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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



In the first issue of Volume 36 of *Social Problems Forum*, we find a review, by David Rudy, of George Ritzer’s *Handbook of Social Problems: A Comparative International Perspective*. In addition, Rob Moore has written an interesting and informative article on Philadelphia’s neighborhoods. A call for papers for our annual meetings is also in this issue, as well as calls for various awards and funding opportunities.

As is always the case in the winter issue, we are publishing biographical information on the candidates for offices in the SSSP. We are fortunate to have an excellent list of candidates willing to donate their time and knowledge for the betterment of the SSSP.

I continue to welcome contributions from you in the form of essays, reviews or letters to the editor. I would also like to print news from our members – publications, presentations, job changes, etc. Please send me information you would like to share with other SSSP members.

Stephen R. Couch, Editor

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TOM HOOD

This issue describes the background and candidate statements for the new slate of officers for our Society. Read them carefully and then vote when you receive your ballot. The Board of Directors and its committees are discussing future directions for the Society. The persons you elect will have an important role in determining the future of The Society for the Study of Social Problems. Every vote counts and some of our elections for major officers have been determined by less than ten votes difference.

Vote for people who have vision for the Society and whom you believe will be energetic in filling their term as an officer. We have a number of new special problems divisions. The booklet published under the leadership of Pamela Roby when she was President of the Society (1997) needs to be revised. New divisions need to prepare descriptions and lists of key works in their area of study. Old divisions need to revise their statements. The last book that interested textbook writers in the social problems area was, *Working Toward A Just World: Visions, Experiences and Challenges*, which included an introduction and a response to some key questions from each special problems division. A bibliography of key works completed the section for each division needs to be created. The booklet was designed to inform our membership, but perhaps we should consider marketing it for use in the classroom. Of course, this would come under the guidance of the Editorial and Publications Committee. The Budget, Finance and Audit would be interested in the cost and potential income associated with the project. Recommendations of these committees would be discussed and approved or rejected by the Board of Directors.

"Public sociology," a theme of the most recent ASA meetings, has drawn the attention of some notable scholars in the journal, *Social Forces*, and on the list serve of the Southern Sociological Society. For those of us who are long term members of SSSP we welcome such discussion. Our organization adopted the following statement of purposes at least forty years ago. This is the most recent language 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 sociological findings 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."

I don't know who drafted this statement of purpose, but it has remained virtually unchanged during the years that I have been a member. No, we do not make it a part of an initiation ceremony when persons join! We don't print it on the back of a membership card. We don't ask prospective members to decide if they support it before accepting their membership application. For me at least, this is a good statement supporting activities that I would consider a part of public sociology.

Do you find that there is a notable absence of references to SSSP activities in the discussion of public sociology among ASA members and members of other sociological societies? Alfred McClung Lee, one of our founders, was a controversial figure among sociologists for many years even though he was elected President of ASA. Some people disliked stances that he took and sometimes Lee appeared to be guided by humanism more than by scientism. This led to discussions among sociologists where the dialogue failed to engage because neither person accepted the others foundational assumptions. I have even heard our members referred to as an "SSSP-type" and hence not suitable for certain positions in the American Sociological Association. I think this is less true today than a little over 40 years ago when C. Wright Mills wrote *The Sociological Imagination*. On the other hand, would most sociologists who seek funding or work for some research institutions agree with the following statement?

"There is no way in which any social scientist can avoid assuming choice of value and implying them in his work as a whole. Problems, like issues and troubles, concern threats to expected values, and cannot be clearly formulated without acknowledgment of those values. Increasingly, research is used, and social scientists are used, for bureaucratic and ideological purposes. This being so, as individuals and as professionals, students of man and society face such questions as: whether they are aware of the uses and values of their work, whether these may be subject to their own control, whether they want to seek to control them. How they answer these questions, or fail to answer them, and how they use or fail to use the answers in their work and in their professional lives determine their answer to the final question: whether in their work as social scientists they are (a) morally autonomous, (b) subject to the morality of other men, or (c) morally adrift. ..." (pp.177-8)

This statement reminded me of a strong piece of social criticism that appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly* (March, 2000) titled, "The Kept University." The authors document the way in which research one universities are selling out to corporations that fund their research enterprise to the extent that they are allowing them to have a major role in determining research project direction and intellectual property rights. The authors also note, "Traditionally, universities regarded proprietary claims as fundamentally at odds with their obligation to disseminate knowledge as broadly as possible. Today nearly every research university in the country has a technology-licensing offices" Profiting from the creation of new knowledge and inventions seems to be important in the current academic-industrial complex. The traditional norm of "communism" in the scientific community described by Merton appears to have lost support in the American academic community. "The communism of the scientific ethos is incompatible with the definition of technology as 'private property' in a capitalistic economy." (*Social Theory and Social Structure*, 1957, p. 558.)

As we vote for the candidates for office and as we contribute to the next meeting of SSSP, let us consider the question of what it means to be a public intellectual practicing scholarship in the pursuit of social justice. Keep the purposes of our organization in mind as you make your evaluation of the candidates. The work of our organization calls us to teach, do research and work to form policies. Plan to attend the annual meeting in Philadelphia this August. Help us shape our organizational effort.

Tom Hood, Executive Officer

Philadelphia: A City of Neighborhoods

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Philadelphia is a sprawling city composed of numerous neighborhoods. In many ways it is a sociologist's dream. So as you visit the "City of Brotherly Love" during the 55th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, hopefully you will have some time to explore the rich diversity of the urban area and its inhabitants.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 18th and Market Streets. Market Street is the main east-west artery in Center City Philadelphia, that area of the city bounded by the Delaware River on the east, and the Schuylkill River on the west. (Local Philadelphians never refer to this area as "downtown." It is known only as "Center City.") Its streets follow a grid pattern originally laid out by William Penn, and it is the epitome of the "walking city." Within Center City there are numerous sections with distinct features that constitute individual neighborhoods, and each of these Center City areas provide opportunities for shopping, entertainment, and sight seeing.

