almost nine months after the storm. An e-mail from one of my former students succinctly captures my own sentiment: I want my life back again, big time. There is the pragmatic piece of me that well knows this will never happen, and then there is the other piece of me which must somehow process all the loss and grief, uncertainty and lack of control this implies. How does one emotionally disengage from a life so abruptly torn asunder? I find myself suspended in limbo, not yet able to let go of the past, not sure of the direction I need to take to move forward.

Serious life disruptions are not unique to disaster victims, of course. My brother-in-law died three months before Katrina after a lengthy, degenerative, and never-definitively-diagnosed illness. For several years prior to his death, I watched him and my sister struggle with hardships and uncertainties that mirror my own. Yet the geographic concentration and magnitude of disasters mean these can never be solely private tragedies. There are hundreds of thousands of other people out there going through some variation of my own experience. And it is just not individual lives that are devastated, but communities and places as well. It is hard to convey to people what it means when so much of the social fabric has come unraveled.

The funny thing is that I am not even in New Orleans as I write this, but in Michigan. Indeed, I have only been back to New Orleans for one brief visit since the storm. You would think being in a place where I am surrounded by in-tact buildings and normalcy, I could regain a sense of equilibrium. Yet even here I cannot escape the disruptions. I learn a hard lesson about how much my everyday routine is organized around stuff

I no longer have. I find it difficult to keep my class notes and writing projects organized when my working space has been reduced to a coffee table. I constantly find myself wanting to refer to books lost in the flood. My husband and I refrain from buying much, as it would just be more stuff to haul elsewhere, choosing instead to live in a tiny apartment in student housing because it is furnished. Everyday life is much more frustrating than it used to be.

Then there is the big decision about going back. I am a tenured associate professor eligible to go up for full. Beyond the career investment this represents is the simple fact I like my job. Yet UNO is a commuter campus, and future student enrollments are tied to the fate of the city itself. I cannot help but wonder how many others are out there involved in this watching and waiting game, our own economic viability dependent on the choices made by others. Does it make sense to reopen a store without a customer base? How can you rebuild a neighborhood without services? Are people going to invest in a place so vulnerable?

New Orleans is a unique American city, but it is also a

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place where ordinary people lead ordinary lives. Much of my own personal sense of loss lies here, and I find it hard to process its magnitude. There are local business establishments we patronized for years, individuals who worked there we recognized by face if not name. I think of the places that are flooded now and not being rebuilt, wonder what happened to these people. I think of the Christmas lights that were hung annually in City Park, of the cars that lined up for blocks for the driving tour, so many families' traditions tied to a place which now lies in ruins. I think of graduation at the University of New Orleans, always boisterous, joyous occasions because so many of our students juggled work and family and school, in the process taking years to complete their degree. I think of the rich tapestry of community, of the physical places where people's lives intersected in the most mundane and incredibly profound of ways. When practically every element of your life comes undone you find yourself rethinking your life from the ground up. I learn to live in the moment. I start to study T'ai Chi.

We are returning to New Orleans in January, though we know we will not be returning to the same place we left. I know people who think we are crazy for going back, but I find myself not quite able to resign from a tenured position, and not yet ready to give up on a city I love. Yet the next hurricane season will just be five months down the road, and so we will wait and wonder. And for all of us who know something about global climate change, we should worry that Katrina is a harbinger of things to come.

News of Note:

Call for Articles, Book Chapters, and Teaching

Materials (by submission deadline)

Edited Volume on African American Fathers

Roberta L. Coles of the Department of Social & Cultural Sciences at Marquette University (<http://www.marquette.edu/socs/faculty/colesmain.shtml>) and Charles Green of the Department of Sociology at Hunter College (<http://maxweber.hunter.cuny.edu/socio/faculty/green.html>) are soliciting contributions for an edited collection of research on Black fathers. The book's aim is to show Black fathers in a range of parenting situations – in two-parent households, as single nonresident dads, single custodial dads – not just as a monolithic stereotype.

Manuscript Type: Original manuscripts (not previously published); Empirically based (We are not interested in poetry or prose or tributes to fathers); Qualitative or very readable quantitative; From the dad's perspectives or focused on the dad-child relationship, discussing how and/or why they parent, how it affects their identity or other aspects of their lives.

Possible Topics: (a) Married dads, how parenting coincides or deviates from partner's, how they build their own relationships with children. (b) Nonresident single dads, building relationships with children, hurdles to parenting. (c) Custodial single dads, parenting alone, use of support systems. (d) Social fathers, i.e., related or non-related men who act as parents for kids, e.g. grandfathers who parent kids, stepfathers, men in the community, etc. (e) Policies that help or hinder fathers, particularly African American fathers, in their parenting role.

Manuscript Specifications: Length: about 25-30 double-spaced pages, including references & endnotes & any appendices. TO SUBMIT, please RSVP by email to Roberta.coles@mu.edu by November 1, 2006, with your name, affiliation, and a working title and short abstract. Include your vita. Final manuscript deadline will probably be around August 2007, although exact date is yet to be decided.

Edited Volume on Empirical Studies of Black Greek Letter Organizations (BGLOs)

M. W. Hughey (University of Virginia and G. S. Parks (Cornell University) invite submissions for an edited volume on BGLOs. By couching this volume within the ethnic, gender, and cultural studies arenas that have been historically attentive to issues of power and representation – and by focusing on empirical studies – we hope to advance the study of BGLOs, to lend rigor and substance to recent trends that over-depend on abstract theorizing, and to reach an audience that is both academic and popular.

In this vein, academicians who are trained in empirical methodology but unaware of critical issues in BGLO related affairs, or vice versa, scholars who are well-versed in the culture, history, and social organization of BGLOs but lacking in the implementation of rigorous empirical methods, should not feel this is beyond their scope. The editors may pair scholars together for collaborative chapters.

Those interested in contributing should send a CV with a list of five (or fewer) topics they would be interested in exploring to the lead editor (M. W. Hughey) by November 1, 2006, via email (mwh5h@virginia.edu). Potential contributors will be contacted about submitting an abstract by December 15, 2006. More information can be found at <http://empiricalbgloproject.blogspot.com/>

Special Issue of *Journal of Public Affairs* on “Fusion Public Affairs”

The *Journal of Public Affairs* seeks both theoretical and empirical submissions for a double special issue on “Fusion Public Affairs.” The guest editors are Conor McGrath of the University of Ulster (mcgraths@iol.ie) and Tom Spencer (currently) of the European Centre for Public Affairs. Papers (tomspencer@publicaffairs.ac). Deadline for the submission of full papers: December 1, 2006. For more detailed information, see *Social Problems Forum* 37 (2): 6-7.

Special Issue of *Journal of Family Issues* on “Living Arrangements over the Life Course: Families in the 21st Century”

The *Journal of Family Issues* (<http://jfi.sagepub.com/>) seeks research papers and articles that address current and emerging issues in living arrangements across the life course. Submissions from sociological, anthropological, economic, psychological and applied perspectives are welcome. Suggested topics for papers include:

- Divorce and stepfamilies
- Families in middle and later life
- Father-child coresidence
- Immigration and family patterns
- Grandparent-grandchild coresidence
- Historical patterns of family change
- Migration and family proximity
- Nest-leaving and the empty nest
- Union formation, including cohabitation and marriage
- Work and families

General submission guidelines: Articles should be no longer than 25 pages (including tables, notes and references) and should be formatted according to the APA 5th edition format. Submission deadline is December 15, 2006. The corresponding guest editor for this issue is Regina Bures. The editor welcomes email inquiries regarding potential topics. To facilitate the review process, manuscripts should be submitted electronically to rbures@soc.ufl.edu. In addition, 3 hard copies should be mailed to: Regina Bures, Dept. of Sociology, 3219 Turlington Hall, P.O. Box 117330, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-7330.

Special Issue of the *Journal of Sociology* on “Economic Sociology”

The *Journal of Sociology* has commissioned a special issue on Economic Sociology, to be published in December 2007. The editors are Michael Gilding (Swinburne University of Technology) and Tim Marjoribanks (University of Melbourne).

In the wake of economic liberalism, economic sociology is an area of growing research interest and activity. In 2005 members of TASA formed a Thematic Group on Economic

Sociology, and the annual conference included sessions organized around the theme. This Special Issue of JOS presents an opportunity to build on the theme in the Australian context.

The editors invite submissions to the Special Issue on any aspect of economic sociology. In particular, they encourage both theoretical and empirically grounded submissions that address the sociology of markets. It is mostly economists who speak with authority about markets. A growing body of sociological research challenges the hegemony of economists in the understanding of markets, however, focusing in particular on the constitutive role of social institutions in relation to markets. The editors' goal is to make a significant contribution to this line of inquiry. Submissions might also address a variety of other themes, such as: comparative economic systems, household economy and family business, neoliberalism and legitimacy, entrepreneurship and innovation, consumption, industrial clusters, social networks and trust Economic sociology, and political economy and economics

The deadline for all contributions is *December 15, 2006*. Please follow normal submission procedures for JOS, but mark your submission for the attention of the Special Issue (Economic Sociology) Editors.

Special Issue of *Humanity and Society* entitled “Holocaust and Genocide Studies: Lessons and Legacies of Mass Atrocity”

The issue will be edited by Ronald J. Berger and Paula Mohan. The editors are seeking a broad range of topics that address the theme, including issues pertaining to collective memory, postwar trauma, postwar prosecutions, and social reconciliation. Articles on genocides other than the Holocaust or articles taking a comparative approach are encouraged.

Manuscripts should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages, plus notes and references, and follow the ASA Style Guide (2nd ed., 1997). Manuscripts should include an abstract and a reflexive statement explaining the author(s)' interest in the topic. Articles using a conventional scholarly format as well as personal essays and policy “think” pieces are welcome. Papers should be submitted via email to Ann Goetting. Identify your submission with the keyword: Genocide. Manuscripts must be received no later than December 31, 2006. Address queries to bergerr@uww.edu or mohanp@uww.edu.

Special Issue of *Research on Aging* entitled “Race, Socioeconomic Status, and Health in Life Course Perspective”

The editors of *Research on Aging* invite papers utilizing a life course perspective combined with longitudinal data to assess the changing relationships among race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and health. Any health outcome—ranging from mental health to physical health and mortality—is appropriate, and we welcome papers using a variety of measures of socioeconomic status and race (including ethnicity) and diverse analytical methods. For inquiries, contact: Scott M. Lynch, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544; email slynch@princeton.edu. Send submissions to: Angela M. O’Rand, Editor, *Research on Aging*, Department of Sociology, Box 90088, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708. Deadline: January 15, 2007.

Special edition of *The Journal of Pan African Studies* on “‘Engendering’ the Diaspora: Gender, Culture, Race and Identity”

This issue will be guest edited by Yaba Amgborale Blay and Kaila Adia Story of the Department of African American Studies, Temple University. It will focus on interdisciplinary issues reflective of the intersections of gender, culture and race to better understand variations of African identities. Articles are sought that examine social and cultural (re)constructions of gender, variations in gender roles, gender relations, and responses to non-African structures as they relate to gender, as well as those that seek to challenge the very conceptualizations of gender that have been used to define, describe and/or categorize African-descended women and men. We also invite articles that address concepts such as sexuality, femininity, masculinity, matriarchy, patriarchy, and agency; as well as theoretical questions and methodological applications of Black feminism, African feminism and (Africana) womanism. Reviews of books with related foci will also be considered.

All manuscripts must be original and submitted to the guest editors in MS word format via e-mail (engender@temple.edu). The entire work should not exceed twenty (20) double-spaced pages with a concise title, abstract, and scholarly citation (MLA style). All submissions must list the author's current affiliation and full contact information. Please into a short bio (no more than 60 words) for inclusion at the end of the article. Submission Deadline: January 31, 2007. For more information, contact the guest editors by email.

Special Issue of *Signs* on “Gender and Spirituality”

Although historical and comparative perspectives on women and gender provide a rich and complex vision of spirituality, contemporary feminism often rests on exclusively secular conceptions of justice, equality, and transformation. In this special issue, we are seeking essays that rethink contemporary feminist theory and practice through analysis of various representations and formations of spirituality. We are particularly interested in essays that engage comparative, interdisciplinary, and international perspectives to focus on spirituality and movements for social justice, feminist critical revisions of religion, alternative responses to religious nationalism and fundamentalism, social and cultural linkages of gender and spirituality in various modes of representation, and intersections of feminist modes of spirituality with Enlightenment rationality, scientific thought, and post-Enlightenment thought, inquiry, and knowledge.

The special issue editors, Marianne DeKoven (English, Rutgers University) and Leela Fernandes (Political Science, Rutgers University), seek manuscripts that provide new ways of theorizing and analyzing the relationship between women/gender and spirituality. We are interested in essays that move beyond conventional binary oppositions between the sacred and the secular (which is often itself structured as a religion) by considering the ways in which women's lives, identities, thought, cultural and intellectual practices, activism, and social movements have rested on complex understandings of the relationships among the spiritual, the material, the rational, the scientific, and the secular. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2007. Guidelines for submission are available at <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/Signs/instruct.html>.

News of Note, continued:

Edited two-volume work entitled *Women of the World*

Joyce Gelb, CUNY, and Marian Lief Palley, University of Delaware, are editing a two-volume work entitled *Women of the World*. For more detailed information, see *Social Problems Forum* 37 (2): 8.

Call for Presentations—Other Conferences

(by submission deadline)

The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research, University of Pennsylvania, is hosting a conference devoted to child welfare, sponsored by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The theme of the conference is "One Child, Many Hands: A Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare." The conference will be held May 30, 2007 – June 1, 2007 in Philadelphia, PA.

Deadline for submitting presentation proposals is December 15, 2006. For more information, visit www.sp2.upenn.edu/onechild. Send paper proposals as attachments in MS Word via email to onechild@sp2.upenn.edu or regular mail to:

One Child, Many Hands: A Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare

The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research
University of Pennsylvania
3815 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
USA

The American Political Science Association's annual conference will be held in Chicago, IL, August 30 – September 2, 2007. Its theme this year will be "Political Science and Beyond." The deadline for submitting paper proposals is November 15, 2006. For more information, visit http://www.apsanet.org/section_380.cfm.

The Society for Disability Studies' 20th annual conference will be held May 31 – June 2, 2007, in Seattle, WA. The society is marking its 25th anniversary, and is using the occasion to reflect upon the organization and the field. The conference theme will be "Disability & Disability Studies: Works in Progress."

The deadline for proposals is **November 15, 2006**. Participants will be notified of their acceptance by February 15, 2007. All abstracts will be reviewed by the conference Program Committee: Chris Bell and Alison Kafer (co-chairs); Patricia Berne, Derek Coates, David Connor, Lara Doan, Kristen Harmon, Petra Kupperts, Dymaneke Mitchell, and Ellen Samuels.

Please submit proposals electronically in text and rich text format. Submit proposals to both Mansha Mirza at mmirza2@uic.edu and Joy Hammel at hammel@uic.edu. Questions about the conference program or submission process should be directed to Chris Bell at christopher.bell@ntu.ac.uk and Alison Kafer at kafera@southwestern.edu. If electronic

submission is not possible, please mail or fax proposals to arrive by November 15, 2006: Mansha Mirza, Society for Disability Studies, Dept. of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois-Chicago, 1640 W. Roosevelt Rd. (M/C 626), Chicago, IL 60608-6904. Fax: 312-996-7743

The Rural Sociological Society is holding its 70th annual meeting in Santa Clara, CA, from August 2 – 5, 2007. The theme of this year's conference is "Social Change and Restructuring in Rural Societies: Opportunities and Vulnerabilities."

Submit a completed paper to the 2007 Rural Sociology Refereed Papers Committee for review by January 22, 2007. All papers submitted for the competition will automatically be accepted for presentation at the meetings, either in special juried paper sessions or an appropriate regular session. Winners of the competition will be acknowledged and highlighted in the 2007 Program. Submit proposals for research and interest group sessions and panels by February 1, 2007. For more information, see: www.ruralsociology.org

Congratulations!

***Social Problems* Ranked Among Top Five Serial Publications in Sociology for the Second Year in a Row!**

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) reports that *Social Problems* was ranked fifth among all sociology journals considered by ISI in 2005. This is the second year in a row that *Social Problems* made it to the top five. Moreover, ISI reports that *Social Problems'* impact factor (overall citations) is *higher* this year than it was last year when *Social Problems* was ranked fourth among all sociology journals considered. *Congratulations to the editors, staff members, reviewers, and contributors who made this achievement possible!*

SSSP Member begins new tenure-track position

Congratulations to **Luis Fernandez** who began a new assistant professorship in Northern Arizona University's Department of Criminal Justice. *Best wishes in your new position!*

Two SSSP Members complete their doctoral work

Laurie Grace successfully defended her doctoral thesis entitled "Language, power and ruling relations in Vocational Education and Training" at Deakin University, in Victoria, Australia. Currently she holds a lecturing position in the Faculty of Education at Deakin, and is graduating this month. *Congratulations and best wishes with your future endeavors!*

Congratulations also to **Margo Kushner**, a recent graduate of the Social Work program at the University of Calgary. Her dissertation is entitled "Child Custody Planning in a Textually Structured Court System." *Congratulations, and best of luck in launching your career!*

Job Announcements

The following institutions are accepting applications for positions that may be of interest:

Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (Sociology position)
 Arizona State University, Tempe (Justice & Social Inquiry position)
 California State University, Dominguez Hills (Sociology of Family position)
 California State University, San Marcos (Criminology/Justice Studies position)
 Case Western Reserve University (Community and Social Development position)
 City University of New York (Criminology position)
 Florida State University (Multiple Sociology positions)
 Grinnell College (One two-year Sociology position)
 Louisiana State University (One Sociology position, One Sociology with split appointment)
 Loyola Marymount University (Two Sociology positions)
 Marquette University (One Criminology/Law Studies position, Two Sociology positions)
 University of Nebraska, Lincoln (Water Policy position)
 University of North Carolina Wilmington (One Criminal Justice position, Two Sociology positions)
 University of Notre Dame (Postdoctoral Research Fellow)
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Sociology position)
 Valdosta University (One Sociology position, One Chair position)
 Webster University (Sociology position)

Position announcements and application instructions are available at the SSSP website. Go to <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/182>.

New Journals of Interest

The Project of *Ancilla Iuris*. *Ancilla Iuris* offers a professional and state-of-the-art publication platform to advance European contributions on constellations of law and society. Following an interdisciplinary approach, we bring together law with its neighboring disciplines such as Political Sciences, Economics, Sociology, Linguistics, Philosophy, History, Art, Psychology etc. Since *Ancilla Iuris* has as its purpose only academic interests, all articles on www.anci.ch are freely available. With a short e-mail or with [rss-feed](http://www.anci.ch) all interested readers will be informed about our new peer-reviewed publications, which will be published ready for printing as PDF-files without any delay. At the end of the year, articles will be made available to libraries in the form of an edited volume.

The International Studies Association is launching a new journal, *International Political Sociology*, in 2007. The new journal will draw from various traditions, especially historical, legal, economic and political sociology, as well as from the growing literatures on socio-political theory. Submissions should be sent to both didier.bigo@libertysecurity.org and ips@ceri-sciencespo.org.

Other Conferences/Workshops of Interest

(by conference date)

The Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Conference will be held November 1 – 5, 2006 at the Radisson Hotel and Suites Downtown in St. Louis, MO. The theme of this year's conference is "The Future of Humanist Sociology." For more information, visit <http://www.altrue.net/site/humanist/section.php?id=13356>.

The Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale University is sponsoring a graduate student conference focusing on Hurricane Katrina and Political Philosophy. The conference theme is "The Death of New Orleans: An Exercise in Political Thought." The conference will be held at Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 4 – 5, 2006. Professor Ange-Marie Hancock will be the keynote speaker. For more information, contact Kushanava.choudhury@yale.edu, Alexander.kirshner@yale.edu, Shatema.Threadcraft@yale.edu

The National Association of Ethnic Studies (NAES) and Bogazici University are sponsoring a conference devoted to bridging different perspectives on race, ethnicity and religion. The conference is being held Istanbul, Turkey, November 15-17, 2006. Its theme is "Transnational Perspectives: Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion." For more information, visit http://www.bu_naes_conf.boun.edu.tr

The Criminal Justice Association of Georgia and the Georgia (USA) Political Science Association will hold their annual meetings in Savannah, GA, November 16 – 18, 2006. For additional information, visit <http://www.gpsanet.org/> or <http://www.gpsanet.org/>.

The 3rd Global Sex & Sexuality Conference will be held November 29 – December 2, 2006, at the Pugetow Palace in Cracow, Poland. This research conference will examine issues of sexuality across a range of critical and cultural perspectives. Participants will come from a wide range of academic disciplines, and address themes such as "Sexuality and Citizenship," "Sexuality and the Erotic," "Anonymity and Intimacy," and "Love, Desire, and Theory." Visit <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/ci/sexuality/s3/cfp.html> for more information.

The Conference on Minority Public Administrators will hold its annual conference in Memphis, TN, February 20 – 25, 2007. Its theme this year is "Global Think Tank: An Approach to Governance and Public Administration." For more information, go to <http://www.natcompa.org/conferences.html>.

The Society for Community Research and Action will hold its 11th biennial meeting be hosted in Pasadena, CA, June 7-10, 2007. The conference theme is "Community and Culture: Implications for Policy, Social Justice, and Practice." The conference will be co-sponsored by the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, and hosted by La Verne University. The deadline for submitting proposals is

News of Note, continued:

November 30, 2006. For more information, visit <http://biennial2007.scra27.org/instructions.html>

Project South is organizing the US Social Forum (USSF) to be held in Atlanta, GA in summer, 2007. Composed of the forgotten people, the oppressed people and people who have struggled against every form of exploitation, Project South actively works to change the world. The USSF promises to be more than a conference and networking arena. It will provide spaces to build relationships, learn from each other's experiences, share our analysis of the problems our communities face, and begin to vision and strategize how to reclaim our world. For more information, visit <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/257/pageId/345> or email general-info@projectsouth.o

Professional Service Opportunities—Extra-SSSP

The Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS) is soliciting applicants for four volunteer positions: Book Review Editor, Manuscript Reviewer, Subscription Editor, and Listserv Administrator

Applicants are sought for the position of **Book Review Editor** of *Humanity & Society*, (*H&S*) the journal for the Association for Humanist Sociology. This editor is responsible for soliciting books, selecting reviewers, and editing book reviews. The assignment is for a renewable three-year term beginning at the end of this year. Applications should be received no later than November 1, 2006 and should include statements of interest, background/qualifications, and goals for the Book Review section along with supportive resources and vita. Questions and applications should be directed to *Humanity & Society* Editor, Ann Goetting, Department of Sociology, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd., Bowling Green, KY 42101-1057 or humanityandsociety@wku.edu

Applicants willing to serve as **Manuscript Reviewers** are sought. *H&S* focuses on controversial issues of domination, oppression, and injustice and favors pieces that reflect qualitative inquiry. Authors must demonstrate their personal commitment to and involvement in their topic in a short "Reflexive Statement" that appears just below the Abstract. In other words, the journal publishes scholarly research of activists. If you have an abundance of experience (as an author) in the peer-review process and are interested in helping out, please volunteer to be a reviewer. Send a statement of interest, a list of areas of interest (you may note that you will consider reviewing submissions of any topic) and an attached vita to the Editor, Ann Goetting, at ann.goetting@wku.edu

H&S is seeking applicants for the position of **Subscription Editor**. Responsibilities include maintaining and updating the list of institutional subscriptions, collecting checks (primarily from subscription services) and forwarding them to the AHS Treasurer, generating a list of mailing labels and forwarding

them to the publisher, and working when possible to increase institutional subscriptions. The subscription editor should be responsible, well-organized, and have some computer skills (or secretarial support). The time commitment involved should be relatively small. Contact AHS VP-Publications Woody Doane at doane@hartford.edu if interested.

AHS is searching for a **Listsrv Administrator** for AHS-talk. Responsibilities include approving requests to join the list and responding to errors (when member messages will not automatically go through and must be approved by the administrator). The time commitment involved is minimal, but the ideal administrator would be someone who regularly checks e-mail and is committed to the success of AHS-talk. Contact AHS VP-Publications Woody Doane at doane@hartford.edu for more information.

Recent Books Published by Members

Kathy Davis, Mary S. Evans & **Judith Lorber** (Eds). 2006. *Handbook of Gender and Women's Studies*. Sage Publications. ISBN: 0761943900.

Walter DeKeseredy & Barbara Perry (Eds). 2006. *Advancing Critical Criminology: Theory and Application*. Lexington Books. ISBN: 0739112538

Rosanna Hertz. 2006. *Single by Chance, Mothers by Choice: How Women Are Choosing Parenthood without Marriage and Creating the New American Family*, Oxford University Press. ISBN: 0195179900

Jolan Hsieh. 2006. *Collective Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Identity-Based Movement of Plain Indigenous in Taiwan*. Routledge. ISBN: 0415977452

Roberta Rehner Iversen & Annie Laurie Armstrong. 2006. *Jobs Aren't Enough: Toward a New Economic Mobility for Low-Income Families*. Temple University Press. ISBN: 1592133568

Louis Kriesberg. 2006. *Constructive Conflicts: From Escalation to Resolution, 3rd edition*. Rowman & Littlefield. ISBN: 0742544230

Judith Lorber & Lisa Jean Moore. 2006. *Gendered Bodies: Feminist Perspectives, 3rd Edition*. Roxbury Publishing Company. ISBN: 1933220414

Torin Monahan (Ed.). 2006. *Surveillance and Security: Technological Politics and Power in Everyday Life*. Routledge. ISBN: 0415953936

Stephen J. Morewitz. 2006. *Chronic Diseases and Health Care. New Trends in Diabetes, Arthritis, Osteoporosis, Fibromyalgia, Low Back Pain, Cardiovascular Disease, and Cancer*. Spring. ISBN: 0387287787

Cheryl G. Najarian. 2006. *"Between Worlds": Deaf Women, Work, and Intersections of Gender and Ability*. Routledge. ISBN: 0415979129

James Russell. 2006. *Double Standard: Social Policy in Europe and the United States.* Rowman & Littlefield. ISBN: 072546934

Ruth Sidel. 2006. *Unsung Heroines: Single Mothers and the American Dream.* University of California Press. ISBN: 0520247728

Dorothy E. Smith (Ed). 2006. *Institutional Ethnography as Practice.* AltaMira Press (Rowman and Littlefield). ISBN: 0742546764

Gregory D. Squires & Charis E. Kubrin. 2006. *Privileged Places: Race, Residence and the Structure of Opportunity.* Lynne Rienner Publishers. ISBN: 1588264491

Paul Drew, Geoffrey Raymond & **Darin Weinberg.** 2006. *Talk and Interaction in Social Research Methods.* Sage Publications. ISBN: 0761957057

Charles Willie, Richard Reddick & Ronald Brown. 2006. *The Black College Mystique.* Rowman and Littlefield. ISBN: 0742546179

Dan Zuberi. 2006. *Differences that Matter: Social Policy and the Working Poor in the United States and Canada.* IRL Press. ISBN: 0801473128

Winner of the C. Wright Mills Award 2005
Made in China
Women Factory Workers in a Global Workplace

Pun Ngai

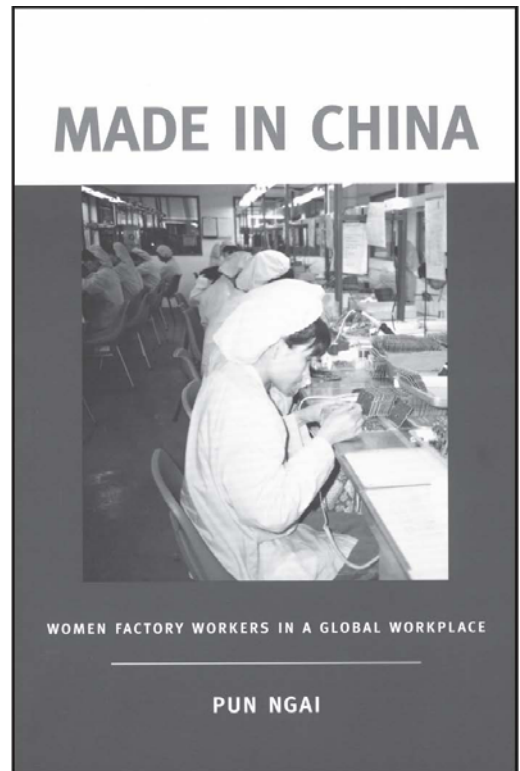
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"Right now, anything that happens in China's economy affects all of us. Pun Ngai's book should be required reading. It is jam-packed with richly drawn and provocative insights mined from her fieldwork as a 'factory girl' in the midst of South China's migrant workers." —Andrew Ross, author of *Low Pay, High Profile: The Global Push for Fair Labor*

"*Made in China* is a passionate, engaged ethnography. Pun Ngai provides us with a searing critique of how global capital, with the collusion of the Chinese state, is turning China into the sweatshop of the world. Her ethnography is a moving and angry description of the lives of young migrant women, who are the guts of this process. Through Pun's ethnographic eye, these women come alive as active subjects who confront the pain and trauma of the social violence inflicted on them in a complex poetics of transgression." —Lisa Rofel, author of *Other Modernities: Gendered Yearnings in China after Socialism*

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The Range and Extent of Academic Freedom and Tenure for Faculty Members in the Academy

Thomas Guild, Oklahoma City University*

We hear a lot about academic freedom and tenure in and out of the academy. However, there are quite a few misconceptions about their purpose and about what they do and do not cover. Therefore, I provide answers to some commonly asked questions and discuss the role of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in promoting and protecting academic freedom and tenure. Answers to these questions are supplied by referring to selected portions of the Ninth Edition of the *Policy Documents & Reports of the American Association of University Professors* published in 2001 and distributed by The Johns Hopkins University Press.

- Does tenure protect academicians from dismissal when they have done something wrong? No, anyone can be dismissed for adequate cause (p. 4).
- Do academic freedom and tenure support faculty members' right to show pornographic pictures and paintings or engage in lewd or nude play on campus? Government imposition on artistic expression because of propriety, ideology or religion is an act of censorship (p. 36). However, if a work taken as a whole is legally obscene as defined by the U.S. Supreme Court it loses its first amendment free speech protection (*Miller v. California*, 1973).
- Don't the legislature and the governor have a right to determine what universities do? No. It is an intrusion on academic freedom (p. 297).
- Isn't it true that faculty should not speak in ways that seriously offend the public and the politicians? No. It is better for students to think about heresies than not to think at all (p. 299).
- Can the campus chapter of the KKK or another provocative group hold a rally on campus? Yes. On a campus that is free and open, no idea can be banned or forbidden. No viewpoint or message may be deemed so hateful or disturbing that it may not be expressed (p. 37).
- Recently administrators at some colleges have changed grades for certain students. Is this appropriate? No. Under no circumstances should administrative officers on their own authority substitute their judgment for that of the faculty concerning the assignment of a grade (p. 114).
- Can a college or university delimit what a faculty member can say about education generally or about the operations of their own institution? No. The right of a faculty member to speak on general educational questions or about the administration and operations of the individual's own institution is a part of that person's right as a citizen and should not be abridged by the institution (p. 219).
- Who has the greatest influence in teaching and learning in an institution? Since the faculty has primary responsibility for the teaching and research done in the institution, the faculty's voice on matters having to do with teaching and research should be given the greatest weight (p. 225).

Institutions of higher education are for the common good.

The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to both teaching and research. Tenure is a means to certain ends; i.e., academic freedom and economic security. Hence, tenure is indispensable to the success of an institution in fulfilling its obligations to its students and to society (p. 3).

The faculty member has a right to speak and write as a citizen, free from institutional censorship or discipline. However, the faculty member has a special obligation to be accurate, to exercise appropriate restraint, to show respect for the opinions of others, and to make every effort to indicate that he is not speaking for the institution (p. 32).

The AAUP asserts that you cannot adequately prepare students in an environment where the faculty members have no agency and control. The AAUP statement on Government of Colleges and Universities in 1966 is meant to establish a balance of powers to protect the institutional structure against

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improper intrusions (p. 215).

The local AAUP Chapter provides recommended policy and a forum for members. Also, it collects pertinent data, disseminates information, and challenges the status quo when it threatens to undermine the ability of the academy to carry out its responsibilities. This can be done through regularly scheduled meetings of the chapter and events planned by the chapter. The chapter can collect data by doing an evaluation of administrators and releasing the results or by providing grievance information. The chapter can disseminate information through press releases and a chapter newsletter and web site. The chapter can challenge the status quo by helping to get AAUP recommendations institutionalized and press releases.

Additional AAUP recommended policies are as follows: The faculty should have the primary responsibility to determine the curriculum and procedures or the general educational policy for student instruction

The faculty should be involved in the internal operations of the institution and frame and help execute long-range plans, such as decisions regarding the use of resources such as buildings and facilities. The faculty should be involved in the budget process by choosing short and long-range priorities and by receiving reports on current budgets and expenditures. Faculty should have input on presidential selection and the deans and other chief academic officers should be selected with appropriate faculty advice. The president should have the confidence of the faculty (p. 221). Faculty should actively participate in the determination of policies and procedures

governing salary increases (p. 234).

Department chairs should be selected in conformity with the department members' judgments. The chair should not have tenure in office but a stated fixed term (p. 222). Faculty representatives should be selected by the faculty according to procedures determined by the faculty. Effective planning demands that the broadest possible exchange of information and opinion should be the rule for communication. There is a distinction between communication and decision-making responsibility.

Faculty responsibilities include curriculum, subject matter, methods of research, faculty status and aspects of student life related to the education process (p. 221). Faculty should teach undergraduates no more than 12 hours per week and graduates no more than 9 hours per week.

The source of academic freedom is from Germany in the 19th century. The three basic rights are to write and teach with neither censorship nor an imposed curriculum (p. 3); the right of the student to pursue knowledge according to personal taste and method within university holding no authority save that of specifying qualifications for degrees; and the right of the university to be dissociated from state control and to be self governing.

In America, populism set much of the background for debates about the liberty of inquiry. Teachers should have the right to free speech without the fear of losing their jobs and to express views which should be acceptable if they would not otherwise constitute a transgression of the rules of civil society. Academic freedom includes the full freedom to conduct research and to publish the results of one's research; freedom in the classroom to discuss one's subject and freedom as a citizen from institutional censorship or discipline. A faculty member's expression of opinion as a citizen cannot constitute grounds for dismissal unless it clearly demonstrates the faculty member's unfitness for the position (p. 32).

Academic freedom is a right protected by the first amendment. Academic freedom is essential because it is fundamental to the advancement of truth; to the rights of the teacher in teaching; and to the rights of the student in learning. Academic freedom allows for the examination of controversial issues, questioning assumptions, pushing the envelope; taking unpopular stands (p. 5); and taking part in the political process consistent with effective service as teachers and scholars (p. 33). It is the responsibility of a scholar to not intrude material not related to the topic of the course (p. 3); present the course material as it was advertised in the catalogue and the syllabus; respect the academic rights of others; and to not condone abuses of the academic freedom of others. Because faculty members occupy a special position in the community and the public may judge their profession and institution by their utterances they must be accurate at all times, exercise appropriate restraint and indicate that they are not speaking for the institution (p. 32).

Tenure is held in the institution and not in one's department of specialty. The terms of tenure should be specified in writing in the offer letter before appointment (p. 4). A faculty member should not serve more than seven years on probation (p. 4). Tenure provides economic security (p. 3)

needed to exercise free speech. Non-tenure track appointments do damage to academic freedom by providing little protection or incentive to take risks, which creates an insecure class of faculty whose employment status is inferior. Proponents argue that tenure is needed to assure academic freedom in teaching and research and that tenure is similar to insurance in that academicians accept a lower salary in exchange for "insurance" against wrongful discharge (Metzger and Smith, 1998).

Professors at private institutions have no legally enforceable right to academic freedom unless it can be found in the professors' employment contracts (Byrne, 1994). Several

U.S. Supreme Court cases have found that the first amendment protects college professors' academic freedom at state institutions (*Keyishian v. Board of Regents*, 1967). To adequately protect academic freedom at private institutions would require both tenure and an explicit guarantee of academic freedom in professors' contracts or in an enforceable document such as a faculty handbook which is incorporated by reference in the professors' contracts. During the McCarthy era and the Vietnam War tenure was seen by many as necessary to protect faculty members from retaliation for their political beliefs and activities. By 1998 things had calmed down and the necessity of protecting academic freedom through a system of tenure was less obvious (Chermerinsky, 1998). However since September 11 of 2001 it has once again become readily apparent that with the emotions and strains of fighting the war on terrorism that academic freedom needs to be protected and may be the most useful tool for protecting academic freedom is tenure.

Reappointment and tenure processes should be based on defined criteria in writing and a decision made by faculty (p. 16). If non-reappointment is recommended by the faculty it should include a written statement indicating why the recommendation was made. Tenure and promotion are intended to attract, retain and reward those faculty members who demonstrate excellence. The general criteria should include excellent performance in teaching, a record of scholarship and a record of service. Tenure is the highest honor bestowed on a faculty member. Tenure should not be granted unless the faculty member has demonstrated by consistent performance that the university will benefit from making a career-long commitment to the faculty member. Unsuccessful candidates for tenure should be given a chance to respond to a negative review within three working days of notification of such review.