Leaving the hotel, and walking east on Market Street, you have several options for exploring the Center City area. At Broad Street (14th St.) is Philadelphia's City Hall. It is a mammoth stone structure that is viewed either as an incredible architectural feat, or as a colossal boondoggle. In either case, it is certainly worth seeing on your visit to the city. Just south of City Hall, on the west side of Broad Street, is the Union League. Those familiar with E. Digby Baltzell's Philadelphia Gentlemen: The Making of A National Upper Class will be familiar with the Union League as an exclusive club frequented by Philadelphia's most wealthy and powerful individuals.

Continuing east on Market Street, it is worth a brief detour north on 12th Street to visit the Reading Terminal Market at 12th and Filbert. This market had historically consisted of butchers, bakers, and other grocers who would fill orders for those leaving work in Center City and taking the train home from the Reading Railroad Terminal. Now much of its business is prepared food, and visitors attending conventions at the nearby Pennsylvania Convention Center support its businesses in large part. Nonetheless, it is a place frequented by all kinds of local Philadelphians, and is a worthwhile stop to see Philadelphia at its most diverse.

After visiting the Reading Terminal Market, you may wish to continue north on 12th St. then east on Race St. There you will find yourself in Philadelphia's Chinatown. It is a fascinating area populated by a variety of Asian ethnic groups. Its restaurants and grocery stores are popular attractions.

Of course the most widely known section of Center City is its historic area, centered around 5th and Market Streets. There you will find Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, as well as the newly constructed Constitution Center. Horse and carriage rides, with knowledgeable guides describing the significance of the numerous historical sites, provide a convenient way to get a tour of this area.

To the east of the historic district is an area known as "Olde City." South of Market Street on 2nd and 3rd Streets there are numerous clubs and restaurants providing a wide range of musical entertainment and food. To the north of Market Street in Olde City one can find a host of art galleries and other attractions. This area has been significantly revived in the past twenty years from its previously run down state, and it is now a popular place for young professionals and artists to live.

If you continue east on Market Street, you will eventually arrive at Penn's Landing and the Delaware River. Like many urban areas throughout the country, the waterfront is largely inaccessible to the public, having been sacrificed to industry and major highways. The Market Street entrance to the Penn's Landing area is one of the few access points to the Delaware River.

In the southern portion of Center City, in the area of South Street and Lombard Street, you will find yourself in Philadelphia's Seventh Ward. It was here that W.E.B. DuBois conducted his pioneering study in urban sociology that resulted in The Philadelphia Negro. In 1897, DuBois lived in the area of 6th and Rodman, and studied the Seventh Ward's African American population as part of a project initiated by Susan Wharton (linked to Penn's famous Wharton School). This area of Philadelphia, roughly bordered on the east and west by 5th St. and 22nd, and on the north and south by Pine and Bainbridge Streets, constituted the heart of the African American community in Philadelphia at that time. The area has changed considerably since that time, mostly as a result of urban renewal (what William Ryan called "Negro removal") in the 1950s and 60s. It is now home to fairly well off professionals. However, one landmark remains from the time DuBois spent in the seventh Ward: the Mother Bethel African American Episcopal (AME) Church at 6th and Lombard Streets. The church sits on a site that

is the longest continuously African American owned parcel of land in the country, having been purchased in 1794. The church contains a museum in the basement that documents the life of Richard Allen, the first bishop on the AME church. It is well worth a visit to the museum on a weekday, or perhaps to join the congregation for worship on Sunday mornings.

One last attraction worth visiting is in South Philadelphia, at the southernmost end of Center City. The Italian Market, centered at 9th and Christian Streets, is reminiscent of open-air markets in Europe. Historically, this area of the city was populated almost exclusively by Italian immigrants, and the market still reflects that tradition. In recent years, however, Asian immigrant groups, as well as Mexican immigrants have joined the Italians. If you get to the market area early on a Saturday morning, you will have an opportunity to see Philadelphia diversity in full bloom. The sights, sounds, tastes, and smells are well worth the visit.

If you leave the Crowne Plaza Hotel and go west instead of east, you will cross over the Schuylkill River into the area known as University City, home to Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania. Immediately on the other side of the river is 30th Street Station, a grand building, and the place to catch Amtrak trains or trains on Philadelphia's local SEPTA lines. Continuing west on Market St. you will pass Drexel University, and then will be north of the Penn campus.

These two campuses dominate the general area of University City, and students and some faculty from the universities populate the area immediately north of Market Street. Going further north of Market Street, you will enter the neighborhood of Mantua, also referred to as "The Bottoms." It is this area, and its border with University City, that Penn sociologist Elijah Anderson wrote about in Streetwise. In many ways it represents the sharply divergent worlds inhabited by the well off and educated, on the one hand, and those lacking economic and other resources, on the other hand.

Another possible way to see the wide variation in Philadelphia's neighborhoods is to take a bus tour of the route that Elijah Anderson wrote about more recently in Code of the Streets. Those familiar with the book know that Anderson begins by describing the changing social landscape encountered while traveling down Germantown Avenue from affluent Chestnut Hill, through Mount Airy, Germantown, and finally to the destitute area of North Philadelphia. From Center City, it would be possible to take this route in reverse. The number 23-bus runs north on 11th St., and you could board at 11th and Market. From there, you would travel north to Germantown Avenue, and then northwest through Germantown, Mount Airy, and Chestnut Hill. Germantown is one of Philadelphia's oldest settlements, and remains home to wonderful historic sites, including the Johnson House, a station on the Underground Railroad. Mount Airy is one of the most racially diverse neighborhoods in the city, populated by a cross section of relatively well off families attracted by the spacious homes, and the racial harmony. Chestnut Hill was originally described as the "suburb within the city" and is populated by those with significant economic resources. Its main shopping district on Germantown Avenue has been significantly refurbished in recent years, and is now home to a number of upscale retail shops and restaurants. It would be possible to get off the bus at a number of different points on this route, and then to board again for the return trip.