Due process mandates that grievance procedures must provide a fair forum for all faculty members and insure that all faculty members have a voice in determining how their institution is governed (p. 29). Due process starts with a personal conference with an administrator. A faculty committee elected by the faculty should render advice and may recommend formal proceedings. The grievance committee hears testimony, may request written briefs and should provide a decision in writing. Any faculty member can be terminated for cause. Grounds for such dismissal generally include moral turpitude, incompetence, conduct unbecoming a professional and other grounds. A termination for cause must be approved by a faculty committee and the governing board. A suspension

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that is not followed by reappointment or a hearing is a due process violation.

It is clear that academic freedom and tenure are essential to the proper functioning of colleges and universities. These principles have helped the United States to be regarded by many as having the finest system of higher education in the world! Get to work and make sure that you do everything that you can to ensure these principles on your campus and in your institution.

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2006 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE DIVISION

1st Place: "Capacity: Technical Tool or Political Fact?" Baijayanta Mukhopadhyay, McGill University

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DIVISION

1st Place: "Characteristics of Public Defender Clients: Examining the Role of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Problems among Pretrial Inmates," Angela Harvey, Arizona State University

Scholar Book Award: *Youth Crime and Youth Culture in the Inner City*, Bill Sanders, University of Southern California, Routledge, 2005

DRINKING AND DRUGS DIVISION

1st Place: "Organic or Synthetic?: Solidarity and Drug Use in the Electronic Dance Music Scene," Phil Kavanaugh, University of Delaware

Honorable Mention: "High on the Agenda: The Disappearance of Marijuana Decriminalization, 1975-83," Adam Jacobs, University of Wisconsin

Junior Scholar Award: Amie Nielsen, University of Miami

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS DIVISION

1st Place: "Brown Suits Need Not Apply: The Transition from School to Work in a College Career Center," Sarah A. Damaske, New York University

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

1st Place: "A Contaminated Community in a Thus Far Illusory Discursive Democracy: Conflicting Risk Belief Systems, a Corrosive Expert Culture, and Normal Environmental Distress," Frédéric Vandermoere, Ghent University

2nd Place: "Land Reform and the Agrarian Mind: A

Sociological Examination," Rachel Carroll-Larson, Utah State University

FAMILY DIVISION

1st Place: "Blood is not Always Thicker than Water: Parental Discipline of Adopted and Biological Children," Pamela Ray Koch, University of South Carolina

GLOBAL DIVISION

Co-Winner: "A Tale of Two Neoliberalisms: British and French Welfare Policy after the Neoliberal Turn," Basak Kus, University of California, Berkeley

Co-Winner: "Context Matters: Fundamentalism, Feminism, and NGOs in Pakistan," Afshan Jafar, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

1st Place: "Starving Hearts and Changing Gendered-Expectations: Gendered Models of How Wives' Income Impacts Husbands' Later Mid-Life Health," Kristin W. Springer, University of Wisconsin, Madison

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY DIVISION

1st Place: **George Smith Award:** "Mapping the Social Relations of the Australian Vocational Education and Training Sector," Lauri Grace, Faculty of Education, Deakin University

LABOR STUDIES DIVISION

1st Place: **Braverman Award:** "The Gendering of Expert Service Work: Professionalism in Personal Training," Molly George, University of California, Santa Barbara

Honorable Mention: **Braverman Award:** "Spatial Variation in U.S. Labor Markets and Workplace Sex Segregation: 1980-2000," Tiffany Taylor and Alison Buck, North Carolina State University

LAW AND SOCIETY DIVISION

1st Place: **Alfred R. Lindesmith Award:** "High on the Agenda: The Disappearance of Marijuana Decriminalization, 1975-83," Adam D. Jacobs, University of Wisconsin

MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

1st Place: "'Keeping Your Head Above Water': Race/Ethnicity, Wealth and Depression," Tiffani Saunders, Indiana University

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY DIVISION

1st Place: Faculty Research Award: "Poverty, Partnerships, and Privilege: Elite Institutions and Community Empowerment," Ira Silver, Framingham State College and Mary-Ellen Boyle, Clark University

1st Place: Student Research Award: "Culture, Inequality and Consumption," Allison Pugh, University of California, Berkeley

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES DIVISION

1st Place: "The Effects of Wealth on Homeownership Propensity and Ethnic Spatial Distribution for Latinos in the United States," Antwan Jones, Bowling Green State University

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES DIVISION

1st Place: "More than a 'Grammatical Construction'? Same-Sex Marriage and the Sexual Minority Movement in South

Africa," Ashley Currier, University of Pittsburgh

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION

1st Place: "Polity Membership, Movement Cultures, and Iron Laws: Three Types of Institutionalization in Social Movement Theory," Edward Walker, Pennsylvania State University

2nd Place: "The e-Rise and Fall of Social Problems: The Blogosphere as a Public Arena," Ray Maratea, University of Delaware

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION

1st Place: "A Comparative Study of the United States and Canadian Social Welfare Policy Reform Initiatives," Mukaria J. Itang'ata, Western Michigan University

TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS DIVISION

No Award Given

YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE DIVISION

1st Place: "Commitment to Conventional Adult Goals: A Comparison of Japanese and American Youth," Miyuki Fukushima, University of Oklahoma

2006 SSSP Conference Minutes Montréal, Quebec, Canada

Minutes of the SSSP Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 2006, Montréal, Québec, Canada

The meeting was called to order by President Claire M. Renzetti.

Those present introduced themselves: Claire Renzetti, President, Valerie Jenness, President-Elect, Gary Alan Fine, Past-President, Kim Cook, Vice President, Keith Kilty, Vice President-Elect, Susan Carlson, Treasurer, JoAnn Miller, Secretary, Kathy Lowney, Wendy Simonds, Tracy Dietz, and Donald Cunnigen, Board of Directors; Luis Fernandez and Naomi Nichols, Student Members, Board of Directors; Thomas C. Hood, Executive Officer, Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager; Carrie Yang Costello, Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions Chairpersons; David Rudy, Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee; Amy Wharton, Editor, *Social Problems*, Nancy Jurik and Joel Best, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee; Rebecca Simon and Rebekah Darksmith, University of California Press; Yesim Bayar, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee; Phoebe Morgan and James Gruber, Program Committee Co-Chairpersons.

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

Tom Hood announced the results of the 2006 General Election, as printed in the Summer 2006 issue of SOCIAL PROBLEMS

FORUM: Nancy Naples, President-Elect; Carrie Yang Costello, Vice President-Elect; JoAnn Miller, Secretary; David Rudy, Treasurer; John Galliher, Michelle Yvonne Janning, and Carolyn Perrucci, Board of Directors; Naomi Nichols, Student Representative, Board of Directors; Frances G. Pestello, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee; José A. Cobas and Elizabeth Ettore, Committee on Committees; James Holstein and Suzanne Vaughan, Editorial and Publications Committee. The By-laws Amendments were approved.

The minutes of the Board Meetings were approved. Gary Alan Fine requested that the minutes be printed with the Board of Directors materials.

JoAnn Miller and Carrie Yang Costello were named to represent the Board on the Nominations Committee.

James Gruber and Phoebe Morgan presented the report of the Program Committee. Four issues were discussed: (a) Should money be set aside to fund non-academic speakers or should an effort be made to collaborate with ASA to co-sponsor invited speakers? (b) Should a program committee member be designated to organize co-sponsored speakers and events with ASA, SWS, and ABS? (c) Program Committees need to recognize and be sensitive to cultural differences when international scholars present abstracts to SSSP; (d) A large number of orphan papers were submitted, perhaps due to the online submission process. The report was received with thanks.

Kim Cook suggested that more workshops should be organized for young scholars. The Speed Mentoring Program, new this year, is designed to give new members and young scholars the unique advice they may need regarding the job market, publishing, and so forth.

Yesim Bayar presented the report from the Local Arrangements Committee. She noted that holding the meetings in Canada presented the Committee with the additional challenge of determining appropriate travel arrangements. The report was received with thanks.

Michele Smith Koontz presented her Meeting Manager's Report. A total of 591 persons pre registered; approximately 60% are professionals and 40% are students. "Midnight Madness" is a new feature to the program this year. On Thursday and Friday, films will be shown following the regularly scheduled events. A total of 42 guests registered this year. It is important that "guests" are guests of attendees and not co-presenters who need to register for the meeting.

Michele recommends the purchase of an additional LCD projector, noting that hotels will still charge for equipment. The book exhibit is at no cost to SSSP. Michele noted that Mary Walker has been an exceptional asset, as a grad assistant, to SSSP this year and she is pleased that Mary will return next year. The University of California Press and the University of Dayton made generous contributions that support the program. Carrie Yang Costello designed the logo for the bags and the programs. The report was received with thanks.

Nancy Jurik reported on the site visit made to the Executive Office by her, Gabriel Aquino, and Judi Caron Sheppard. Nancy reports that all is going well and Tom Hood will continue in his position through 2009. Her committee recommends: (1) Handbook revisions; (2) Salary increases for Tom Hood, Michele Koontz, and Mary Walker; (3) A renewal of the University of Tennessee Contract with SSSP; (4) additional funds for the Sociology Department; and (5) The adoption of procedures for a smooth transition when Tom Hood steps down.

Nancy Jurik discussed some of the changes made to the Operations Manual, most of which were intended to clarify the language in the manual.

MOTION: THAT THE CHANGES IN THE OPERATIONS MANUAL BE APPROVED. SECONDED. PASSED.

Rebecca Simon reported on the finances of *Social Problems*. They are projecting a net return to SSSP of \$161,056.

Rebekah Darksmith reported on *Social Problems* marketing strategies. She noted that article downloads increased, and part of the increase is likely a result of Google searches. Institutional subscriptions, comparing 2005 to 2004 volumes, eroded slightly. Libraries that cancel subscriptions are surveyed. The Community College campaign was not highly successful. Thus, Ms. Darksmith will pursue consortia of community colleges on the premise that more funds are available through consortia to purchase subscriptions.

Valerie Jenness suggested that SSSP could get academic knowledge to public policy type of organizations by sending topical areas published by *Social Problems*. Tracy Dietz asked about targeting subscriptions to graduate departments in the social science disciplines. Rebecca Simon noted that current strategy is moving from 'ownership' to 'access' of materials in many universities.

Susan Carlson presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted that a 1998 auditing error related to press fees for *Social Problems* that, in conjunction with the required penalty paid to the Stanford Court Hotel, resulted in a decrease in net assets. As a consequence Domini Social Equity Fund shares were redeemed. At the May BFA meeting, the committee decided to move the balance of the Domini funds and the Lee Founders account to a more balanced mutual fund (the Parnassus Equity Income Fund). The society's income from membership dues continues to increase.

Susan Carlson reported that the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee recommends acceptance of the Auditor's Report.

Susan Carlson reports that BFA recommends two strategies for increasing revenue: (1) increase institutional subscription rates for *Social Problems*, and (2) increase membership dues. BFA recommends \$175 for the 2008 volume.

MOTION: THAT THE INSTITUTIONAL SUBSCRIPTION RATE FOR THE 2008 VOLUME OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS* BE INCREASED TO \$175. SECONDED. PASSED.

David Rudy reported that BFA will recommend a membership dues increase. The issue will be introduced in the spring issue of *Social Problems Forum*. Tom Hood noted that the Bylaws require a five percent of membership quorum is needed to take action at a Business Meeting. David Rudy also reported that BFA recommended to accept the Auditor's Report.

The proposed revised 2006 budget was discussed.

MOTION: THAT THE REVISED BUDGET BE ACCEPTED. SECONDED. PASSED.

Susan Carlson was thanked for her years of service. She will continue to advise on investments in an informal capacity.

Joel Best discussed the procedures for selecting the Executive Officer for SSSP. This is a three year process that begins with a letter of invitation to all members of SSSP. Those who express an interest need to include a statement of vision for SSSP.

Tom Hood presented the Report from the Executive Officer. He focused on three issues: (1) the possibility of creating an awards committee; (2) electronic ballots for the Special Problems Divisions and General Election; and (3) the creation of a Special Problems Divisions booklet.

MOTION: THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN AWARDS COMMITTEE BE REFERRED TO THE PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE BE CHARGED TO WRITE AN AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS THAT WILL ENABLE ELECTRONIC BALLOTS FOR THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISIONS AND GENERAL ELECTION. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE COUNCIL OF DIVISION CHAIRS WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ARRANGING CHAPTERS AND RECRUITING AN EDITOR TO PREPARE A BOOKLET THAT WILL BE POSTED ON THE SSSP WEB SITE. SECONDED. PASSED.

Amy Wharton presented the *Social Problems* Editor's Report. She thanked the editorial office and noted that the typesetter transition went smoothly. The editorial office operated under budget. A total of 343 manuscripts were submitted. On average nearly four reviewers considered each paper. One change, which cuts costs, is electronic processing of manuscripts. The one exception to the electronic process is the Editor's decision letter. The acceptance rate is 9.7 percent.

Claire Renzetti and Keith Kilty discussed unfinished business from 2006. The key question, should SSSP meet apart from ASA along with allied organizations, was asked of 13 groups. All told there is no overwhelming interest in meeting apart from ASA.

Claire Renzetti also discussed the need to make decisions about the 2009 meetings.

MOTION: THAT TOM HOOD AND MICHELE KOONTZ BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPLORE SITES, INCLUDING THE STANFORD COURT HOTEL, FOR THE 2009 MEETINGS THAT WILL BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO. SECONDED. PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the SSSP Board of Directors Meeting **Thursday, August 10, 2006, Montréal, Québec, Canada**

The meeting was called to order by President Claire M. Renzetti.

Those present introduced themselves: Claire Renzetti, President, Valerie Jenness, President-Elect, Gary Alan Fine, Past-President, Kim Cook, Vice President, Keith Kilty, Vice President-Elect, Susan Carlson, Treasurer, JoAnn Miller, Secretary, Kathy Lowney, Wendy Simonds, Tracy Dietz, Donald Cunnigen, David Smith, and Paul Luken, Board of Directors; Luis Fernandez and Naomi Nichols, Student Members, Board of Directors; Thomas C. Hood, Executive Officer, Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager; Carrie Yang Costello, Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions Chairpersons; David Rudy, Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee; Amy Wharton, Editor, *Social Problems*, Ken Kyle, Editor, *Social Problems Forum*, Lisa Brush, Chair, C. Wright Mills Award Committee, James Gruber, Chair, Lee Student Support Fund Committee, and Shirley A. Jackson, Chair-Elect, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee

The Agenda was revised for the purpose of concluding discussion on the Report from the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee. The revised agenda was accepted.

Nancy Jurik discussed the Committee's position regarding recruitment for the Executive Officer. It is imperative for applicants to include a statement of their vision for SSSP that reflects the Society's purpose, as stated in its Bylaws.

Tom Hood noted that the hiring process requires a three-year time line. At next year's annual meeting, the process will begin because Tom's plan is to retire in 2009.

Lisa Brush presented the C. Wright Mills Award Committee report. The committee reviewed more than 80 books and selected seven finalists. This year's winner is Pun Ngai for *Made in China: Women Factory Workers in a Global Workplace*.

Michele Koontz, on behalf of Patrick Donnelly, presented the Smigel Committee report. Richard Dello Buono, Diane Gifford, and Laura Finley are this year's recipients. The Committee recommends that the description of the award be modified slightly to specify that: Applicants must be members of SSSP; and winners will be announced by April 1.

Michele Koontz, on behalf of Susan Caringella, presented the Lee Scholar-Activist Committee report. The committee received 4 applications and made 4 awards. Unfortunately, two of the applicants were not able to attend the meeting. The committee funded two scholars from Cuba who were unable to attend the 2003 annual meeting because of difficulties in receiving visas.

James Gruber presented the report from the Lee Student Support Fund Committee. The committee received 33 applications and made 29 awards, totaling \$7,485 ranging from \$125 to \$625. The committee received 41 requests for mentoring. The committee concludes that it would be useful to have sign-up sheets for mentors and mentees in public spaces during the conference to attract a larger pool of both groups.

MOTION: THAT A STATEMENT BE INCLUDED ON THE APPLICATION THAT INDICATES FUNDS ARE LIMITED. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE MEETING MENTOR PROGRAM BE CHANGED TO JUNE 1. SECONDED. PASSED.

Shirley Jackson, on behalf of Angela Moe, presented the report from the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee Chair. The committee reviewed 22 applications and reports that 12 identified as African American, six as Latino(a), one Asian, one Pacific Islander, one biracial, and one Polish. The winner of this year's award is Rashawn Jabar Ray, a doctoral student at Indiana University.

The Board discussed whether applicants need to be U.S. citizens. Tom Hood noted that SSSP members do not need to be U.S. citizens. Claire Renzetti recommended that the Committee should revise the application for the award and send it to the

Board (electronically) for approval.

Carrie Yang Costello summarized five issues and concerns pertaining to the Special Problems Divisions. (1) Nancy Mezey is the new Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions. (2) The Division Chairs unanimously voted to change the term "business meeting" to "divisional meeting – open to all members." (3) She suggested a meeting with the newly elected division chairs. (4) The division chairs expressed interest in the Just World Booklet. Tom Hood will scan the current booklet and put it on the SSSP web page. He will then contact the division chairs. (5) It is difficult to complete the resolutions process and the nominations process in one meeting.

Kim Cook noted that resolutions undergo revisions during the meeting. Tom Hood noted that resolutions perhaps should be considered prior to the annual meeting.

Ken Kyle gave the annual report on *Social Problems Forum*. He noted that he attempts to balance the newsletter dimension of the publication with scholarship. A new section, "News of Note" was featured.

Tom Hood introduced new business. A SSSP member approached the Executive Office to request the use of member email contacts for marketing a book.

MOTION: THAT SSSP ADOPTS A POLICY NOT TO DISTRIBUTE EMAIL LISTS FOR ANY MARKETING PURPOSE; HOWEVER THE BOARD MAY OVERRIDE THE DECISION ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. SECONDED. PASSED.

The 2005-2006 Board Meeting was adjourned by Claire M. Renzetti.

Annual Business Meeting of SSSP
Friday, August 11, 2006, Montréal, Québec, Canada

President Claire M. Renzetti called the meeting to order.

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

JoAnn Miller, Secretary, reviewed the minutes of last year's meeting as printed in the Fall 2005 issue of *SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM*.

Susan Carlson, Treasurer, reported on the financial condition of SSSP. She noted that the Society continues to be in good financial condition. She urged the Society to take steps toward increasing income for three reasons: (1) to reduce the deficit; (2) to prepare for the transition of the Executive Office; and (3) to preserve investments for minority scholarships.

Susan Carlson, along with the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee recommend a membership dues increase and an aggressive pricing strategy for institutional subscriptions to *Social Problems*.

A flat \$20 increase in membership dues will be proposed initially for the purpose of seeking membership response. *Social Problems Forum* will publish an article and comments on membership dues. The eventual proposal, which will likely be a progressive dues structure, will be brought to next year's Business Meeting. A five percent membership quorum is necessary to vote on the proposal at the Meeting. Tom Hood noted that the Bylaws require the question to come before the Business Meeting. If a quorum is not met, an electronic ballot can follow.

JoAnn Miller reported on the actions of the 2005-2006 Board of Directors. The Board approved changes in the Society's Operations Manual. It approved the recommendation from the Budget, Audit, and Finance Committee to increase the institutional subscription rate for the 2008 volume of *Social Problems* to \$175.00. It approved the revised budget. The Board refers to the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee the need to form a committee or a procedure for handling bequests in general; and the creation of a new award, the Joseph B. Gittler award. The Board recommends a change to the Bylaws and asks the Bylaws Committee to write an amendment to enable electronic balloting for the Special Problems Divisions and general election. The Board approved the creation of a PDF document that summarizes the mission and vision of each Special Problems Division. It will be similar to the booklet that Pam Roby organized and edited in 1997. Tom Hood will contact the Special Problems Division chairs to ask each to contribute to the document. The Board authorized Michele Koontz and Tom Hood to pursue San Francisco sites for the 2009 meeting.

Amy Wharton reported on *Social Problems*. The editorial office transition was smooth. A total of 343 manuscripts were received. On average, a full review was achieved within 70 days. Two special sections are forthcoming; one on institutional ethnography in the August issue and one of race, gender, and feminist theory in the November issue. The Table of Contents for each issue is now online, and soon a featured article will be available on the SSSP web page.

Ken Kyle reported on *Social Problems Forum*. There is a new "News of Note" section and he is encouraging more convergences/divergences pieces.

Tom Hood gave the Report from the Executive Officer. He noted that SSSP is more responsive each year to the Society's mission. The journal is doing well in rankings on the Science Citation Index. The number of individual subscribers to *Social Problems* exceeds the Society's membership. He encouraged each member to bring one new member into SSSP during the year.

Michele Koontz presented the Report from the Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager. She thanked Claire M. Renzetti and the Program Committee for an excellent program. A total of 630 persons registered for this year's meetings; 593 had pre registered and 36 percent are student registrations. The AIDS fundraiser will donate \$1,675 plus additional proceeds to Maison Plain Coeur. Michele Koontz thanked Mary Walker and Tom Hood and announced that Mary Walker, the SSSP graduate assistant, will continue in her position next year.

Kim Cook reported on Bylaw changes. The past editor of *Social Problems* is an ex-officio member of the Editorial and Publications Committee.

Kim Cook reported on the Resolutions Committee. She introduced new resolutions. A total of six resolutions were passed.

Resolution #1

From: Environment and Technology Division

Sustainable Development in Montréal

WHEREAS the City of Montréal developed “Montréal’s First Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development” in 2003, encouraged partnerships with community organizations to promote sustainable development, and made a commitment to consider innovative solutions to newly emerging environmental problems; AND

WHEREAS the recent auditor general’s report noted setbacks in efforts to meet recycling targets as well as significant concerns about the slow permitting and authorization processes and lack of monitoring of industrial waste releases into the air and sewers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSSP commends the City of Montréal on its efforts to promote sustainable development through the involvement of community partnerships and innovative solutions, encourages continued commitment to sustainable development to address newly emerging environmental concerns in spite of setbacks and requests that SSSP write on behalf of the membership to representatives of the City of Montréal to express this commendation and encourage continued commitment to issues of sustainability.

Resolution #2

Our sincere appreciation is expressed to all of the officers of this Society, committee chairs and members who have made this program possible and whose efforts maintain the vitality of the SSSP. First, we thank President: Claire M. Renzetti for her outstanding leadership in developing this 56th Annual Meeting and its Theme: Building Just, Diverse and Democratic Communities. We also thank this year’s program committee: Program Co-chairs: James Gruber and Phoebe Morgan, Program Committee: Madelaine Adelman, Steven Barkan, Michele Paludi and Stephani Williams, Local Arrangements Chair: Yesim Bayar. We thank the staff of the Hilton Montréal Bonaventure Hotel for fine accommodations and we particularly want to recognize the efforts made by Jean-François Tourigny, Manager - Convention Services and Banquets and Roxane Sigouin, Senior Sales Manager.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to past president Gary Alan Fine for his years of leadership; Vice-President Kimberly J. Cook for managing the resolutions process; JoAnn L. Miller for her service as Secretary; and outgoing Susan M. Carlson for her service as Treasurer from 2003-2006. The Society also thanks Valerie Jenness, President-Elect; Keith M. Kilty, Vice-President Elect; Board of Directors Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, Wendy Simonds, Donald Cunnigen and Tracy L. Dietz, outgoing members Kathleen S. Lowney, David A.

Smith, Paul Luken; Luis Fernandez (outgoing) and Ingar P. Johnson, student representatives of the Board; Carrie Yang Costello, outgoing Chair of the Council of Special Problems Divisions; Amy S. Wharton, Editor of *Social Problems*; Ken Kyle, Editor of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*; Kimberly J. Cook, Long Range Planning Committee Chair and committee members Karl Bryant, Susan M. Carlson, Donald Cunnigen, Nelta M. Edwards, Luis Fernandez, Kathleen J. Ferraro, Martha A. Hargraves, Robert Perrucci, Claire M. Renzetti and Aimee Van Wagenen; David Rudy, outgoing Budget, Finance and Audit Committee Chair and his committee Marino Bruce, Gray Cavender and Susan M. Carlson; James Orcutt, Editorial and Publications Committee Chair and his committee Wendy Chapkis, Doris Wilkinson, Patricia Yancey Martin, Peter J. Kivisto, A. Javier Treviño, Amy S. Wharton, Ken Kyle and David Rudy; Solstice band for performing at the AIDS fundraiser; the University of Tennessee and the Department of Sociology for hosting the SSSP Executive Office; the Office of the President and the Office of the Provost of the University of Dayton for their financial contribution to the program and the reception honoring our past presidents; and the University of California Press for their financial contribution to our registration bags. Finally, the Society wishes to thank Executive Officer Tom Hood, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager Michele Smith Koontz, and Graduate Research Associate Mary Walker for continuing to make the organization run and do all that it does year in and year out.

Resolution #3

From: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

Whereas, we affirm support for the declaration of sexual rights as constructed by the World Association for Sexuality, in which all human beings are entitled to the following sexual rights: the right to sexual freedom, sexual autonomy, sexual privacy, sexual equality, emotional sexual expression, sexual education, sexual health care, to sexually associate freely and make responsible choices,

Therefore, be it resolved that the SSSP recognizes the sexual rights of all people as long as sexual behavior does not infringe on the rights of other humans or non-human animals.

Resolution #4

From: Global Division

Resolution in support of an immediate and enduring cessation of hostilities in Lebanon:

Whereas the recent violence in the Lebanon has escalated beyond all prior imaginable proportions; and

Whereas the SSSP membership supports a peaceful and political solution as an alternative to armed conflicts;

Whereas US policies continue to provide support to the Israeli military establishment;

Whereas considerable evidence exists that war crimes have been committed by the Israeli armed forces (IDF) and other armed parties to the conflict;

Whereas civilians and United Nations Forces have been repeatedly hit by Israeli retaliatory actions without adequate safeguards to protect Lebanese and other civilians;

Be it therefore resolved that the SSSP:

Urges the U.S. government to join other countries who call for an immediate, unconditional, and enduring ceasefire by all parties;

Implores the United States government to not obstruct ongoing United Nations inquiries into the human rights conduct of any of the armed parties; and to that effect,

We hereby direct the SSSP Board of Directors to communicate these sentiments in a letter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, the White House, and the leaders of both Houses.

Resolution #5

From: Institutional Ethnography Division

Whereas the Sacred Lands of First Nations in Canada and Indigenous Peoples around the globe are under threat from development and other destructive activities;

Whereas, increasing the understanding and recognition of sacred lands is a human rights issue.

Therefore, be it resolved that the SSSP:

1. Condemns the destruction of what are considered the sacred lands of First Nations in Canada and Indigenous Peoples around the globe,
2. Supports the continuance and preservation of First Nations and Indigenous Peoples' cultural and spiritual practices which are closely tied to land areas known to be sacred to them.

Directed to:

- United Nations Division of Human Rights, Geneva Switzerland (Indigenous Human Rights).
- The International Indigenous Treaty Council (IITC) headquartered in San Francisco CA
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, USA
- Indian and Northern Affairs, Canada
- US Department of Justice

Resolution #6

From: Institutional Ethnography Division

Whereas today many governments practice torture and other cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment or punishment, thereby making torture a global problem, and

Whereas "extraordinary rendition," a practice by which detainees are transferred to other countries where they will most certainly be tortured, is part of the global mechanism of torture, and

Whereas torture and "extraordinary rendition" are violations of international law, and

Whereas there have been recent cases when medical and psychological scientists and practitioners have abetted the practice of torture in cooperation with governments,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the SSSP:

1. Condemns the world-wide practice of torture, and
2. Specifically condemns the practice of and support for torture by world governments, and

3. Calls on all members of SSSP to stand up for and support colleagues who resist the use of social science knowledge and skills in the practice of torture.

Directed to:

- Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada
- Secretary of State, US
- Chiefs of Staff, US Military Branches
- Members of Parliament, Canada
- Members of Congress, USA
- Kofi Annan, United Nations

Claire M. Renzetti introduced the new president, Valerie Jenness.

Valerie Jenness announced that next year's meetings will be held in New York. She thanked Claire Renzetti for this year's program and announced that next year's theme will focus on research activities and how research is used.

The meeting was adjourned by Claire M. Renzetti.

Minutes of the SSSP Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, August 12, 2006, Montréal, Québec, Canada

President Val Jenness called the meeting to order. People were asked to tell something interesting about themselves. They did.

The following persons were present: Amy Wharton, Ken Kyle, Tracy Dietz, Carolyn Perrucci, Naomi Nichols, Carrie Yang Costello, Michelle Janning, Michele Smith Koontz, Wendy Simonds, Donald Cunnigen, John Galliher, Valerie Jenness, David Rudy, Keith Kilty, Nancy Naples, Claire Renzetti, and Tom Hood. The following people attended the meeting to give reports: Marino Bruce, James Orcutt, and Nancy Mezey.

JoAnn Miller was unable to attend the meeting and asked Tom Hood to take the minutes in her place. The Board approved this action by common consent.

The printed agenda and related documents were circulated. Val called for additions to the agenda. Three items were added. Two items were added to the end of the agenda. Val asked that time to discuss a response to the call in Claire Renzetti's Presidential Address be added. David Rudy asked that time for a report from the Committee on Establishing a SSSP Foundation be added. The revised agenda was approved.

The Board considered nominations for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer:

JoAnn Miller was nominated for the position of Secretary; David Rudy was nominated for the position of Treasurer. These nominations were approved without dissent.

Claire Renzetti gave the report of the Long Range Planning Committee. She gave background on the first recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee. The change in the Executive Officer is considered an opportune moment to think about the purpose and mission of SSSP. Donald Cunnigen added that the retreat might be devoted to thinking through the

changing role of the Executive Officer in the 21st Century. Claire noted that the Long Range Planning Committee appreciated the clarity of the replacement steps and the recommended addition to the proposal from the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee.

Multiple reasons for a retreat and the possible mechanics of a retreat were discussed with an emphasis on whether the current formally stated vision of the SSSP needs to be reconsidered and whether the Executive Officer will have a different role in the 21st Century. The idea of having the retreat a day before the Board meets at the next annual meeting was discussed. Nancy Naples suggested that discussing how to ensure the mission of the SSSP is actually implemented is as important as knowing what the mission is.

The Long Range Planning Committee offered the following motion:

We recommend that the Board of Directors hold a retreat with a facilitator, including all members of Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee and as many committee chairs and division chairs as is financially feasible, to discuss/develop our collective vision for the future on the basis of our history and professional identity so that we can move into the future with clearly articulated goals. MOTION CARRIED.

We interrupted the report of the Long Range Planning Committee to hear the report of the Editorial and Publications Committee by James Orcutt, Chair. He summarized his written report. Jim noted the good news is that the number of citations of *Social Problems* articles ranks the journal as #5 this year among sociology journals. The Editorial and Publications Committee discussed converting all journal content to a digital format. They have requested an estimate from UC Press for this service. The long-term relationship with UC Press has been very good. However, the committee recommended seeking bids from other presses for the contract. Our current contact ends December 31, 2009 but we must notify UC Press of our intent not to renew or to make modifications by July 1, 2008. This means that seeking alternative bids should begin in early 2007. The two previous bid committees have been the Editorial and Publications Committee Chair, the Treasurer and the Executive Officer. In addition the Editorial and Publications Committee is beginning the search for the next Editor of *Social Problems*. They will launch this process this fall.

The Editorial and Publications Committee responded to a recommendation of the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee by raising the publication processing fee for non-members to \$100. The processing fee will remain \$50 for an article to members. Non-members will be invited to join the Society in order to avoid paying the nonmember fee. The Board approved this recommendation from the committee. After this change is published in the journal and announced in other places, every new submission will be expected to come under this rule.

President Jenness asked if other Board members had experience dealing with the type of negotiations that accompany writing a contract with the journal. Claire Renzetti indicated that she had been involved in such negotiations. The Board approved adding Claire Renzetti to the bid committee. The Edi-

torial and Publications Committee Chair will chair the committee. Other members will be the Treasurer and the Executive Officer.

The Board would like to know about the firm in India that copy edits *Social Problems* for UC Press. Jim indicated that the Editorial and Publications Committee would seek such information from the Press.

The Board returned to discussion of the timing of the retreat and the financing of attendance at the meeting. Such a retreat will be held Wednesday, August 8, 2007. SSSP will cover hotel costs for those whose institution will not cover the cost of attending the retreat.

A motion was offered to amend the action taken on the previous motion concerning the retreat. The persons invited to the retreat will be limited to Board members and to members of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee. These persons should consult with as many committee chairs and division chairs as possible. Motion carried without dissent.

A committee was appointed to plan the retreat. Nancy Naples, President-Elect will serve as chair. The other members of the committee are Claire Renzetti and Donald Cunnigen. The retreat will be held on August 8, 2007. Michele Koontz was asked to secure a room for the entire day for the retreat. The working budget for the retreat including facilitator charges and underwriting of attendance of those invited that cannot obtain institutional support will be \$20,000. The Board of Directors without dissent approved these actions.

President Val Jenness noted that some sessions are very poorly attended. She solicited comments. One comment is to cut down on the number of competing sessions. We need to come up with creative programming ideas. Ask each person who is presenting to invite someone to come to the presentation. Another comment pointed out that scholarly solidarity in the division should increase attendance. Institutional Ethnography is a case in point. Their sessions have been very well attended at these meetings.

We turned to the report of the Council on Special Problems Divisions on Nominations:

The President-Elect nomination list was discussed and an ordered list of eleven potential candidates was approved.

The Vice-President Elect nomination list was discussed and an ordered list of eight potential candidates was approved.

The Board of Directors nomination list was discussed and an ordered list of ten candidates was approved.

The Student Representative to the Board of Directors nomination list was discussed and an ordered list of six candidates was approved.

The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee nomination list was discussed and an ordered list of five candidates was approved.

The Committee on Committees nomination list was discussed

and an ordered list of twelve candidates was approved.

The Editorial and Publications Committee nominations list was discussed and an ordered list of twelve candidates was approved.

Marino Bruce presented the 2007 budget to the Board. He called attention to the annual meeting contribution line and noted that this varies depending on what contributions and grants can be secured to support the activities at the Annual Meeting. In 2007 the charge to members for the awards banquet at the Annual Meeting will be at least \$50 and to achieve that figure may require subsidizing each banquet ticket by approximately \$30. The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee has received a request from the Program Committee and renamed the line in the Annual Meeting Budget "Program Committee Expenses and Honoraria." This change reflects how the money is used. The Accessibility Committee has requested money to give an award and plan a program. The Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund carryover line reflects money returned from foreign scholars who were not able to obtain permission to attend the annual meeting this year. Marino noted that the committee is exploring the possibility of saving money by going to an online version of the preliminary program for the annual meeting. The committee is not suggesting that this be done in 2007 but will discuss the cost of any additional software needed at the May meeting. Assuming that these costs are not prohibitive, the committee expects to go to an online preliminary program distribution in 2008.

It was moved and seconded that the budget be approved as presented. The budget was approved as presented. The Board approved going to an electronic distribution of the preliminary program by no later than the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Naomi Nichols moved that the student members be allowed to create a listserv. The motion was seconded. After discussion, which included concerns that have been raised in the past, Naomi agreed to prepare a full proposal to forward to the board. This proposal will speak to the monitoring of the listserv and such things as guidelines on postings. Nancy Naples suggested checking the guidelines on the Women's Studies listserv.

The students in their discussion session welcomed increase dues and membership fees as long as it is not the same for everybody.

Sarah Damaske was approved to work with the Local Arrangements Committee in New York.

The Board reviewed the report of the Committee on Committees as presented by Wendy Simonds. Kathryn Fox was added

to the Membership Committee by extending her term one year. Wendy Simonds was asked to fill the remainder of A. Kathryn Stout's term on the committee and to serve as chair for 2006-07. She agreed and the Board approved.

Donald Cunnigen moved that the report of the Committee on Committees be accepted. Motion seconded and passed.

A motion to approved revised report on procedures for selecting the Executive Officer for SSSP was seconded and passed.

The Board reviewed the Resolutions passed at the business meeting. They suggested that the Executive Office contact the Environment and Technology Division to learn to whom a copy of resolution #1 should be sent. All of the resolutions will be printed in the Newsletter and posted on the website. On resolution # 6 some discussion seemed to conclude that leaders of the Canadian Parliament and of the U.S. Congress should receive copies of the resolution rather than all members of each of these bodies.

Michele Koontz reported on a request for space (two meeting rooms) at next year's meetings from the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment. The request was voted on and approved without dissent.

Tom Hood presented and discussed briefly the \$50,000 bequest from Joseph Gittler. A committee should be appointed to prepare a report by the 2008 annual meeting. President Val Jenness plans to ask the following members to serve on the committee: Nancy Jurik, Luis Fernandez, Susan Carlson and Ken Kyle. The Board approved this committee and its charge.

David Rudy reported on the work of the committee exploring the establishment of a foundation to further the work of SSSP. The committee has corresponded, has met and is continuing its exploratory work.

Claire Renzetti led a discussion about the call in her Presidential Address. Carrie Yang Costello has been doing work in response to this, including plans to survey the members of SSSP. Details were not available. Pam Roby has been working at Santa Cruz on these issues; Claire and Pam will be in touch over the fall and will bring this information back to the Board. Val Jenness is contemplating inviting a special speaker to the meetings to speak on issues related to the hard work Claire called for in her address.