One last neighborhood worth mentioning is in the Manayunk/Roxborough area of the city. Manayunk borders the Schuylkill River northwest of Center City, and was historically linked to the knitting mill industry. As the mills closed down in the 1960s and 70s, the area became run down and depressed economically. Approximately 15 years ago, the Main Street area became the site of considerable investment, and it is now one of the most popular nightspots in the city, as well as being home to upscale retail shops and a variety of restaurants. From 30th Street Station one could take the R6 Septa train to the Manayunk Station.

Although not neighborhoods as such, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and Fairmount Park are sites that should be visited if at all possible while in Philadelphia. A five block walk directly north on 18th St. from the Crowne Plaza Hotel will bring you to Logan Square. Looking to the left you will see Philadelphia's famous Museum of Art at the end of the Parkway. Walking up the Parkway, you will pass the Rodin Museum as well as many other architecturally and historically significant buildings such as the Free Library of Philadelphia. Walking around the Museum of Art you will be on Kelly Drive and will have the opportunity to enjoy walking along the riverside in that section of Fairmount Park.

There are numerous other neighborhoods in Philadelphia, but it is impossible to cover them all in the space of this brief article. Hopefully those that I have been able to review above will be of interest to you during your stay in Philadelphia.

2005 CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

SSSP resolutions constitute an important opportunity for our scholar-activist membership to publicly declare their sentiments, thereby creating a channel for greater visibility and more direct influence upon a variety of "publics," i.e., fellow activists, scholars, students, decision-makers, social action groups, voters, and others. Thus, as Vice-President this year, I am calling on the membership to submit resolutions for discussion, debate, and in some cases, passage. To do so, simply forward your resolution or your idea for a resolution to the appropriate SSSP Division Chair. When doing so, remember that proposed resolutions can serve as useful discussion points for SSSP members, helping to increase and enhance communication and activities during the long period between annual meetings.

Resolutions that are submitted to Division Chairs should contain a concise position statement concerning a social problem of urgent concern to the Division. In most cases, the resolution should include some sort of call for viable action on the part of the SSSP. This typically has involved a letter from the Board directed to some public entity, expressing concern, support, or protest. Feel free, however, to propose other forms of appropriate action.

It is the SSSP Vice-President's responsibility to serve as the facilitator for resolutions being sponsored by the Divisions as well as from individual Society members, making them available to the membership at the annual business meeting. This year in Philadelphia, the resolutions process will be organized in a manner that promotes wider discussion prior to formal consideration at the 2005 Business Meeting. The process is as follows:

- On the first day of the meetings an open forum of discussion will be held, which is designed to encourage a political discussion of concerned members. At this meeting, each proposed resolution should be presented for membership discussion by the sponsoring Division's Chairperson (or designated representative) and adequate time for discussion will be properly allotted to each. To facilitate this process, all proposed resolutions should be made available to the SSSP Vice-President well in advance of the meetings such that the membership can be provided a print copy with their registration packet.
- Modifications and revisions will be considered during the open discussion forum that will meet in place of the annual meeting of the Resolutions Committee. All Division Chairs should plan to participate in this session or designate a proxy from their division if unable to attend. It is *essential* that someone be present who can speak to the substance of the proposed resolution.
- During the 2005 Annual Business meeting, the resolutions will be presented (including any modifications or revisions) by the Vice-President as a package for approval for action by the attending membership. The membership will vote on proposed resolutions that were discussed and revised on the first day of the meeting. Experience shows that the Annual Business meeting fails to provide sufficient time for a detailed discussion of resolutions. If objections from the floor are raised to any specific resolution at this year's Business meeting, that resolution can, by majority vote of those present, be singled out from the package, and voted on separately. Those present can either support the resolution for approval as proposed or decide to table the resolution for further discussion at the subsequent year's annual meeting.
- We will attempt to make approved resolutions immediately available to the press. In addition, all approved resolutions will be submitted for publication in the Fall issue of the *SSSP Forum*.

Members who wish to propose resolutions for consideration of the SSSP should submit them to a Division Chairperson (see <http://www.sssp1.org> for current contact information) or directly to the SSSP Vice-President at mhargrav@utmb.edu. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

Martha A. Hargraves, SSSP Vice-President 2004-2005



SSSP REVIEW

Critical Essays and Commentary on Social Research

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George Ritzer (ed), Handbook of Social Problems: A Comparative International Perspective. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc. (2004). Cloth, 687 pp. \$125.00 ISBN: 0-7619-2610-0

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The **Handbook of Social Problems** is a refreshing, critical, and innovative contribution to the discipline and systematic study and teaching of social problems. It follows and significantly extends Erwin O. Smigel's (Editor, **Social Problems** 1958-61) similar volume published in 1971. Four frame-setting articles are followed by 30 selections on specific "problems" contributed by European and American scholars from both large and small schools. This review comments on the introductory selections only as review length and pragmatics prohibit a specific discussion of individual articles on specific social problems.

Ritzer intends the volume to be a reference tool for scholars and teachers of social problems, a reference tool for libraries, and a text for graduate level courses in social problems. Given the volume's intrinsically interesting topic, its theoretical and methodological diversity, and its general orientation that emphasizes the links between social structure/political economy and types of social problems, it would be a good choice for an introductory level general principles course or reasoning class at the graduate level. Specifically, it presents a wide array of sociological conceptualizations, research, and policy with respect to a broad class of social phenomenon (social problems).

The introductory articles provide an overview of the approach (Ritzer); discuss theoretical/conceptual issues in social problems and deviance (Best); present a critical view of methodological and epistemological strategies in social problems' research (Denzin and Lincoln); and provide a discussion of public policy issues in the social problems arena (Blackman and Woods). Ritzer's thematic approach examines social problems from a comparative international perspective. In so doing, one is quickly led to a basic sociological theorem that "degree of social development and affluence" are related to the type, range, and magnitude of social problems. Ritzer chooses to give more than the usual attention to the creation, definition, and vulnerability of particular social problems in affluent societies rather than those well-known problems that cluster with lack of societal development or personal and societal economic oppression. Air pollution, nuclear waste, hyper-consumption, e-waste, and the general vulnerability of the strong to terrorist attack and monumental economic loss are seen as problems uniquely although not exclusively related to affluence.