Meeting was adjourned at a little after 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hood, Acting Secretary



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Board Approved 2006 Budget

MEMBERSHIP DUES

4110	Membership Dues, Current Year	\$95,000
4111	Membership Dues, Life Members	200
4115	Departmental Memberships	4,860
4118	Extra Division Fees	950
4120	Mailing Fees	1,100
4125	\$35 Student Membership Carry-Over (1 year)	1,925
	Total Membership Dues Income	<u>\$104,035</u>

JOURNAL AND PUBLICATIONS

4205	Back Issues - Single Copy Sales	\$1,750
4210	Advertising - Social Problems	3,800
4215	Reprint Permission Fees - Subsidiary Rights	27,000
4216	Non-Journal Royalty Income	0
4220	Sale of Membership Subscription List	1,000
4225	Editorial Processing Fee	1,200
4226	Offprints	350
4230	Gross Subscription Income - UC Press	266,250
4235	Presidential Series-Rowman & Littlefield	1,100
	Total Journal and Publications Income	<u>\$302,450</u>

ANNUAL MEETING

4305	Pre-Registration - Member - \$105	\$35,700
4310	Pre-Registration - Student & Underemployed - \$25	5,250
4311	On-Site Registration - Student & Underemployed - \$45	900
4315	On-Site Registration - Member - \$120	4,080
4317	One-Day Registration - \$45	450
4318	Exempt Conference Registration - \$50	1,200
4319	Guest Registration - \$10	500
4320	Program Advertising	0
4322	Non-Member Registration - \$50	750
4340	Annual Meeting Banquet	9,080
4341	Donate a Banquet Ticket Program	320
4342	Annual Meeting Contributions	7,200
4343	AIDS Raffle Ticket - \$5	500
4344	AIDS Fundraiser Ticket - \$15/Auction Items	1,500
4345	Audio-Visual Equipment Fees	200
4346	SSSP Lapel Pins	0
4347	SSSP Registration Bags	0
4348	Book Sales	0
	Total Annual Meeting Income	<u>\$67,630</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS

4400	Contributions - General Fund	\$500
4405	Contributions - Justice 21 Project	0
4410	Contributions - Lee Student Support Fund	300
4420	Contributions - Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	150
4430	Contributions - C. Wright Mills Award Fund	300
4440	Contributions - Social Action Award Fund	300
4450	Contributions - Erwin Smigel Fund	50
4460	Contributions - Lee Founders Award Fund	100
4470	Contributions - Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund	1,500
4475	Contributions - Long Range Planning Committee	0
4698	Transfer From - Restricted Life Memberships	0
	Total Contributions Income	<u>\$3,200</u>

INVESTMENT INCOME

4710	Dividend Income - Domini Money Market	\$2,000
4720	Dividend Income - Domini Social Equity Fund	0
4725	Dividend Income - Parnassus Equity Fund	650
4730	Dividend Income & Capital Gain-Pax World Fund/ Minority Scholarship	3,000
4735	Dividend Income & Capital Gain-Pax World Fund/Lee Legacy	150
4740	Dividend Income & Capital Gain-Pax World Fund/Life Members	500
4745	Dividend Income & Capital Gain-Parnassus Equity- Fund/Lee Founders	250
4750	Interest - Checking Account	100
4790	Interest - Louisville Community Development Bank CD-2.25%	282
4795	Interest - Native American Bank CD-2.75%	1,375
4800	Interest - Tulip Cooperative Credit Union CD-2.35%	600
4810	Interest - C. Wright Mills Award Fund	30
4820	Interest - Lee Student Support Fund	5
4830	Interest - Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	5
4860	Interest - Lee Founders Award Fund	37
4870	Interest - Erwin Smigel Fund	25
	Total Investment Income	<u>\$9,009</u>

OTHER INCOME

4890	Gain/Loss on Retirement of Fixed Assets	\$432
4900	Miscellaneous Income	350
	Total Other Income	<u>\$782</u>
	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	\$487,106

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

5105	Executive Officer - Salary	\$6,180
5107	Administrative Officer - Longevity Pay - Univ of TN	1,400
5108	Administrative Officer - Salary	46,711
5109	Administrative Officer - Travel Reimbursement	500
5111	Graduate Research Associateship - 50% (12 months)	18,180
5112	Administrative Officer - Maternity Leave	0
5115	Department Compensation	5,000
5120	Executive Officer - Fringe Benefits (UT-8.72%)	539
5122	Graduate Associate - Fringe Benefits (UT-\$54 per month)	696
5123	Administrative Officer - Fringe Benefits (UT-42%)	19,698
5124	Executive Office - Travel Funds	0
5125	Office Supplies	1,000
5126	Bonding of Employees	332
5130	Computer Supplies	1,500
5133	Publications	150
5135	Equipment Expenses	1,000
5140	Repair & Maintenance	600
5145	Telephone Services	1,500
5150	First Class Postage	2,000
5155	Insurance - Business & Equipment	286
5157	Non-Profit Corporation Cost	30
5160	Depreciation Expense-Computer/Website	1,234
5161	Depreciation Expense-LCD Projector	629
5165	Computer Consultant - Web page	4,000
5167	Host Database/Web/eCommerce	2,000

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE - continued

5170	Bank/Investment Service Charges	350
5171	Visa/MasterCard Service Charges	4,000
5175	CPA Services & Year End Audit	8,700
5177	Open Systems Accounting Software - Consulting	1,500
5180	Copying & Reproducing	\$500
5185	Contingency Fund-Add't Legal	750
5190	Computer/Internet Charges	1,000
5192	Training Courses	300
5193	Volunteer Appreciation Gifts	700
5195	Miscellaneous - Operating Expenses	750
	Total Executive Office Expenses	<u>\$133,715</u>

JOURNAL AND PUBLICATIONS

Journal

5205	Promotion	\$5,000
5210	Publishing Expense - Manufacturing	44,447
5212	Press Fee	71,725
5215	Postage, Mail & Fulfillment	13,648
5217	Subsidiary Rights - Author Payments	6,000
5223	Miscellaneous Journal	0
5224	Editorial Board Luncheon	500
	Total UC Press Expenses	<u>\$141,319</u>

5225	Stipend - Editor	\$8,000
5230	Honorarium - Editor	1,000
5235	Salaries - Managing Editor & Editorial Asst	36,300
5236	Fringe Benefits - Managing Editor & Editorial Asst	5,810
5237	Travel Funds - Editor	2,000
5240	Office Supplies & Expenses - Editor	3,000
5241	Computer Consultant - Editor	0
5245	Telephone Expenses - Editor	500
5246	Relocation (Shipping)	0
5247	Relocation (Travel)	0
5248	Office Postage - Editor	4,000
5249	Photocopying - Editor	2,200
	Total Social Problems Editorial Office Expenses	<u>\$62,810</u>
	Total Journal Expenses	<u>\$204,129</u>

Publications

5250	Honorarium - Newsletter Editor	\$700
5255	Release Time - Newsletter Editor	7,000
5256	Student Assistant - Newsletter Editor	2,500
5258	Miscellaneous Expense - Newsletter Editor	1,000
5260	Printing & Mailing Newsletter	11,000
5265	Telephone Expense - Newsletter Editor	0
5266	Office Expense - Newsletter Editor	0
5270	Printing - SPD Election	2,500
5275	Postage - SPD Election	2,000
5280	Membership Directory	0
	Total Publication Expenses	<u>\$26,700</u>
	Total Journal and Publications Expenses	<u>\$230,829</u>

ANNUAL MEETING

5301	Printing - Preliminary Program	\$4,331
5302	Postage - Preliminary Program	1,316
5303	Printing - Final Program	2,000
5304	Shipping - Final Program	0
5305	Registration Staff	\$1,600
5306	Copying	300
5310	Printing - Badges & Signs	300
5317	Call for Papers 2007	1,650
5320	Audio-Visual Equipment Rental	6,500
5322	Accessibility Services	250
5323	Exempt Participants - Conference Registration	1,200
5325	Equipment Rental & Registration Supplies	1,200
5330	On-Site Telephone	500
5335	Contract Termination Penalty	0
5340	Banquet Expenses	9,400
5345	Program Committee Expenses & Honoraria	3,200
5347	Pre-Registration Mailing	1,047
5350	Stipend & Expenses - Local Arrangements Chair	2,800
5355	Book Exhibit	0
5356	Film Exhibit	0
5363	Shipping - Registration Materials/Brokerage Fee	1,750
5367	Hotel - Meeting Room Rental	0
5368	ABS - Co-sponsored Reception	300
5370	Travel Expenses - Executive Office	2,000
5375	Reception & Catering	9,800
5377	Annual Meeting - Transportation	0
5378	Annual Meeting - Restaurant Guides - ASA	600
5385	Annual Meeting - Insurance	286
5388	Meeting Manager - Fringe Benefits - 17.65%	2,071
5389	AIDS Fundraiser Expenses	2,000
5390	Meeting Promotion & Management	11,733
5391	Graduate Student Meeting w/Board Representatives	650
5392	Site Visit - 2008	1,038
5393	Hotel Expenses - Executive Office	1,500
5395	Meals Expenses - Executive Office	500
5396	Pre-Meeting Conference	1,100
5397	Miscellaneous Annual Meeting	850
5398	SSSP Lapel Pins	0
5399	Promotional Registration Materials/Bags	<u>1,800</u>
	Total Annual Meeting Expenses	<u>\$75,572</u>

COMMITTEES

5405	BFA - Postage & Telephone	\$250
5410	BFA - Travel Expenses	2,389
5415	Accessibility Committee	0
5420	C. Wright Mills Committee (Includes Award)	800
5425	Editorial & Publications Committee	500
5427	Editorial Site Visit	0
5428	Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee	1,000
5429	Committee on Committees	100
5430	Permanent Organization Committee (Roster & Travel)	3,250
5435	Membership Committee/Promotion Campaign	9,700

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COMMITTEES - continued

5445	New Membership Brochures	3,325
5450	Membership Renewal	2,500
5455	Elections Committee & Mailing	1,563
5460	Committee on Standards & Freedom	100
5465	Committee on Establishing a Foundation	100
5470	Social Action Award Committee	300
5474	Long Range Planning Committee	1,000
5475	Justice 21 Project	0

PROGRAM OF DIVISIONS

5476	Community Research & Development	\$200
5477	Crime & Juvenile Delinquency	600
5478	Drinking & Drugs	700
5479	Educational Problems	700
5480	Environment & Technology	405
5481	Family	700
5482	Health, Health Policy, & Health Services	600
5483	Conflict, Social Action, & Change	300
5484	Labor Studies	585
5485	Poverty, Class, & Inequality	440
5486	Mental Health	365
5487	Racial & Ethnic Minorities	690
5488	Sexual Behavior, Politics, & Communities	700
5489	Social Problems Theory	700
5490	Sociology & Social Welfare	690
5491	Youth, Aging, & the Life Course	430
5492	Law & Society	550
5493	Teaching Social Problems	440
5494	Institutional Ethnography	600
5495	Global	700
	Total Committees & Program of Divisions Expenses	<u>\$37,972</u>

BOARD GOVERNANCE

6000	Board Information Materials	\$400
6010	Travel Expenses - Student Board Representatives	1,000
6020	Airline Ticket - Secretary	0
6030	Hotel Expenses - Board & Officers	2,000
6040	Meal Expenses - Board & Officers	2,600
6050	Board & Officer - General	200
6060	Operations Manual	200
	Total Board Governance Expenses	<u>\$6,400</u>

INVESTMENT GAINS AND LOSSES

7000	Unrealized Loss on Investments	\$0
7010	Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	0
7020	Unrealized Gain on Investments	0
7030	Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments - Temp Re-strict	0
	Total Investment Gains and Losses	<u>\$0</u>

BOARD RESTRICTED EXPENSES

8000	Lee Founders Award Committee	\$200
8010	Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	4,000
8020	Lee Student Support Fund	7,500
8030	Social Action Award Fund	1,000

8040	Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund	12,000
8050	Travel Expenses - Minority Scholarship	1,000
8060	Erwin Smigel Fund	1,500
8070	Lee Scholar-Activist Carryover (1 year)	2,010
8080	Beth Hess Memorial Scholarship	385
8998	Transfer Out - Restricted Life Memberships	0
9999	Suspense	0
	Total Board Restricted Expenses	<u>\$29,595</u>

TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	TOTAL PROPOSED INCOME FOR 2006	\$487,106
	TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES FOR 2006	\$514,083
	TOTAL PROJECTED DEFICIT FOR 2006	-\$26,977

Sexual Rights Resolution

Whereas, we affirm support for the declaration of sexual rights as constructed by the World Association for Sexuality, in which all human beings are entitled to the following sexual rights: the right to sexual freedom, sexual autonomy, sexual privacy, sexual equality, emotional sexual expression, sexual education, sexual health care, to sexually associate freely and make responsible choices,

Therefore, be it resolved that the SSSP recognizes the sexual rights of all people as long as sexual behavior does not infringe on the rights of other humans or non-human animals.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR, CONTINUED:

last of which appears in this issue (see Valerie J. Gunter's essay on page five). I think this response in conjunction with the essay by Valerie J. Gunter speak volumes about the degree of physical and emotional hardship that the survivors still experience – even fourteen months after these catastrophes.

Moreover, it inspired me to consider how the newsletter may become a better resource for those readers seeking to intervene in the wake of calamities and related social problems. Two options readily came to mind. For those of us whose areas of research, teaching and activism do not readily seem applicable to these calamities, the newsletter provides a forum to disseminate editorials, op-ed essays, and commentary. And I strongly encourage you to pursue this option. In addition, we can choose to engage in scholarship that promises to help ameliorate the victims' suffering and/or lead to the prevention of such catastrophes in the future. Indeed, I encourage those so inclined to make use of a number of academic initiatives and resources that have been devoted to the promotion of such work. For example, Yale University is sponsoring a graduate student conference on Hurricane Katrina and political philosophy (See News of Note for more information).

Nevertheless, as we know, the distribution of important work through such venues can take many months, even years. Therefore, please consider sharing your work with readers in an abbreviated form, perhaps as an informal research note to be published in *Social Problems Forum*. Doing so will allow your preliminary findings to reach a wide audience of your peers in a much more timely fashion, and potentially spark useful conversations and influence policy revision/development. If done with due consideration, this should not undermine your ability to see your completed work published in peer-reviewed venues. Indeed, your completed work might find an even wider audience once it makes its way through the scholarly review process – after all, you will have “whet the appetite” of your peers. But the idea of presenting informal research notes need not be limited to research related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Accordingly, you are formally invited to submit summaries of ongoing research work or activism for inclusion

in the newsletter.

As for other “innovations” to the newsletter, graduate students have asked that space be reserved in future issues specifically for items and news of interest to graduate students, and I am pleased to offer up such space. Look for new student-generated information and content of interest in future issues. Given the promise of material for and by students in future issues, the column/feature addressing concerns of junior scholars and graduate students appearing in previous issues will now concentrate more closely on issues of interest to SSSP members in the early stages of their careers. As such, this feature has finally, and appropriately, been named, Job Talk.

This issue also marks the first time photographs appear in the newsletter. I am pleased to include snapshots from the 2006 annual conference. This “innovation” not only promises to make the newsletter more enjoyable (if one can look past and forgive my poor photography skills), but it will also allow articles and newsletter features to be accompanied by photographs. Accordingly, feel free to include appropriate photographs with your essays, commentary, letters to the editor, etc. Also, it opens the possibility of publishing photo essays in *Social Problems Forum*, something I would be very pleased to facilitate.

Finally, the SSSP passed a number of resolutions at this past conference. In essence, these resolutions reflect who we are as an association. These appear in the minutes of the annual meeting. However, we have been asked to set two of these resolutions apart to emphasize their importance for SSSP members collectively and individually. These appear on pages four and twenty-five.

As always, we welcome your essays, letters to the editor, commentary, news of note, and now, informal previews of research and activism, photographs of interest and photo essays as well.

Cheers,
Ken Kyle, Editor

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

congratulates

BARBARA KATZ ROTHMAN

BARUCH COLLEGE, CUNY GRADUATE CENTER

winner of the

2006 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

Established in 1981, this award is made in recognition of significant achievements that, over a distinguished career, have demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideas of the founders of the Society for the Study of Social Problems and especially to the humanist tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Betty Briant Lee.

**Conference Pictures—Awards Banquet
2006 Annual Conference
Montréal, Canada**



Mary Jean Cravens, receives the Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship.



Barbara Katz Rothman accepting the 2006 Lee Founders Award for her years of commitment and service.



Pun Ngai accepting the 2005 C. Wright Mills Award.



Rashawn Jabar Ray addresses the audience after accepting the 2006 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship.



Susan Will congratulates Glynis Williams and Julie Jeannotte, representatives of Action Réfugiés Montréal, winner of the 2006 Social Action Award.

Conference Pictures 2006 Annual Conference Montréal, Canada

2006 Presidential Address



Claire Renzetti, 2005-2006 SSSP President, challenges SSSP members to personally address the problems of white privilege.



Tom Hood, SSSP Executive Officer, asks a question following President Renzetti's speech.

6th Annual AIDS Fundraiser



72 members attended this year's AIDS fundraiser and Graduate Student and New Member Reception. The event raised 1,964 dollars (U.S.) for donation to Maison Plein Coeur in Montréal, Canada.



Left—SSSP members examining items for auction.



Right—Tom Hood, sporting the new tiara he won at the auction.



Above, attendees bid on items in the silent auction.

Left, AIDS Fundraiser attendees examine donated items, many made by SSSP members.

LATTIMORE BLACK MORGAN & CAIN, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS ADVISORS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain, P. C.

Knoxville, Tennessee
April 25, 2006

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.

Financial Statements

December 31, 2005 and 2004

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2005 and 2004

	<u>Assets</u>	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,273	\$ 30,051
Investments	456,757	529,052
Accounts receivable	189,829	135,076
Prepaid expenses	4,556	55,371
Equipment, net	2,981	7,054
Other assets	<u>2,000</u>	<u>--</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 682,396</u>	<u>\$ 756,604</u>
	<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 55,507	\$ 55,988
Deferred revenue	<u>227,251</u>	<u>222,614</u>
Total liabilities	<u>282,758</u>	<u>278,602</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	371,038	450,502
Permanently restricted	<u>28,600</u>	<u>27,500</u>
Total net assets	<u>399,638</u>	<u>478,002</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 682,396</u>	<u>\$ 756,604</u>

Statements of Activities

Years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Changes in unrestricted net assets:		
Unrestricted revenues, gains, and other support:		
Contributions	\$ 4,435	\$ 7,048
Annual meeting	58,739	57,002
Journals and publications	280,037	283,432
Membership dues	102,271	102,976
Dividends and interest income	7,156	5,886
Net unrealized gain on investments	14,793	43,398
Miscellaneous income	<u>--</u>	<u>393</u>
Total unrestricted revenues, gains, and other support	<u>467,431</u>	<u>500,135</u>
Expenses:		
Executive office	125,784	120,257
Annual meeting	90,377	65,138
Journals and publications	277,364	223,685
Board governance	4,600	5,002
Committees	23,455	24,769
Awards, scholarships, and related expenses	<u>25,315</u>	<u>21,299</u>
Total expenses	<u>546,895</u>	<u>460,150</u>
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	<u>(79,464)</u>	<u>39,985</u>
Changes in permanently restricted net assets:		
Contributions -Sustaining membership program	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>(78,364)</u>	<u>41,085</u>
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>478,002</u>	<u>436,917</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 399,638</u>	<u>\$ 478,002</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Statements of Cash Flows
Years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (78,364)	\$ 41,085
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to cash flows provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	4,816	4,551
Gain on disposal of equipment	--	(100)
Net unrealized gain on investments	(14,793)	(43,398)
Permanently restricted contributions received	(1,100)	(1,100)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(54,753)	(4,395)
Prepaid expenses	50,815	6,601
Other assets	(2,000)	--
Accounts payable	(481)	9,814
Deferred revenue	4,637	4,982
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(91,223)</u>	<u>18,040</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from disposal of equipment	--	100
Purchases of equipment	(743)	(3,443)
Proceeds from sale of investments`	89,020	1,000
Purchases of investments	<u>(1,932)</u>	<u>(52,496)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	86,345	(54,839)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Collection of restricted contributions for sustaining membership	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Decrease in cash	(3,778)	(35,699)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>30,051</u>	<u>65,750</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 26,273</u>	<u>\$ 30,051</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.**Notes to the Financial Statements****December 31, 2005 and 2004****(1) Nature of operations**

Founded in 1951, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. (the "Society") promotes research on and serious examination of problems of social life. The Society works to solve these problems and develop social policy based on knowledge. The Society is primarily supported through membership dues and subscriptions for its journal and publications.