Best's accessible article on concepts and constructs in deviance and social problems theory and research cogently summarizes definitional issues from objectivist and subjectivist stances. Theories in social problems and deviance will remain sensitizing, at best, unless definitional issues (e.g., precision of definitions, competing definitions between theoretical camps or between lay persons and theorists) are resolved. My relativist stance views these definitional issues as largely "intractable."

The piece by Denzin and Lincoln is also meaty and far-reaching (theories, epistemologies, methods, and interpretations), containing analysis of social problems' work and research within its historical and structural context. Among other contributions, they analyze the sociology of the sociology of social problems from the "sociological imagination" tradition of C. Wright Mills with the purpose of conceiving a "civic social science."

"Social Problems and Public Policy" by Blackman and Woods, goes well beyond the usual, fleeting glance at policy issues that is commonplace in much applied sociological analysis. Drawing from "complexity theory," they analyze and integrate social interventions at the individual, local, and national action spheres to develop a scheme and

scenario in which citizens, experts, and political elites work collaboratively to develop and implement public policy to address social problems.

The **Handbook's** emphasis on a comparative international perspective illuminates commonalities and differences of social problems both within and between societies and positions the reader for a more systematic and critical understanding of perceptions, causes, interventions, and consequences of specific problems. Likewise, the comparative orientation of the 30 articles on specific problems facilitates awareness of the linkages between different social problems. For example, problems of gender, racial, class, economic and ethnic inequalities are linked to a myriad of other problems--obesity, disease, health access, and educational inequality to name but a few. The combination of updates on traditional problems (population, ecology, crime, etc) with imaginative analysis on problems spawned by affluence and technology (hyper-consumption, the Internet, risk, terrorism, etc) will provide students, teachers, and scholars of social problems with rich material for debate and disagreement and a solid dose of sociology as well.

Smigel, Erwin O. 1971. **Handbook on the Study of Social Problems**. Chicago: Rand McNally and Company.

Call for SSSP Nominations

This year, we will be electing a President-Elect, a Vice-President Elect, regular and student members of the Board of Directors, members of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, Editorial and Publications Committee, and the Committee on Committees. Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these offices. Nominations should include a brief description of the nominee's SSSP involvement and other relevant experiences. The Nominations Committee will meet at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA so all nominations should be submitted prior to July 31, 2005 to Carrie Yang Costello, Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions at the following address:

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ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES



PRESIDENT ELECT (2005-2006)

President (2006-2007)

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Present Position: Adjunct Professor of Sociology, University of La Verne. **Former Positions:** Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Pitzer College, 1998-Present; Visiting Professor of Sociology, Ohio University, 1998-2000; Associate Professor of Sociology, American University in Cairo, Egypt, 1974-1976. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Sociology, Tulane University, 1972; B.A., Sociology, S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo, 1964. **Major Publications:** Goodwin, G.A., and J.A. Scimecca. *Classical Sociological Theory: Rediscovering the Promise of Sociology*. Wadsworth/Thomson, Forthcoming June 2005. Goodwin, G.A., and J.A. Scimecca. "Jane Addams: First Humanist Sociologist." *Humanity and Society* (May 2003): 143-157. Goodwin, G.A., and Martin Schwartz, eds. *'Professing' Humanist Sociology*. 4th and 5th editions. Resource Book, ASA: 2000 (4th ed), 2005 (5th ed). Goodwin, G.A. "The Sociological Imagination: From Personal Troubles to Public Issues." *Student's Companion To Sociology*. Eds. Gubbay and Middleton. Blackwell Publishers, 1997. Chapter 4. Goodwin, G.A. "Toward The Articulation of a Humanist Perspective and the Teaching of Sociology." *The Humanist Sociology Resource*. Eds. Schwartz and Miller. 3rd ed. 1997. Goodwin, G.A., I.L. Horowitz, and Peter Nardi. "Laud Humphreys: A Pioneer in the Practice of Social Science." *Sociological Inquiry* (Spring 1991): 139-147. Goodwin, G.A. "The Censorship, Banning and Burning of Books." *The Participant* (Fall 1986). Goodwin, G.A., and Laud Humphreys. "Freeze-Dried Stigma: Cybernetics and Social Control." *Humanity and Society* (Nov. 1982): 391-408. Goodwin, G.A. "The Emergence of Various Theoretical Trends and Their Prospects in Sociology." *Sociological Focus* (Spring 1973): 1-9. Goodwin, G.A. "On Transcending the Absurd: An Inquiry in the Sociology of Meaning." *American Journal of Sociology* (March 1971): 831-846. **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Nominated for President, Pacific Sociological Association, 1997, 2004; Vice-President, Association for Humanist Sociology, 1986; Vice-Chair, University-wide Faculty Body (elected by faculty), American University in Cairo, 1975-76. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication and Teaching Committee, 1994-1997; Social Action Award Committee, 1994; Chair, C. Wright Mills Book Award Committee, 1900-1991; Lees Founders Award Committee, 1986; Program Committee, 1986. **Other Professional Affiliations:** American Sociological Association, Distinguished Scholarly Publications Award Committee, 1996-1999; Pacific Sociological Association, Chair, Committee on Teaching, 1992-1993; American Sociological Association, Chair/Organizer: Papers on Marxist Sociology for Annual Meetings, 1991; Association for Humanist Sociology, Chair, AHS Book Award Committee, 1987. **Candidate's Statement:** I am deeply honored to have been chosen as a candidate for the Presidency of SSSP, the professional association that has commanded my loyalty and commitment for decades. Except for three years when I was abroad (on sabbatical to the University of Bath and serving on the faculty of the American University in Cairo), I have been a member of SSSP since 1969. It was our founders, Al and Betty Lee, who encouraged me, as a young graduate student, to join the SSSP (and who later introduced me to the Association for Humanist Sociology, which they also founded). It was also from the Lees that I learned early on that there need not be any major barriers between excellence in scholarship and social activism in the study and amelioration of social problems. Recently, some of our professional journals and Newsletters have revived this debate, presenting arguments that suggest a "public" sociology or a "humanist" sociology, both of which have a major focus on social problems, are inimical to a rigorous, scholarly sociology. I have witnessed similar debates and divisions over the years in my tenure as a member of SSSP. If elected as your President, I pledge to work very hard to once again bring to our consciousness and realization the fact that rigorous scholarship and activism in and beyond the academy are in no way contradictory to the study and amelioration of social problems, i.e., a rigorous, scholarly/scientific sociology is doomed to fail without its entrance into and contact with the everyday world of social problems, just as any social activism divorced from profound theoretical and empirical grounding is doomed to failure. Thus, if elected, I would utilize the office of the President to help rediscover our "roots," at least as envisioned by the Lees. And I would consider it an honor and a privilege to do so.