(2) Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements of the Society are presented on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies followed are described below.

(a) Basis of presentation

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Society and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets -Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets -Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of the Society and/or the passage of time. The Society does not currently have any temporarily restricted net assets.

Permanently restricted net assets -Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Society.

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support that increases those net asset classifications. However, if a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, the Society reports the support as unrestricted.

(b) Cash equivalents

The Society considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than three months to be cash equivalents.

(c) Investments

Investments consist primarily of mutual funds with readily determinable fair values and certificates of deposit, which are shown at their fair values in the statements of financial position. Investment income consists of interest, dividends, and realized and unrealized gains and losses, net of investment expenses. Investment income is reported in the period earned as an increase in unrestricted net assets unless the use of the assets received is limited by donor-imposed restrictions.

(d) Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable relate primarily to amounts due from the University of California Press ("UC Press") and are uncollateralized obligations due under the terms as set forth in the UC Press agreement (Note 6), in which UC Press collects the subscription fees and remits them to the Society approximately two months from the receipt of the subscription fees. Late or interest charges on delinquent accounts are not recorded until collected. The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance, if necessary, which reflects management's best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected. It is the Society's policy to charge off uncollectible accounts receivable when management determines the receivable will not be collected. Management has not recorded an allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2005 and 2004.

(e) Equipment

Equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method, generally three to five years.

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed when incurred. Expenditures for renewals or betterments are capitalized. When equipment is retired or sold, the cost and the related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is included in operations.

(f) Deferred revenue

Subscription and membership dues received in advance are recorded as deferred revenues and recognized as income when earned.

(g) Income taxes

The Society is exempt from federal income taxes under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and, accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements.

(h) Revenue recognition

Revenues for journals and publications and membership dues are recognized ratably throughout the subscription or membership period. Other revenues are recognized as earned.

(i) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(j) Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2004 financial statements in order for them to conform to the 2005 presentation. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or changes in net assets as previously reported.

(3) Concentrations

The Society occasionally maintains cash on deposit at banks in excess of federally insured amounts. The Society has not experienced any losses in such accounts and management believes the Society is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to cash.

(4) Investments

A summary of investments, stated at fair value, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 is as follows:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 356,757	\$ 429,052
Certificates of deposit	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
	<u>\$ 456,757</u>	<u>\$ 529,052</u>

(5) Equipment

A summary of equipment as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 is as follows:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Computer equipment	17,958	17,894
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(14,977)</u>	<u>(10,840)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,981</u>	<u>\$ 7,054</u>

(6) Contractual agreements

The Society has entered into an agreement with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Department of Sociology of the College of Arts and Sciences (the "University"), whereby the Society agrees to serve as an intellectual and professional resource in exchange for access to the University's resources, free office space, and overhead expenses for the Society's executive office. This agreement is renewable on an annual basis each January. The current agreement expires on December 31, 2006 and is expected to be renewed when it expires.

The Society uses the University's purchasing and disbursing services. Unreimbursed expenses owed to the University from the Society were \$10,277 and \$22,239 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. These amounts are included in accounts payable.

The Society has entered into an agreement with UC Press. Under this agreement, UC Press serves as the publisher of *Social Problems*, a quarterly journal sponsored by the Society. The Society currently utilizes UC Press as the sole publisher of *Social Problems*. Management believes that, if necessary, an alternate publisher could be obtained. However, unexpected events could cause a delay in publication, and accordingly, a possible loss of revenues.

Subscriptions to *Social Problems* are charged on an annual basis. *Social Problems* is distributed to library subscribers and Society members. Library subscriptions are administered and collected by UC Press and remitted to the Society approximately two months after receipt. Accordingly, accounts receivable from UC Press relate to subscriptions collected before year end, which will not be remitted to the Society until the following year. Subscription revenues collected in the current year for the following year are deferred and recognized as earned. Society memberships, which include a one year subscription to *Social Problems*, are remitted directly to the Society. The Society is billed for the direct operating expenses incurred in publishing the journals for members. These expenses for the final publication of the current year are not paid until the following year, and thus are included in accounts payable at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

The current UC Press agreement expires on December 31, 2009. This agreement will be automatically extended for subsequent periods of five years each unless request for revisions or notice of termination is submitted in writing by either party to the other not later eighteen months preceding the date of expiration.

(7) Board designated assets

The Erwin O. Smigel Fund was established in 1976 to expand employment opportunities in the field of sociology. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to develop information for unemployed and underemployed colleagues in their efforts to find work and to enable such colleagues to attend the annual meeting.

The Lee Founders Award Fund was established in 1981. This annual award recognizes significant achievements that consistently promote the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially the humanistic tradition, as exemplified in the contributions of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to purchase a plaque for the winner.

The Social Action Award Fund was established in 1990. This award is given annually to an organization in the area where the Society holds their annual meeting. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to pay an award to the organization selected that has a history of challenging social inequalities, promoting social change, or working toward the empowerment of marginalized people.

The Lee Student Support Fund (formerly the Alfred McClung Lee Support Fund) was established in 1992. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to help defray the cost of conference participation for student members.

The Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund (formerly the Scholar-Activist Support Fund) was established in 1992. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to emphasize support for scholars in countries whose economies are weak and activists who have limited funds to attend the Society's annual meetings.

The C. Wright Mills Award Fund was established in 1964. This annual award is given to the author of the book published in the past year that best exemplifies outstanding social science research and an understanding of the individual and society in the tradition of the distinguished sociologist, C. Wright Mills. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to pay a stipend to the author.

The Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund (formerly the Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund) was established in 1995. This annual fund is given for support of graduate study and commitment to a career of scholar activism. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to provide scholarships to the winners.

The respective board designated assets as of December 31, 2005 are as follows:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Erwin O. Smigel Fund	\$ 2,917	\$ -	\$ 2,917
Lee Founders Award Fund	9,041	-	9,041
Social Action Award Fund	-	10,386	10,386
Lee Student Support Fund	746	-	746
Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	579	-	579
C. Wright Mills Award Fund	3,095	-	3,095
Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund	-	301,227	301,227
	<u>\$ 16,378</u>	<u>\$ 311,613</u>	<u>\$ 327,991</u>

The respective board designated assets as of December 31, 2004 are as follows:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Erwin O. Smigel Fund	\$ 2,858	\$ -	\$ 2,858
Lee Founders Award Fund	8,494	-	8,494
Social Action Award Fund	-	10,905	10,905
Lee Student Support Fund	344	-	344
Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	451	-	451
C. Wright Mills Award Fund	2,749	-	2,749
Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund	-	288,476	288,476
	<u>\$ 14,896</u>	<u>\$ 299,381</u>	<u>\$ 314,991</u>

All of the above board designated amounts are included in unrestricted net assets on the statements of financial position for each respective year.

(8) Permanently restricted net assets

In 2000, the Society established the Sustaining Membership Fund. This fund allows members the opportunity to pay \$1,200 for a sustaining membership. One hundred dollars of the \$1,200 is recorded as a payment of dues in the year that the individual becomes a sustaining member. The remaining \$1,100 is placed in an interest and/or dividend bearing account and is not refundable or transferable to another person. The yearly dues of sustaining members will be paid from the account's earnings.

Permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2005 and 2004 consist of cumulative contributions to the Sustaining Membership Fund of \$28,600 and \$27,500, respectively. The investments held in the Sustaining Membership Fund have a fair market value of \$32,904 and \$30,521 as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, which is net of an unrealized gain in fair market value of \$4,304 and \$3,021, respectively, for the years then ended. The unrealized gain has been recorded in the statement of activities in unrestricted revenues, gains and other support as a portion of investment income.

Interest and/or dividend income from the Sustaining Membership Fund for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 was \$379 and \$281, respectively, and is included in unrestricted revenue since the Society's policy is to record income as unrestricted if any restrictions related to it are met in the same year as the income is earned.

JOB TALK . . .

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Sabbaticals But Never Dared to Ask: Lessons from My First Sabbatical

Holly Angelique, Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg

I took a full academic year sabbatical a year after attaining promotion and tenure. Now, more than a year after returning from my first sabbatical, I know that I had a number of unrealistic expectations and that my experiences would have been better had I known more about what to expect. While not all school environments are the same, there may be some common concerns, doubts and questions that arise as faculty members consider and/or prepare for their first sabbaticals. Accordingly, I offer some of my own sabbatical-related experiences in the hope that it may help junior faculty members better plan for their own sabbaticals.

To Take or Not Take a Sabbatical

You really **can** leave your program/department/college colleagues. They will survive without you. Moreover, you deserve a sabbatical. You've earned it! And you will be better for having taken one. You probably just finished two intellectual and emotional marathons in a row without any reprieve (earning your doctorate and securing promotion and tenure), and do not even know how exhausted you are. You are not being selfish. Whatever needs your department has, whatever the politics, etc., your institution will go on without you while you are away. Putting your sabbatical off a semester or year "until things settle down" may not be a good idea. From what I have seen and heard, things never settle down; there is always an impending crisis, curriculum revisions, committee assignments, etc., that demand your personal attention. The demands on your time are not likely to let up. You must take the time. Indeed, I know some senior faculty members about to retire who never took sabbatical because there was never a good time. *Don't be a martyr.* You do no one a service if you run yourself ragged and help perpetuate a work environment where people are expected to sacrifice themselves (their mental and physical health, as well as their research interests) for the institution.

Student Needs

Surprisingly, your students can live without you. Your colleagues will most certainly step up and pick up the slack, even if you fear they will not. Most academicians really do have students' best interests at heart, or at least will not let students suffer for your absence. If you have graduate students in the final phase of their thesis or dissertation research, you can find a way. Graduate students have access to phones, fax machines and E-mail. You can plan ahead and make your sabbatical happen and still serve your advanced graduate students' needs.

Financial Matters

Taking a sabbatical is financially feasible. However, it may require some advance planning. For example, you might set aside some money in the years before your sabbatical to carry you through the lean/er financial times during your sabbatical. You might try securing a grant that would allow you to make up the difference between what you normally make and your sabbatical pay. If you are going overseas for an extended period of time during your sabbatical, look into the applicable tax laws. You may be pleasantly surprised by what you find. Another idea worth pursuing, consider renting your house while you are away as a way to subsidize your sabbatical. Of course, this requires a degree of planning in advance on your

part. Or if a little debt does not cause you to have heart palpitations, loans and credit cards can be used as well. If you have family responsibilities or student loans that prevent you from taking a reduction in pay or from setting aside money in advance, you might pursue a semester-long sabbatical instead of a full academic year. Many institutions allow a semester-long sabbatical at full pay. This is a viable option for many academicians.

Deciding on a Sabbatical Project

Discuss your sabbatical plans and your specific project with colleagues who have already taken a sabbatical at your institution. Find out what they did on their sabbaticals. Discuss your ideas with your department chair/program coordinator and other administrators who will ultimately be asked to support your sabbatical application. Find out what kinds of sabbatical projects are supported. And do so far in advance of the application deadline. Do not assume that your preferred type of sabbatical project will be supported without conditions – some potentially onerous. For example, some institutions will not provide a sabbatical for scholars to write a book unless they have a signed book contract in advance, but will provide a sabbatical for scholars to collect data that may lead to a later book (though what constitutes data may be worth looking into). As another example, some universities require letters of support from institutions at which you will be affiliated during your sabbatical, even before your sabbatical has been approved. These kinds of requirements take time to address.

Improving Your Chances of Having a Successful Sabbatical

Remember that a sabbatical is not an unlimited amount of time. Avoid the temptation to take on additional projects that may direct your attention away from your primary sabbatical project. In my case, I already had an overly ambitious sabbatical plan that included writing a series of articles and a book, yet when another opportunity to begin a new project arose, I thought, "I'll be on sabbatical; sure I have time for that." Ultimately, I proceeded to take on 14 additional writing projects! For many of these projects, the faculty development and scholarly opportunities they promised did not make up for the stress that they caused. Also, if you are not leaving the area during your sabbatical, avoid going into the office or being too accessible to your colleagues and students. If you are around, it may be difficult to avoid being embroiled in politics or being sucked into new committee assignments or taking on new graduate students. It is hard to say no when a student or administrator say, "Since you are here, do you mind . . .?" Avoid the situation all together by not being around.

Unexpected Surprises

Be forewarned and ready for seemingly unexpected problems. During your sabbatical, here are some issues that are likely to come up. First, all of those **health issues** that you have not been dealing with or putting off as you struggled to secure tenure will surface and may take center stage. You cannot ignore them forever so plan time to take care of yourself

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physically (of course this means you need more money, especially if western medicine has failed you and you are exploring alternative routes). Second, all of those **mental health issues** that you have been avoiding will take center stage – you will probably get depressed (fear of depression may be one reason that many people never take a sabbatical). As awful as it feels when you are in the middle of it, depression can be a good thing and serves a useful purpose. This is a rare opportunity for emotional and spiritual growth – take a long look at your life choices and reevaluate. Sabbatical provides an opportunity to learn to relax, meditate, become more grounded, or take up a new hobby. Third, all of those **relationship issues** that you have been avoiding (partners, children, parents, etc.) will rise up and confront you – think of these as opportunities for emotional growth. Along those lines, consider getting counseling. Of course, this requires more money, but it may well be worth it. Fourth, all of those **secret plans** that you

might have (e.g., “I’ll have so much time that I will finally get my life in balance” or “I will cook healthy low fat organic meals” or “I will exercise and lose 30 lbs”) may get pushed aside or never taken up as your sabbatical work and/or health, mental health and relationship issues absorb you. Sabbatical can be a surprisingly taxing time emotionally, physically, spiritually, and intellectually. Nevertheless, do not give up on your secret plans, but also, do not beat yourself up if you do not achieve all of your goals. If you love to garden, paint, golf, hike, or something else that has taken a back seat during your run up to tenure and promotion, make reclaiming that interest an overt goal meriting serious effort. Ultimately, you and those close to you will be grateful that you made this a priority.

Additional Thoughts

Breathe – Learn to breathe and accept that you will only accomplish a fraction of what you plan to do. Think of any accomplishment as a success.

Unstructured time – Unstructured time can be the kiss of death. Do whatever you need to do to put some structure in your day/life. Collaborate with a colleague, etc. Set up concrete deadlines that demand that you keep them (e.g., conference presentations and speaking engagements based upon your research).

Fun – Plan on having some fun. It’s okay to take a vacation without academic scholarship attached. In fact, it may be necessary for your mental health. You deserve some time to relax and enjoy yourself.

In the end, your sabbatical will be more rewarding than you could have ever imagined. You will become physically healthier, psychologically healthier, and spiritually more grounded. And, with any luck and effort, you will become a more sophisticated scholar and dedicated academician. Do not let another sabbatical opportunity pass you by!

Social Problems—Editorial Search

The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is searching for the next Editor of *Social Problems*. The three-year term of the new Editor will begin at mid-year 2008 with responsibility for editing Volumes 56-58 (years 2009-2011). All members of the SSSP are encouraged to apply or nominate colleagues.

The Editor is responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and making final decisions on manuscripts, and for preparing four issues of the journal for publication annually. The editorial office is responsible for managing the review process and for copy editing and proof-reading in accordance with customary publishing standards.

The SSSP seeks an individual with a distinguished scholarly record, previous editorial experience (e.g., service as a journal editor or associate editor), strong organizational and management skills, an ability to work well with others, and a familiarity with and commitment to *Social Problems*.

The SSSP supports the editorial office with an annual budget and provides a modest stipend and travel expenses for the Editor. Support is also expected from the host institution. This support may include office space, utilities, the use of computers and other office equipment, stipends and tuition waivers for office personnel, faculty release time, and other basic expenses. Each year the Editor will be expected to submit a budget to the SSSP to cover operating expenses that the host institution does not support.

Applications, requests for further information, or names of potential nominees should be sent to: James D. Orcutt, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, Department of Sociology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2270; [850] 644-6416 (Office); [850] 644-6208 (FAX); email: jorcutt@fsu.edu.

Deadline for Initial Nominations and Inquiries: January 31, 2007.

THE BETH B. HESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a new or continuing graduate student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school. A student accepted in an accredited MA or PhD program in sociology in the United States is eligible to apply if she or he studied for at least one full academic year at a two-year college in the US before transferring to complete a BA.

The Scholarship carries a stipend of \$3500 from SWS to be used to support the pursuit of graduate studies as well as a one-year membership in Sociologists for Women in Society (including a subscription to *Gender & Society*). The Scholarship will be awarded at the Annual Meeting of SWS, ASA, and SSSP in New York, NY, August 11-14, 2007. The awardee's economy class airfare, train fare or driving mileage/tolls will be paid by SSSP, SWS and ASA (applicants for this award should also apply for an ASA student travel award; more than one such award may be given). Each association will also waive meeting registration and provide complementary banquet or reception tickets for the awardee.