Valerie Jenness

Present Position: Professor and Chair, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine. **Former Positions:** Associate Professor, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine, 1999-2004; Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine, 1999-2004; Faculty Fellow, University of California-Washington, D.C. Center Program, 2001; Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, 1997-1999; Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Washington State University, 1991-1997. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Santa

Barbara, 1991; M.A., Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1987; B.S., Sociology, Central Washington University, 1985.

Major Publications: Meyer, David, Valeria Jenness, and Helen Ingram. *Routing the Opposition: Social Movements, Public Policy, and Democracy*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2005 (In Press). Grattet, Ryken, and Valeria Jenness. "The Reconstitution of Law in Local Settings: Agency Discretion, Ambiguity, and a Surplus of Law in the Policing of Hate Crime." *Law & Society Review* (In Press, 2005). Jenness, Valerie. "Explaining Criminalization: From Demography and Status Politics to Globalization and Modernization." *Annual Review of Sociology* 30:147-171 (2004). Jenness, Valerie. "Engendering Hate Crime Policy: Gender, 'The Dilemma of Difference,' and the Creation of Legal Subjects." *Journal of Hate Studies* 2: 73-97 (2003). Jenness, Valerie and Kimberly Richman. "Anti-Gay and Lesbian Violence and its Discontents." *The Handbook of Lesbian and Gay Studies*. Eds. Diane Richardson and Steven Seidman. London: Sage Publications, 2002. 403-414. Jenness, Valerie and Ryken Grattet. *Making Hate a Crime: From Social Movement to Law Enforcement*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2001. Jenness, Valerie. "The Hate Crime Cannon and Beyond: A Critical Assessment." *Law and Critique* 12: 279-308 (2001). Grattet, Ryken and Valerie Jenness. "The Birth and Maturation of Hate Crime Policy in the U.S." *American Behavioral Scientist* 45:668-696 (2001). Grattet, Ryken and Valerie Jenness. "Examining the Boundaries of Hate Crime Law: Disabilities and the 'Dilemma of Difference'." *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 91:1-41 (2001). Jenness, Valerie. "Managing Differences and Making Legislation: Social Movements and the Racialization, Sexualization, and Gendering of Federal Hate Crime Law in the U.S., 1985-1998." *Social Problems* 46: 548-571 (1999). Grattet Ryken, Valerie Jenness, and Theodore Curry. "The Homogenization and Differentiation of Hate Crime Law in the United States, 1978-1995: Innovation and Diffusion in the Criminalization of Bigotry." *American Sociological Review* 63: 286-307 (1998). Jenness, Valerie and Kendal Broad. *Hate Crimes: New Social Movements and the Politics of Violence*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 1997. Jenness, Valerie and Ryken Grattet. "The Criminalization of Hate: A Comparison of Structural and Polity Influences on the Passage of 'Bias-Crime' Legislation in the United States." *Sociological Perspectives* 39:129-154 (1996). Jenness Valerie. "Social Movement Growth, Domain Expansion, and Framing Processes: The Gay/Lesbian Movement and Violence Against Gays and Lesbians as a Social Problem." *Social Problems* 42: 145-17(1995). Jenness, Valerie. "Hate Crimes in the United States: The Transformation of Injured Persons into Victims and the Extension of Victim Status to Multiple Constituencies." *Images and Issues: Typifying Contemporary Social Problems*. Ed. Joel Best. New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 1995. 213-237. Jenness, Valerie. *Making It Work: The Prostitutes' Rights Movement in Perspective*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 1993. Jenness, Valerie and Kendal Broad. "Anti-Violence Activism and the (In)Visibility of Gender in the Gay/Lesbian Movement and the Women's Movement." *Gender & Society* 8: 402-423 (1994). Jenness, Valerie. "From Sex as Sin to Sex as Work: COYOTE and the Reorganization of Prostitution as a Social Problem." *Social Problems* 37: 403-420 (1990).

Honors and Professional Recognitions: Professor of the Month, Campus Village Housing, University of California, Irvine, 2004; Faculty Recognition Award, Disability Services Center, University of California, Irvine, 2004; McGee Lecturer, Marquette University, 2003; Steiglitz Memorial Lecturer, College of Wooster, 2003; Outstanding Scholarship Award, Crime and Delinquency Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2002; Finalist, Aaron Wildavsky Book Award (for "Outstanding Policy Book"), Policy Studies Organization, 2002; Lee-Founders Award for Distinguished Scholarship, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2001; Distinguished Scholarship Award, Pacific Sociological Association, 2001; Faculty Fellow, University of California-Washington, D.C. Center Program, 2001; Honorable Mention for the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America Award, 1999; Alfred R. Lindesmith Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1998; Donald R. Cressey Award, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1994.

SSSP Offices/Committees: Vice-President, SSSP, 2003-2004; Associate Editor, *Social Problems*, 1999-2002; Chair, Social Problems Theory Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1998-2000; Member, Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1994-1996; Chair, Sexual Behavior, Communities, and Politics Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1992-1994.

Other Professional Affiliations: Law & Society Association- Trustee (2004-present), member (1995-present); American Society of Criminology, Member, 1993-present; Sociologists for Women in Society – Member (1990-present), Sally Hacker Award Committee Member (1994) and Chair (1995); American Sociological Association – Member (1985-present), Crime, Law, Deviance Section Chair (2002-2003), Sociology of Law Council Member (2001-2003), Social Movements Council (1999-2001), Crime/Law/Deviance Council (1997-2000); Pacific Sociological Association – Member (1985-present), Nominating Committee Member (1995-1998), Committee on Teaching Member (1994-1996), Committee on the Status of Women Member (1991-1992).

Candidate's Statement: I have agreed to run for President for many reasons. Most importantly, I'm honored to be asked to serve the organization in such a visible leadership position. From the first time I presented a paper at the annual meeting (in 1985), to a few years ago when the SSSP honored me with the Lee-Founders Award, to last year when I served as the Vice-President, I have felt incredibly well-treated by the organization. It has provided me with a source of intellectual stimulation, personal support, and an important venue through which I have been able to share my work via presentations and publications. As a result, I feel indebted to the organization; thus, I am willing – indeed, anxious – to serve the SSSP. Given that I have already served the organization in many ways – as the Chair of both the Sexual Behavior Division and the Social Problems Theory Division, the Vice-Chair of the Law and Society Division, a member of the Board of Directors, an Advisory and Associate editor of *Social Problems*, the Local Arrangements Chair, a member of multiple SSSP committees, and Vice-President – serving as President seems like the next logical step. If elected, I look forward to facilitating the organization's growth and diversity, as well as enhancing the visibility and reach of the organization. With regard to the latter, I am particularly interested in institutionalizing measures designed to ensure the many activities associated with the SSSP, from fund-raising to annual paper presentations – reach the communities they address and in why they occur. Harkening back to the original goals of the SSSP, I would like to do what I can to ensure that the organization is not only a well-respected academic organization, but an organization that is attentive to and interacts with individual citizens, activist groups, policymakers, and communities as well.

VICE PRESIDENT ELECT (2005-2006)

Keith M. Kilty

Present Position: Professor, Ohio State University. **Former Positions:** Associate Professor, Ohio State University, 1978-1984; Assistant Professor, Marywood College (Scranton, PA), 1975-1978. **Degrees:** Ph.D., SUNY at Binghamton, 1978; M.A., SUNY at Binghamton, 1977; B.S., University of Illinois (Champaign), 1968. **Major Publications:** Kilty, Keith M. and E.A. Segal, eds. *Poverty and Inequality in the Latin American-U.S. Borderlands: Implications of U.S. Interventions*. Binghamton, NY: Haworth, 2005. Kilty, Keith M. and M. Vidal de Haymes. "What's in a Name? Racial and Ethnic Classifications and the Meaning of Hispanic/Latino." *Ethnic Studies Review* (forthcoming), 2004. Kilty, Keith M. and E.A. Segal, eds. *Rediscovering the Other America: The Continuing Crisis of Poverty and Inequality in the United States*. Binghamton, NY: Haworth, 2003. Kilty, Keith M. "Race, Immigration, and Public Policy: The Asian American Case." *Journal of Poverty: Innovations on Social, Political & Economic Inequalities* 6(4):23-41 (2003). Kilty, Keith M., T. Gregoire, and V.E. Richardson. "Gender and Racial Inequities in Retirement Resources." *Journal of Women and Aging* 14(3/4):25-39 (2002). Kilty, Keith M. and V.E. Richardson, eds. "The Intersections of Race, Gender, and Class in Social Service and Social Welfare Contexts." A special issue of *Race, Gender & Class*, 9 (1): (2002). Kilty, Keith M., M. Vidal de Haymes, and S. Haymes. "Another Kind of Rainbow Politics." *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment* 5(3/4):175-188 (2002). Kilty, Keith M., M. Vidal de Haymes, and E.A. Segal, eds. *Latino Poverty in the New Century: Inequalities, Challenges and Barriers*. Binghamton, NY: Haworth, 2000. Kilty, Keith M. and M. Vidal de Haymes. "Racism, Nativism, and Exclusion: Immigration Policy and the Latino Experience in the United States." *Journal of Poverty: Innovations on Social, Political & Economic Inequalities* 4(1/2):1-25 (2000). Kilty, Keith M. and E.A. Segal. "The Resurgence of Biological Determinism and the Assault on Human Diversity." *Race, Gender & Class* 5: 61-75 (1998). **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Tony Tripodi Faculty Research and Scholarship Award, College of Social Work, Ohio State University, June 2003; Louis Nemzer Award for Academic Freedom, AAUP/OSU Chapter, November 2001; Teaching Award, Multicultural Teaching Program, OSU, April, 1993. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Chair, PCI Division, 2000-2002; Committee on Committees 1999-2002, Chair, 2001-2002; Chair, Elections Committee, 1997-1998; Member, C. Wright Mills Committee, 1998-1999; Committee on Standard and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching, 1993-1996, Chair, 1995-1996; Chair, Social Action Award Committee, 1990-1991; Chair, Drinking & Drugs Division, 1989-1991. Other Professional Affiliations: AAUP/OSU – Vice President (1999-2004), Committee A Chair (2000-2003); Social Welfare Action Alliance, Treasurer, 1995-2000. **Candidate's Statement:** It is an honor to be a candidate for vice president of SSSP. For many years, this organization has been my professional home. What attracted me to SSSP is its dual traditions of encouraging careful and critical scholarship and advocacy for the oppressed in our society. Throughout my professional life, I have shared those two commitments and appreciated the support of this organization and its members. During the past 30 years, I have had an opportunity to meet and to get to know many fine individuals whose work and dedication have been an inspiration to me. While some in the academic world might see scholarship and advocacy as contradictory, SSSP provides a haven for those of us who share these mutual goals. We live in a deeply polarized society where the need for sound research and theory about social issues are increasingly needed. Far too often, our country develops a myopia about its problems and an unwillingness to deal with them. This Society offers opportunities not only for us to present our concerns and research, but also a forum where we can be not only social scientists but also responsible citizens trying to bring about change. SSSP can be a catalyst for change, and I would like to help SSSP continue its traditions of providing sound social science in the pursuit of social justice.