To honor Beth Hess's career, the committee will be looking for:

- Commitment to teaching, especially at a community college
- Research and/or activism in social inequality, social justice, or social problems, with a focus on gender and/or gerontology
- Service to the academic and/or local community, including mentoring

An application for the award should contain:

1. a letter of application (no more than 2 pages) that describes the student's decision to study sociology, career goals, research, activism and service that would help the committee to see how the Scholarship would be a fitting honor
2. a letter confirming enrollment in or admission to a sociology graduate program (and aid award if any)
3. a letter of recommendation from a sociologist (in a sealed envelope, signed on the seal)
4. full curriculum vitae, including all years of study
5. (Optional) a one-page letter describing a community college faculty member who particularly contributed in a significant way to the decision to study sociology or pursue higher education
6. A cover sheet with:
 - Name and full contact information, including phone and email
 - Current academic or organizational affiliation, with years
 - If not currently enrolled, future graduate school and date of entry
 - Community college attended, with years
 - Name and contact information for references
 If included, name of honored faculty member

Six complete copies of the application should be submitted to:

Prof. Myra Marx Ferree
 Department of Sociology
 University of Wisconsin-Madison
 1180 Observatory Drive
 Madison, WI 53706

To be considered applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2007

For further information contact Myra Marx Ferree-mferree@ssc.wisc.edu

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2006 C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2006 C. Wright Mills Award. **Members of the society are encouraged to submit letters of nomination for this prestigious annual award.** Edited volumes, textbooks, fiction and self-published works are not eligible.

The C. Wright Mills Award, established in 1964, is made annually and carries with it a stipend of \$500 for the author(s) of the winning book. **The deadline for the 2006 award nominations is January 15, 2007.** The 2006 award will be presented at the 57th Annual Meeting in New York, NY, August 10-12, 2007.

C. Wright Mills wrote in *The Power Elite* that: "Only when mind has an autonomous basis, independent of power, but powerfully related to it, can mind exert its force in the shaping of human affairs. This is democratically possible only when there exists a free and knowledgeable public, to which [people] of knowledge may address themselves, and to which [people] of power are truly responsible." Consistent with Mills' dedication to a search for a sophisticated understanding of the individual and society, the award will be given for that book published in 2006 that most effectively:

- 1) critically addresses an issue of contemporary public importance,
- 2) brings to the topic a fresh, imaginative perspective,
- 3) advances social scientific understanding of the topic,
- 4) displays a theoretically informed view and empirical orientation,
- 5) evinces quality in style of writing,
- 6) explicitly or implicitly contains implications for courses of action.

Please submit nominations to:

Professor Hector Delgado, Chair
C. Wright Mills Award Committee
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
University of La Verne, 1950 3rd Street
La Verne, CA 91750

Work: (909) 593-3511, ext. 4475; Fax: (909) 392-2745
Email: delgadoh@ulv.edu

For further information, contact:

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer
Work: (865) 689-1531; Fax: (865) 689-1534; Email: mkoontz3@utk.edu

TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

**The Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee announces
funds available for Foreign Scholar-Activists
to participate in the 2007 Annual Meeting, August 10-12, New York, NY.**

The Society for the Study Social Problems established the Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund to help bring foreign scholar-activists to the Annual Meeting. The specific purpose is to facilitate scholarly participation by persons engaged in research related to labor, gender, race-ethnicity, less advantaged countries, and other struggles. More generally, the purpose of this fund is to foster cooperative relations among persons and organizations engaged in applying sociological findings to confront social problems and create social change. Consistent with past practice, some preference may be given to applicants from less advantaged countries where access to foreign exchange is often more limited.

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2007 to:

Mangala Subramaniam
Department of Sociology, Purdue University
Stone Hall, 700 W. State Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2059
W: 765-496-2631; F: 765-496-1476; Email: MANGALA@PURDUE.EDU

Other Committee Members:

Luis Fernandez, Chair-Elect, Northern Arizona University
Luke Shaefer, University of Chicago

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**The Lee Student Support Fund Committee announces
funds available for Undergraduate and Graduate Students
to participate in the 2007 Annual Meeting, August 10-12, New York, NY.**

In recognition of Al Lee's commitment to social justice and his history of critical contributions to the Society for the Study of Social Problems, SSSP established the Lee Student Support Fund to facilitate conference participation by undergraduate and graduate students. For the 2007 Annual Meeting, the fund has resources which it can allocate in order to help defray the costs of meeting participation for those in need of financial assistance.

The applications will be reviewed by the committee charged with determining the amount and allocation of the awards. In making its decision, the committee may recognize among other factors, the Society's commitment to diversity, to a tradition of scholar-activism, and to interdisciplinary work.

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2007 to:

Carolyn Perrucci
Department of Sociology, Purdue University
Stone Hall, 700 W. State Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2059
W: 765-494-2019; F: 765-496-1476; Email: PERRUCCIC@PURDUE.EDU

Other Committee Members:

Kamini Maraj Grahame, Chair-Elect, Penn State University
Kelly Chessie, University of Saskatchewan

Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund or the Lee Student Support Fund Application
APPLICATION DEADLINE—MIDNIGHT (EST) MARCH 15, 2007
(Applications postmarked/faxed/emailed after March 15 are ineligible for consideration.)

Please indicate which fund you are requesting assistance from: (You can only choose **ONE**. If you are an undergraduate or graduate student, you must apply for the Lee Student Support Fund.) **All applicants must be current SSSP members when applying for assistance.**

_____ Lee Student Support Fund **(In order to be considered, you must provide a photocopy of your current student ID.)** The average award is around \$250 and that the maximum award rarely exceeds \$600.

_____ Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund **(In what way do you consider yourself not only a scholar but also an activist?)**

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Current Mailing Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Phone: _____ Email: _____
(include area code & country code, if applicable) (Home) (Work)

Address where you can be reached after the May 15 announcement date:

_____ (Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Please indicate how you plan to travel to the meeting: _____ SSSP will support estimated air coach fare; auto travel at \$.42/mile; and travel by bus or train **ONLY**.

Please provide a breakdown of your anticipated costs to attend the meeting. Registration fees and dues will not be funded, and not all of the expenses for attending the meeting can be paid from these funds. SSSP strongly suggests that other sources of funds be sought to supplement your participation. Pre-registration for the meeting must be paid before funds will be disbursed to the applicant. Persons unable to attend the meetings **MUST** return all monies to SSSP.

Estimated Expenses:

Travel cost: _____
 The committee will use the lowest available fare as the basis for its estimates of travel costs.

Room cost: _____
 SSSP will support a shared room at the SSSP conference hotel (roommate matching service will be available). Our room rate is \$185 U.S./per night. Exceptions will be made if extraordinary personal circumstances justify an individual room.

Meal cost: _____
 SSSP will support up to \$15 U.S./per day

Grand total: _____

State your accepted contributions to the meeting. **ONLY** SSSP members who have been accepted for program participation will be considered.

Applicants will receive an email confirming the receipt of their application. If you do not receive an email within two weeks of submitting your application, please contact the appropriate chair. Applicants will be notified by the chair if their application was accepted/rejected no later than May 15, 2007.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2007 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

Nominations are open for the 2007 Social Action Award. **Members of the Society are urged to submit names of organizations as nominees for this award.**

The Social Action Award, established in 1991, is awarded to a not-for-profit organization in the city/area hosting the annual meeting. The award carries a stipend of \$1,000.

The award is a fitting expression of the overall purpose of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, which is concerned with applying scientific methods and theories to the study of social problems. SSSP aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, and advocates to examine and understand social problems in order to further solutions and develop social policy based on knowledge.

When this award was established, SSSP described its purpose as follows:

The organization selected for this recognition should have a history of challenging social inequalities, promoting social change, and/or working toward the empowerment of marginalized peoples. Its work must demonstrate sensitivity to and respect for cultural diversity.

Preference is given to small, local agencies in the **New York, NY area** rather than large organizations or chapters of nationally-based organizations. The main criterion is the extent to which the organization reaches out to the disadvantaged in the community and uses innovative means for dealing with local social conditions.

The award will be presented on August 11, 2007 at the SSSP Awards Banquet in New York, NY. **Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2007.**

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

2006	Montréal, Québec, Canada	Action Réfugiés Montréal
2005	Philadelphia, PA	Alliance for a Clean Environment (ACE)
2004	San Francisco, CA	Free Battered Women
2003	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta Harm Reduction Center
2002	Chicago, IL	Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
2001	Anaheim, CA	Innercity Struggle
2000	Washington, DC	Council of Latino Agencies
1999	Chicago, IL	Rogers Park Community Action Network
1998	San Francisco, CA	People Organized to Win Employment Rights
1997	Toronto, Canada	Heritage Skills Development Center
1996	New York, NY	SAKHI
1995	Washington, DC	Foundation for Youth at Risk
		Friends and Jr. Friends of the Southwest Branch Library
1994	Los Angeles, CA	Coalition for Human Immigration Rights of Los Angeles
1993	Miami, FL	Women Will Rebuild P.A.C.E Center for Girls
		Haitian Refugee Center
1992	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh Jobs with Peace Campaign
1991	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio Welfare Rights Organization ReSTOC Inc.

2007 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Please include the following information when making a nomination.)

Your name, address, phone number, and email address.

The name and address of the organization you wish to nominate.

The name, address, phone number, and email address of the organizational contact person.

Give an overview of the organization's work.

Indicate why you believe that the nominee merits the award.

Please submit any supportive materials you believe would be helpful to the committee.

Nominations should be sent no later than April 1, 2007 to:

**Marjorie DeVault
Department of Sociology, 302 Maxwell Hall
Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY 13244-1090
W: 315-443-4030; F: 315-443-4597; MDEVALT@SYR.EDU**

Other Committee Members:

*Gordana Rabrenovic, Chair-Elect, Northeastern University
Margaret Andersen, University of Delaware
Adriana Bohm, Delaware County Community College
Steven Couch, Penn State University
Jean Elson, University of New Hampshire
Arthur L. Greil, Alfred University
Michele Paludi, Graduate College of Union University*

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2007 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2007 Lee Founders Award. **Members of the Society are urged to submit the names of nominees.**

Established in 1981, this award is made in recognition of significant achievements that, over a distinguished career, have demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanist tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee.

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE

- 2006 Barbara Katz Rothman, Baruch College, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2005 Robert Perrucci, Purdue University
- 2004 Mary A. Romero, Arizona State University
- 2003 Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University and Project South:
 Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide
 Jerome Scott, Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide
- 2002 Thomas J. Scheff, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2001 Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine
- 2000 Beth B. Hess, County College of Morris Norma Williams, University of Texas at Arlington
- 1999 Gary L. Albrecht, University of Illinois, Chicago
- 1998 John I. Kitsuse, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 1997 Irwin Deutscher, University of Akron
- 1996 No Winner Chosen
- 1995 Gideon Sjoberg, University of Texas
- 1994 Joyce A. Ladner, Howard University
- 1993 Irving Kenneth Zola, Brandeis University
- 1992 Marvin B. Sussman, University of Delaware
- 1991 Richard Cloward, Columbia University Francis Fox Piven, CUNY, Graduate Center
- 1990 Louis Kriesberg, Syracuse University
- 1989 Arlene Kaplan Daniels, Northwestern University
- 1988 James E. Blackwell, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- 1987 John Useem, SSSP Life Member Ruth Hill Useem, SSSP Life Member
- 1986 Jessie Bernard, Pennsylvania State University
- 1985 Butler Jones, Cleveland State University
- 1984 Elliot Liebow, National Institute of Mental Health
- 1983 Charles V. Willie, Harvard University
- 1982 S. M. Miller, Boston University Joan Moore, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

The 2007 award will be presented at the 57th Annual Meeting in New York, NY, August 10-12, 2007. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 16, 2007 to:

Dr. Deborah Thorne
Bentley Annex 155 - Soc/Anthro, Ohio University
Athens, OH 45701-2979
W: (740) 593-1367; F: (740) 593-1365; thorned@ohio.edu

CRITERIA FOR THE LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

1. The nominee must have been an active member of the Society for some years prior to receiving the award.
2. The nominee must have made significant achievements embodying the ideals of the founders of the Society. These achievements may be in the areas of scholarly research, teaching, or service leading to the betterment of human life. Nominees for the award must have demonstrated a commitment to social action programs that promote social justice.
3. The nominee's achievements should reflect the humanistic tradition of sociology, as exemplified in the contributions of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee, for whom the award is named.
4. The nominee's achievements may be expressed in a body of work that provides understanding and insight for practical application and the development of social conflict, including one or more of the following.
 - A. Studies of peace and war, ethnic and/or racial conflict and social movements.
 - B. The role of mass media as related to social problems.
 - C. The role of propaganda in the creation of and the persistence of social problems.
 - D. The systematic study of social inequality (for example, problems of poverty, discrimination, racism, sexism and unequal distribution of wealth).
5. The achievements should include substantial community service at the local, state and/or national level.
6. It is assumed that the above achievements will have been accomplished by the nominees over a distinguished career and that they will reflect a long-term commitment to the ideals of the Lees.

GUIDELINES

1. Any member of the Society may nominate one or more persons for the award. Members of the Lee Founders Award Committee are encouraged to nominate.
2. All nominations must be accompanied by supporting evidence sufficiently detailed for the committee to render a decision (e.g., a resume; additional supporting description of the nominee's work, demonstrating that the contributions meet the criteria for nomination). Please include supporting information not covered in a resume. List names of colleagues who would be willing and able to write supporting letters upon the request of the committee or include letters of support with your nomination.

TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee announces: funds available for Unemployed and Underemployed Sociologists to participate in the 2007 Annual Meeting, August 10-12, New York, NY.

The Erwin O. Smigel Award was established in 1975 to provide assistance to unemployed and underemployed sociologists. Applicants should be sociologists with an advanced degree who are not full-time students and who are not fully employed.

Erwin O. Smigel was a professor and Chair of Sociology at New York University, and the author of *THE WALL STREET LAWYER* as well as other works. He was the second editor of *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*; serving from 1958-61. He was also a friendly and good humored man who supported colleagues exceptionally well. The fund was established in Erwin's honor the year he passed away.

Erwin O. Smigel Award Guidelines: 1) the Smigel monies are to be used to help pay for three or four unemployed or severely underemployed sociologists' transportation to and registration fees for the SSSP meeting; 2) applicants must SSSP members who are presenting a paper at the main SSSP meeting (rather than at an adjacent workshop or meeting) or participating as a SSSP elected or appointed officer or committee member; 3) a maximum of \$500 dollars is to be granted to any one recipient.

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2007 to:

Aaron Kupchik
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
University of Delaware, 329 Smith Hall
Newark, DE 19716

W: 302-831-3267; F: 302-831-2607; AKUPCHIK@UDELE.EDU

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Marlese Durr, Chair-Elect, Wright State University
Marta Maldonado, Iowa State University

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2007 RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2007 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. Members of the Society should urge qualified candidates to apply for this award. **Applications are due by and must be received no later than February 1, 2007.** Applicants will be notified of the results by July 16, 2007. **All applicants must be current SSSP members when applying.**

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), in keeping with its philosophy of active engagement with social problems, participation in social problem solutions, and advancement of knowledge through study, service and critical analysis, established the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship at its annual meeting in August 1993. The purpose of the scholarship is:

- To identify and support developing minority scholars who exemplify and give fresh voice to the SSSP history and commitment to scholar activism
- To give renewed energy and wider lenses to diversity in scholarship
- To increase the pool of minority social and behavioral scientists
- To establish a formal commitment to diversity through support of a minority doctoral student in the social and/or behavioral sciences inclusive of course work or dissertation research support who demonstrates a commitment, through his or her scholarly examination, of any aspect of inequality, injustice and oppression

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A person identified as either Black/African American, Hispanic/ Latino, Asian/Asian-American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or American Indian or Alaska Native accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences so as to expand their perspectives in the pursuit and investigations into social problems
- A grade point average or equivalent of at least 3.25 in one's current graduate program [of study]
- Evidence, through scholarly work and/or commitment to a career of scholar activism as demonstrated by: course work and research, activism in school and/or community, and career plans. Advance graduate students preferred - Masters level students are not eligible
- Statement of financial need as expressed by the applicant and Graduate Program Director or Advisor
- Applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States

FUNDING

A \$12,000 scholarship will be funded to one student with an additional \$500 awarded for attendance at the annual meeting. Payments will be made in equal installments in September 2007 and January 2008. SSSP believes that the support of students will foster the commitment required to enable the student to fund living arrangements as well as academic or research costs.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECIPIENT

- Attend the annual meeting to receive the award. A \$500 stipend will be available to the winner for this purpose.
- Submit a brief final report (three pages maximum) on the work sponsored through the award, at the end of the award year.
- Following year, present work (described above) at an appropriate division session. A \$500 stipend will be available to the winner for this purpose.
- Following year, serve on the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee and attend the scheduled meeting of the committee.

STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete application packets should be sent to the SSSP Executive Office. **Incomplete packets will not be reviewed.** Each packet must include the following:

- 1) Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Application (**complete and print the application and send it in with the rest of your application**);
- 2) an Official Transcript with seal from the student's Graduate Program Registrar;
- 3) Resume or Curriculum Vitae;
- 4) Three letters of recommendation addressing the student's work and progress in program, including one from the Graduate Program Director or Advisor (The letter from the Graduate Program Director or Advisor should address the financial need of the applicant. Each letter should be placed in a sealed envelope with author's signature over the seal. **Letters not included in the packet will not be accepted.**);
- 5) Personal statement of commitment to a career of scholar activism;
- 6) Submit a copy of your approved dissertation prospectus, if completed.