J. Steven Picou

Present Position: Professor of Sociology and Chair Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, University of South Alabama. **Former Positions:** Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, University of South Alabama, 1988-present; Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Texas A & M University, 1974-1998; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, 1971-1974. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Sociology, Louisiana State University, 1969-1971; M.A., Sociology, Louisiana State University, 1967-1969; B.A., Sociology, Southeastern Louisiana University. **Major Publications:** Picou, J. Steven, Brent K. Marshall, and Jan R. Schlichtmann. "Technological Disasters, Litigation Stress and the Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms." *Law and Policy* 26(2):289-307 (2004). Picou, J. Steven, Brent K. Marshall and D.A. Gill. "Disasters, Litigation and the Corrosive Community." *Social Forces* 82 (4):1497-1526 (2004). Picou, J. Steven, B.K. Marshall, and D.A. Gill. "Terrorism as Disaster: Selected Commonalities and Long-Term Recovery for 9/11 Survivors." *Research in Social Problems and Public Policy* 11:73-96 (2003). Picou, J. Steven and B.K. Marshall. "Contemporary Concepts of Environmental Risk: Implications for Resources Management and Policy." *Sociological Practice: A Journal of Clinical and Applied Sociology* 4(4): 293-313 (2002). Picou, J. Steven. "The Talking Circle as Sociological Practice: Cultural Transformation of Chronic Disaster Impacts." *Sociological Practice: A Journal of Clinical and Applied Sociology* 2(2):77-97 (2000). Picou, J. Steven, K. Arata, G. Johnson, and T. McNally. "Coping with Technological Disaster: An Application of the Conservation of Resources Model to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill." *Journal of Traumatic Stress* 13(1):28-39 (2000). Picou,

J Steven. "Compelled Disclosure of Scholarly Research: Some Comments on High States Litigation." *Law and Contemporary Problems* 59(3): 149-157 (1996). Picou, J. Steven. "Sociology and Compelled Disclosure: Protecting Respondent Confidentiality." *Sociological Spectrum* 16(3):207-238 (1996). Picou, J. Steven, E.W. Curry and R.H. Wells. "Partial Paradigm Shifts in the Social Sciences: Twenty Years of Research in Rural Sociology." *Rural Sociology* 55(1):101-111 (1990). Picou, J. Steven, A. McIntosh, and P.A. Schifflett. "Social Support, Stressful Events, Strain, Dietary Intake, and The Elderly." *Medical Care* 27(2):140-153 (Feb 1989). **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Member, Committee to Review the Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem Monitoring Program, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, 2000-2002; Recipient, "Distinguished Contribution Award," presented by the Section on Environment and Technology of the American Sociological Association for research on the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill, 2001; Co-recipient of Sociological Spectrum Award for Outstanding Article, Mid-South Sociological Association, October 1992. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Chair, Environmental and Technology Section, 1998-2000; Session Organizer, Environmental and Technology Section, 1996,2001. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Alpha Kappa Delta, Vice-President, 2001; Society for Applied Sociology, Executive Council, 1996; Southern Sociology Society, Chair, Committee on The Profession, 1996-1998; Mid-South Sociological Association, President, 1995; American Sociological Association, Area Representative, 1978. **Candidate's Statement:** Over the last decade I have become increasingly involved in the program and organizational activities of the SSSP. My involvement has been most rewarding. I enjoy the collegial atmosphere and research discourse that is always characteristic of these meetings. The SSSP is an "open" organization, strongly supportive of student participation and always providing opportunities for junior faculty to present their research. Attendance at the annual meetings also allows one the opportunity to interact with some of the most prominent sociologists in our discipline. In short, although a relatively large national organization, the SSSP provides a *gemeinschaft* ambience that is unique among our many national and regional professional organizations. I am honored to have been nominated for the position of Vice-President of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. If elected, I will serve my duties to the best of my ability. I thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

SECRETARY (2005-2006)

JoAnn Miller

Present Position: Associate Professor of Sociology, Purdue University. **Former Positions:** Fellow, Law and Society, Harvard Law School, 1999-2000; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Purdue University, 1984-1990; Visiting Associate Professor, University of Hamburg, 1993. **Major Publications:** "An Arresting Experiment: Domestic Violence Victim Experiences and Perceptions," *The Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 18: 695-716 (2003). "Back Stage at Social Problems," *Social Problems* 58:93-110 (2001). "Intimate Partner Violence," *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 16: 113-150 (2001). "Women Are Teachers, Men are Professors," *Teaching Sociology* 28: 283-298 (2000). "Factors Related to Family Therapists Breaking Confidence When Clients Disclose High Risk to HIV/AIDS," *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy* 24: 457-472 (1998). "Family Abuse and Violence," *Handbook of Marriage and Family* Pp 705-741 (1999). "Controlling Domestic Violence," *Out of the Darkness* Pp. 235-254 (1997). "Family Violence Research," *Abused and Battered: Social and Legal Responses to Family Violence* Pp. 5 – 16 (1991). *Abused and Battered* (1991). "Punishment Judgments," *Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology* 82:396-422 (1991). *Research in Social Problems and Public Policy* Vol. III (1984) and Vol. IV (1987). **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Co-Editor, *Contemporary Sociology*; American Sociological Association,2001-2004; Associate Editor, *Social Problems*1993-1996. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Board of Directors, 2002-2005; Chair, Lee Student Support Fund Committee, 2002-2003; Co-Chair, Program Committee, Annual Meeting, 2000; Chair, Law and Society Division, 1996- 1998. **Other Professional Affiliations:** American Sociological Association, Member since 1984; Law and Society Association, Member since 1984; Sociologists for Women in Society, Member since 1999. **Candidate's Statement:** I will strive to document accurately the deliberations and decisions made by SSSP elected officers and the board members at the annual meetings.