Contact Shirley A. Jackson, Chair, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee with all questions. (Department of Sociology, Engleman Hall C011A, Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT 06515; W: 203-392-5676; F: 203-392-7087; jacksons1@southernct.edu)

Visit www.sssp1.org to download an application. Complete application packets should be sent to:

**The Society for the Study of Social Problems
University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
W: 865-689-1531; F: 865-689-1534; sssp@utk.edu**

RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How can I find more information about the SSSP's Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship?**
You can download an application and find out more information by visiting www.sssp1.org. (Follow the link to "Awards and Scholarships." If the information there does not answer your questions, you may contact the 2007 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee Chair, Shirley A. Jackson, at jacksons1@southernct.edu or 203-392-5676.
- **Do you have to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to apply for the SSSP Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship?**
Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident at the time that you apply for the scholarship.
- **How many students apply for the scholarship each year?**
About 40 students apply each year.
- **How far along in a graduate program should applicants be?**
Any doctoral student is eligible, however preference will be given to advanced doctoral students who have completed all course work and exams as well as defended a dissertation prospectus. Masters level students are not eligible for this scholarship.
- **Can the award be used to support the dissertation writing process after the research stage is completed?**
Yes, the scholarship may be used to support the dissertation writing process after the research stage is completed. In fact, the ideal candidate is a student who is in the process of completing a dissertation, whether that be data collection, data analysis, or writing.
- **Does an applicant need to be a student throughout the entire time for which the scholarship applies (2007-08 academic year)?**
Yes, the distribution of the award occurs twice during the academic year (September 2007 and January 2008). Applicants enrolled in their respective graduate programs during this period may receive the scholarship.
- **How formal should the statement regarding an applicant's dissertation research be? Does it need to be the official prospectus approved by the graduate program? How long does it need to be?**
The statement regarding dissertation research ought to be as formal as possible. Any document approved by a doctoral committee or graduate program is appropriate. The length of this document will vary dependent upon the protocol of an applicant's graduate program, however dissertation proposals are usually at least 15 pages in length.
- **Is there a requirement to the length of the personal statement?**
There is no requirement for the length of the personal statement. It should be long enough to convey an applicant's commitment to a career in scholar activism. The average personal statement is around 3-6 pages.
- **Is there a specific form for the letters of recommendation or does it have to be on letterhead?**
There is not a specific form for the references. References written on letterhead are standard.
- **Should letters of recommendation be sent along with or separate from other application materials?**
All letters must be included within the application packet. They must be in sealed envelopes and signed over the flap by the authors of the letters.
- **How many copies of the application does SSSP require?**
One copy is required.
- **Do application materials need to be sent all together in one packet?**
Yes, all components of an application must be received together in one package. A complete application includes:
 1. The application form (obtained online, completed, and then printed out),
 2. Three sealed reference letters,
 3. Personal statement,
 4. Curriculum vitae,
 5. Graduate transcript from doctoral program, and dissertation proposal (if completed).
 *Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- **Where should an application be sent?**
Completed applications must be sent to: The Society for the Study of Social Problems, University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower, Knoxville, TN, 37996-0490. The Executive Office will forward applications to the Scholarship Committee.
- **Do applications need to be received by the due date or just post-marked by the due date?**
Applications must be received by the due date. Applications post-marked before or on the due date that do not reach the Executive Office by February 1, 2007 will not be considered. It is advised the applicants mail their packets no later than mid-January to ensure a timely submission.
- **When will applicants learn of the Scholarship Committee's decision?**
Applicants will learn whether they were selected for the scholarship by July 16, 2007.
- **Is membership in SSSP required in order to received the scholarship?**
Yes, membership in SSSP is required in order to be eligible for the scholarship.
- **Is conference participation required at the SSSP annual meetings?**
Yes. The award recipient should plan on attending both the 2007 and 2008 SSSP annual meetings (which occur in mid-August) as the award will be formally given at the SSSP conference banquet in 2007 (award recipient will be provided two complimentary banquet tickets) and will be required to present work that was supported during the award year at the 2008 meeting (award recipient will be provided \$500 to offset travel expenses for the 2007 and 2008 conferences).
- **If I am not selected, can I apply next year?**
Yes, applicants not selected are encouraged to re-apply the following year.

RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
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 All applicants must be current SSSP members when applying. (Masters level students are not eligible.)

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Current Mailing Address: _____
 (Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Phone: _____
 (Home) (Work)

Social Security #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Address where you can be reached after the announcement date:

 (Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Sex (Circle One): Male Female Date of Birth: _____

Racial/Ethnic Identification as used in the U.S. Census: (Applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.)

Black or African American	_____	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	_____
Hispanic or Latino	_____	American Indian or Alaska Native	_____
Asian or Asian American	_____		

Marital Status (Circle One): Single Married Divorced Widowed Separated

Number & Age of Dependent Children: _____

Your Current Educational Status:
 Degree Program: _____ Year in Degree Program: _____

Your Education Background:	Location	Dates Attended	Degree
Institution			

Have you completed the major requirements for the Ph.D. (i.e., course work, examinations, and submission of a dissertation prospectus?) (Circle One) Yes No

Please submit a copy of your approved dissertation prospectus, if completed.

How are you financing your graduate education? (Please list all sources of support including current scholarships, fellowships, assistantships, loans, and outside jobs.)

Please explain how receiving this scholarship would assist you in completing your program. (If you plan to use the money to support dissertation research, a brief budget would assist the committee in its deliberation.)

Father's Occupation (if deceased or retired, list his last occupation):
(Job title and brief description of his work)

Father's Education (circle years completed):

Primary school	1	2	3	4	5	6
Secondary school	7	8	9	10	11	12
College	13	14	15	16		
Graduate studies	17	18	19	20+		

Mother's Occupation (if deceased or retired, list her last occupation):
(Job title and brief description of her work)

Mother's Education (circle years completed):

Primary school	1	2	3	4	5	6
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CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

The Society for the Study of Social Problems
57th Annual Meeting
August 10-12, 2007

Roosevelt Hotel
Madison Avenue at 45th
New York, NY

RESEARCH MATTERS: CREATING KNOWLEDGE, POLICY, AND JUSTICE

The Society for the Study of Social Problems has been hosting annual meetings for over half a century in various cities throughout North America. These meetings, as well as the publication of *Social Problems*, bring an interdisciplinary community of scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students together for the purpose of disseminating and promoting research that critically examines problems of social life. Defined in objectivist and constructionist terms, the social problems of interest have changed over time, but the larger commitment to developing research-informed social policies that enable us to dismantle barriers to justice has remained constant; indeed, this is one of the distinguishing characteristics—if not the central mission—of the SSSP. With this in mind, the theme of the 57th annual meeting in New York is “Research Matters: Creating Knowledge, Policy, and Justice.”

I have chosen this theme to direct attention to a series of questions prompted by a slew of recently published books that decry the decline of the public intellectual in modern life, the desire of many colleagues and students who sincerely want to “make a difference” by contributing to the amelioration of social problems, ongoing discussions among scholars about public sociology and engaged sociology, and my own experiences with bringing research to bear on pressing social problems related to crime, law, inequality, and marginalization. Does research matter? Under what conditions does the knowledge produced by research get utilized in the development and implementation of public policy and the pursuit of social, economic, and political justice? By whom and for whom is research conducted and deployed? How is research used by those seeking to address social problems? In what ways do researchers play a role in alleviating social problems as well as contributing to the very conditions and constructions upon which social problems emerge, manifest, get institutionalized, and change? How and when is our research expressed in public debate? What is the content and extent of our influence? And finally, considering examples from the past, what does the future hold?

We know social problems will continue to persist, thus we will be reminded of the need for organizations like SSSP for a long time to come. In this historical moment, we are witnessing “hot spots” around the globe break out in war; inequalities between the haves and the have nots continue to grow and threaten to divide us, especially by race, ethnicity, class, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, (dis)ability, religion, and political persuasion; the erosion of civil rights embodied in such practices as wiretapping by the U.S. federal government as well as proposed and enacted policies related to same-sex marriage, immigration reform, and homeland security; the privatization of public services related to healthcare, schooling, and prisons such that the most disadvantaged among us become even more vulnerable; environmental degradation that threatens to make us extinct as the Bush administration flatly rejects scientific evidence of global warming; and a host of other social problems. As these and other social problems emerge, take shape, and generate consequences for human welfare, justice, and democracy, there is no doubt that research and its corollaries—education and informed policy and practice—can provide important tools needed to alleviate human suffering and promote justice. My heart hopes that happens. My intellect questions whether, when, and how that has happened in the past and can happen in the future. My humanity tells me we have to try. And my instinct tells me that cumulatively we can have some incremental impact.

I invite you to join me in New York to participate in the 57th annual meeting of the SSSP. Among other activities, I hope to engage in dialogue about the role of critical, scientific, and humanist research in diagnosing and constructing social problems as well as formulating and implementing policies designed to address them in a way that leaves us a more just community at the local, state, national, and international levels.

Valerie Jenness, *SSSP President*, University of California, Irvine

2007 Program Committee

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Papers or extended abstracts (2-3 page summary of your intended presentation) for presentations at division sponsored sessions MUST be made via our online submission cover sheet, <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/268> to session organizers no later than midnight (EST) on January 31, 2007. If your paper *does not* fit into one of the sessions listed in the Call for Papers, send your submission **electronically via our online submission cover sheet** to JoAnn L. Miller, Program Committee Chair (W: 765-494-4699; jlmiller@purdue.edu). **If you would like to submit a complete session (of five papers and no fewer than five papers) for consideration, please complete our online individually-proposed session information form, <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/269> no later than midnight (EST) on January 31, 2007.** The Program Committee may be able to find a place for your presentation/session in the annual program. The Program Committee reserves the right to add papers/participants to sessions with less than five presentations. Sessions will be assigned to a day of the conference that works best for the Program Committee, which is charged with ensuring the overall coherence of the program and maximizing the number of sessions and papers included in the program. Individual preferences for dates for presentations cannot be accommodated. All questions relating to the program should be sent to JoAnn L. Miller. **When sending an e-mail, please place SSSP in the subject line.**

An online submission cover sheet **MUST** accompany all papers and extended abstracts. Do not submit the same paper or extended abstract to more than **ONE** session organizer at the same time. If your submission is **NOT** accepted, the session organizer will inform you and forward your information to the 2nd choice organizer listed on the submission cover sheet. **ONLY ONE SOLE-AUTHORSHIP PAPER IS PERMITTED PER PARTICIPANT** (without an accompanying co-authored paper). Authors may submit more than **ONE** paper or extended abstract; however, each submission must be submitted to no more than **ONE** session organizer at a time.

An overhead projector and a screen will be available in each session – except for roundtable sessions. Scholars who require an LCD projector (laptop/computer not included) for projection of images that are an essential component of their presentation must request an LCD projector at the time of submission. Please complete the online request form, <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/270> no later than midnight (EST) on January 31, 2007. Requests cannot be guaranteed and will be evaluated by the Program Committee. Please do not request an LCD projector for projection of bulleted points or graphics that can easily be displayed on an overhead projector or if they can be displayed with handouts. Only requests that demonstrate the necessity of an LCD projector for the integrity of presentations will be considered. **Late requests will not be considered.**

Acceptance of papers is contingent upon being a current member and pre-registering for the annual meeting. All participants (except those granted an exemption) must be **current** members of the Society (you may join upon acceptance of your presentation) and must **pre-register** (paying the guest registration fee will not be accepted for program participants) for the annual meeting. Exemptions will be granted for: **A)** Persons not in the social sciences, but whose expertise relates to session topics. **B)** Non U.S. and non Canadian scholars who are from less advantaged countries. **C)** Co-authors of papers who will not be attending the meeting. One of the co-authors must be a paid registrant. Both co-authors must pay if both expect to attend the meeting. **D)** Persons excused by direct request of the Program Committee Chair or President. Persons failing to pre-register will have their contributions deleted from the final program.

Refund Policy: Registration fees will be refunded to persons who notify the Executive Office that they will not attend the annual meeting prior to July 1, 2007. Once the final program is printed and participant packets have been prepared, the cost of processing the participant has already occurred.

2007 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

Deadline for submission of papers/abstracts to session organizers or the Program Committee Chair	January 31, 2007
Participants must be notified by the session organizer of acceptance or referral of paper/abstract	February 19, 2007
Session/paper titles and contact information for each author must be in the Executive Office	March 1, 2007
Preliminary programs will be mailed to all current members	May 15, 2007
2007 Annual Meeting, Roosevelt Hotel, New York, NY	August 10-12, 2007
Deadline for names of session organizers for the 2008 Annual Meeting	September 17, 2007

CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS

(listed alphabetically by 1st co-sponsored division)

Session 1: Social and Health Consequences of Hurricane Katrina (Community Research and Development; Drinking and Drugs; and Poverty, Class, and Inequality)
Organizer: Bruce Johnson
W: 212-845-4500; johnsonb@ndri.org

Session 2: Reclaiming Community: Building, Promoting and Protecting Place and Space (Community Research and Development and Environment and Technology)
Organizer: Erin Robinson
W: 716-888-2748; robinso5@canisius.edu

Session 3: Latinization of U.S. Cities (Community Research and Development and Global)
Organizer: Howard Lune
W: 973-720-3714; luneh@wpunj.edu

Session 4: New Immigrant Communities (Community Research and Development and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Theo Majka
W: 937-229-4147;
theo.majka@notes.udayton.edu

Session 5: Teaching and Learning in the Community (Community Research and Development and Teaching Social Problems)
Organizer: Joyce McKnight
W: 518-587-2100, ext. 2303;
joyce.mcknight@esc.edu

Session 6: Regional Variations of Globalization: From Resistance to Accommodation (Conflict, Social Action, and Change and Global)
Organizer: Jon Shefner
W: 865-974-7022; jshfner@utk.edu

Session 7: Activist Possibilities with Institutional Ethnography - **THEMATIC** (Conflict, Social Action, and Change and Institutional Ethnography)
Organizer: Naomi Nichols
naomi_nichols@edu.yorku.ca

Session 8: Drug, Crime and Punishment - **THEMATIC** (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Drinking and Drugs; and Law and Society)
Organizer: Paul D. Steele
W: 606-783-2254; pd.steele@morehead-st.edu

Session 9: Educational Problems and Criminal Behavior (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Educational Problems)
Organizer: Aviva Twersky Glasner
atwerskyglasner@bridgew.edu

Session 10: Youth Gangs and Gang Members (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Educational Problems)
Organizer: Billie Gastic
W: 215-204-8072; bgastic@temple.edu

Session 11: Crime and the Environment: Activists on the Frontline Speak Out (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Environment and Technology; and Law and Society)
Organizer: Steve Lang
W: 718-482-6090; slang@lagcc.cuny.edu

Session 12: "Scientists have Discovered...": Disseminating Research through Media (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Social Problems Theory; and Teaching Social Problems)
Co-organizer: Lara Foley
W: 918-631-2050; lara-foley@utulsa.edu
and
Co-organizer: Jessie Daniels
W: 212-481-8919; jdaniels@hunter.cuny.edu

Session 13: 9/11: Police and Police Response (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Law and Society)
Organizer: Lloyd Klein
W: 318-274-3309; kleinl@gram.edu

Session 14: Crime, Justice and Incarceration (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Law and Society)
Organizer: Jodie Lawston
W: 760-750-4623; jlawston@csusm.edu

Session 15: Prisoner Reentry (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Law and Society)
Organizer: Kris Paap
W: 315-792-7437; kris.paap@sunyit.edu

Session 16: Terrorism and Public Policy: The Aftermath of 9/11 (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Law and Society)
Organizer: Charles Trent
W: 212-960-0822; trent@ymail.yu.edu

Session 17: Violent Offenders, Victims, and Community/Organizational Responses (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Law and Society)
Organizer: Stephen J. Morewitz
W: 415-252-0569; morewitz@earthlink.net

Session 18: NYC, Race, and Crime (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Law and Society; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Cary Federman
W: 973-655-7897;
federmanc@mail.montclair.edu

Session 19: Law and Sexuality (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Law and Society; and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities)
Organizer: Lloyd Klein
W: 318-274-3309; kleinl@gram.edu

Session 20: Sex Offenders and the Legal System (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Law and Society; and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities)
Organizer: Lloyd Klein
W: 318-274-3309; kleinl@gram.edu

Session 21: Effective Interventions with Juvenile Delinquents (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)
Organizer: Sarah Shannon
C: 612-987-5043; ster0171@umn.edu

Session 22: Impact of Globalization and Drug Markets (Drinking and Drugs and Global)
Organizer: Steve Lankenau
W: 323-660-2450, ext. 311;
slankenau@chla.usc.edu

Session 23: Drugs Research/Research with Drugs (Drinking and Drugs and Health, Health Policy, and Health Services)
Co-organizer: Elizabeth Ettore
e.ettore@liverpool.ac.uk
and
Co-organizer: Paul Draus
W: 313-583-6628; draus@umd.umich.edu

Session 24: Mapping Educational Training Across the Ages: Institutional Ethnographies Spanning Schooling from Childhood to Adulthood - **THEMATIC** (Educational Problems and Institutional Ethnography)
Organizer: Lois Andre-Bechely
W: 323-343-6271; loisab@calstatela.edu

Session 25: Leave No College Student Behind: Race and Class Issues in Higher Education (Educational Problems; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Buffy Smith
W: 651-962-5697; bsmith@stthomas.edu

Session 26: Education at the Crossroads: Failures and Successes of the U.S. Educational System for Racial and Ethnic Minorities - **THEMATIC** (Educational Problems and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Amilcar Shabazz
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Session 27: New Immigrants, New Scholarship: The Education of Eastern Europeans in the United States Today (Educational Problems and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
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Session 28: Multicultural Curricula: Challenges and Opportunities - **THEMATIC** (Educational Problems and Teaching Social Problems)
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Session 29: Improving the Educational Experiences of At-Risk Children and Youth - **THEMATIC** (Educational Problems and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)
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Session 30: Built Environment and Health (Environment and Technology and Health, Health Policy, and Health Services)
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Session 31: Production and Consumption: Food, Health and the Environment (Environment and Technology and Health, Health Policy, and Health Services)
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Session 32: Environmental Law, Policy and Practice: Insights on Environmental Decision Making (Environment and Technology and Law and Society)
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Session 33: Institutional Ethnographic Research for Families and Schools - **THEMATIC** (Family and Institutional Ethnography)
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Session 34: Same-Sex Marriage Across Borders (Family and Law and Society)
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Session 35: Camouflaging Sexual Behavior and Families (Family; Law and Society; and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities)
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Session 36: Making Privilege Visible: Employment, Families, and Poverty (Family and Poverty, Class, and Inequality)
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Session 37: Families across the Lifespan (Family and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)
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Session 38: Globalization, Immigration and the Changing Nature of Work (Global; Labor Studies; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
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Session 40: Gender, Poverty, and Development (Global and Poverty, Class, and Inequality)
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Session 41: Global Crisis and the Critical Classroom: Putting Activism and Movement Building at the Center (Global and Project South)
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Session 42: Global Integration: Exploring the Roles and Capacities of Nations and States in the Era of Globalization (Global and Social Problems Theory)
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Session 45: Creating Knowledge for Racial Justice in Health (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
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Session 48: Ethnographically Examining Welfare State Knowledge Creation and Use - **THEMATIC** (Institutional Ethnography and Sociology and Social Welfare)
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Session 49: The Organization of Knowledge Across the Life Course - **THEMATIC** (Institutional Ethnography and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)
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Session 50: Faculty Work/Life Management Across the Life Course - **THEMATIC** (Labor Studies and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)
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Session 51: Teaching Social Policy - **THEMATIC** (Law and Society and Teaching Social Problems)
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Session 52: Inter-sexions: Race, Class and Sexuality (Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities)
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Session 53: Teaching About Race and Ethnicity (Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Teaching Social Problems)
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Session 54: Images of Race and Ethnicity in Youth Oriented Media (Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)
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Session 55: Sexual Expression at Any Age (Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)
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Session 56: Teaching Students to Integrate Social Problems Theory and Research (Social Problems Theory and Teaching Social Problems)
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Session 57: Will the Elderly be Able to Retire? The Social and Policy Implications of Dissolving Pension Plans - **THEMATIC** (Sociology and Social Welfare and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)
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Session 58: Including the Life Course Approach in Teaching (Teaching Social Problems and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course)
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CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE

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Session 3: "The Forged Coupon": From Micro to Macro and Back (How Personal Change and Social Change Are Related)
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Session 3: Crime Stories: Numbers, Narratives and Neutralizations - **THEMATIC**
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DRINKING AND DRUGS

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Session 2: Evaluating the Impact of Educational Policy in Solving Social Problems - **THEMATIC**
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Session 3: Education and Cultural Diversity: Assessing Developments - **THEMATIC**
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Session 3: Issues in Environmental Sociology
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FAMILY

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INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY

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RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

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Session 2: Constructing Social Problems through Scholarship
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YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE

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