TREASURER (2005-2006)

Susan M. Carlson

Present Position: Associate Professor of Sociology, Western Michigan University, 1997-Present. **Former Positions:** Assistant Professor, Western Michigan University, 1993-1997; Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, 1990-1994; Lecturer, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, 1988-1990. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Sociology, Florida State University, 1987; M.S., Sociology, Florida State University, 1979; B.A., Sociology, University of Central Florida, 1977. **Major Publications:** *Crime, Punishment, and Social Structures of Accumulation: Toward a New and Much Needed Political Economy of Justice*" *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 16:272-292, 2000 (with R.J. Michalowski). *Unemployment, Imprisonment and Social Structures of Accumulation: Historical Contingency in the Rusche-Kirchheimer Hypothesis*, *Criminology* 37:217-250, 1999 (with R. J. Michalowski). *Crime, Unemployment, and Social Structures of Accumulation: An Inquiry into Historical Contingency*, *Justice Quarterly* 14:101-133, 1999 (with R. J. Michalowski). *Quality and Quantity in Comparative-Historical Analysis: Temporally-Changing Wage Labor Regimes in the United States and Sweden*, In Thomas Janoski and Alexander Hicks (eds.), *The Comparative Political Economy of the Welfare State: New Methodologies and Approaches*, Cambridge

University Press, 1994 (with L. W. Isaac and M. P. Mathis). *Trends in Race/Sex Occupational Inequality: Conceptual and Measurement Issues*, *Social Problems* 39:268-290, 1992. *Causes of the Nursing Shortage: A Critical Review of the Theoretical and Empirical Literature*, *Journal of Health and Human Resources Administration* 15:224-250, 1992 (with M. E. Cowart and D. L. Speake). *Perspectives of Nursing Personnel in the 1980s*, Pp. 1-27 in *Nurses in the Workplace*, edited by Marie E. Cowart and William J. Serow, Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, (with M. E. Cowart and D. L. Speake). **Honors and Professional Recognition:** Alfred R. Lindesmith Award, Law and Society Division, SSSP, 1995; Dean's Appreciation Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Western Michigan University, 1995, 1996, 1999; B.A., Summa Cum Laude, University of Central Florida, 1977. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Treasurer, 2003-, Investment Advisor, Budget, Finance and Audit Committee (Board Appointed), 1996-Present; Chair, Budget, Finance and Audit Committee (Elected), 1995-1996; Member, Budget, Finance and Audit Committee, 1993-1995. **Other Professional Affiliations:** American Society of Criminology; Southern Sociological Society; Union for Radical Political Economics. **Candidate's Statement:** I have been an active member of SSSP for almost 20 years. Since 1993, I have served on the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee in four capacities: elected member, elected chair, Board-appointed Investment Advisor, and Treasurer. During my tenure with the Committee, the Society's reserve funds have been moved from investments made through Merrill Lynch into socially responsible investments: socially-responsible mutual funds (presently Pax World and Domini Funds) and cash deposits with community development financial institutions. The income derived from these investments is used to fund the minority scholarship, annual awards, and other Society expenses. If re-elected Treasurer, I will seek to safeguard the financial health of the Society, and to ensure that the Society's reserve funds are invested in a manner consistent with the financial and social objectives of the SSSP investment policy.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2005-2008)

Donald Cunnigen

Present Position: Associate Professor, University of Rhode Island. **Former Positions:** Assistant to Associate Professor, University of Rhode Island, 1993-present; Assistant Professor, University of Missouri at Columbia, 1992-1993; Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania, 1988-1992. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Harvard University, 1988; A.M./M.A., Harvard University/University of New Hampshire, 1979/1976; B.A., Tougaloo College, 1974. **Major Publications:** Cunnigen, Donald. "Race, Class, Civil Rights, and Jim Crow America: Silences and Smiles." *Minority Voices: Linking Personal Ethnic History and the Sociological Imagination*. Ed. John Myers. Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon, 2005. Cunnigen, Donald. "Black Radicals v. White Southern Liberals: The Charter Battle for the Young Democratic Clubs of Mississippi." *South Studies* 10 (3-4): 95-112 (2003). Cunnigen, David. "The Legacy of Ernst Borinski: The Production of an African American Sociological Tradition." *Teaching Sociology* 31:397-411 (2003). Cunnigen, Donald. "Myrdal, Park and Second Generation African-American Sociologists." *2001 Race Odyssey: African Americans and Sociology, A Critical Analysis*. Ed. Bruce R. Hare. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2002. 39-59. Cunnigen, Donald. "The DuBois-Washington Debate in the 21st Century: Multiculturalism and the African-American Community." *The New Politics of Race: From Dubois to the 21st Century*. Ed. Marlese Durr. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2002. 1-22. Cunnigen, Donald and Robert Washington, eds. *Confronting the American Dilemma of Race: The Second Generation Black Sociologists*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2002. Cunnigen, Donald. "Standing at the Gates: The Civil Rights Movement and Liberal White Mississippi Students." *The Journal of Mississippi History* 62(2):1-19 (2000). **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Citation for Black Scholar Awards, Rhode Island House of Representatives, 2001; Citation for Black Scholar Awards, Rhode Island Secretary of State, 2001; Sociological Spectrum Award, Mid-South Sociological Society, 1999; W.E.B. DuBois Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University, 1994-1995; Pew Minority Post-Doctoral Fellow, Wesleyan University, 1990-1991. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Long-Range Planning Committee/Member, 2003-present; Minority Scholarship Committee/Chairperson, 1995-1996/2000-2001; Race & Ethnic Minority Division/Chairperson, 1992-1994. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Association of Black Sociologists (ABS), President, 2001-2002; Association of Social & Behavioral Scientists, President, 1998-1999; ABS Publications Committee Chairperson, 2002-present; ASA Distinguished Career Award Committee Member, 2002-2005; Eastern Sociological Society Minorities Committee Member, 2001-2003; ASA History of Sociology Section Executive Committee Member, 2004-2006. **Candidate's Statement:** As a SSSP Board member, I will focus on the future direction of the organization. Over the years, SSSP has been a powerful voice in the social scientific community that has respected inclusiveness and the rich talents of a wide range of scholars. I will continue my past efforts to assure the continuation of this focus within the organization. In addition, I will work toward developing a long-range plan that insures the stability and growth of the organization. In a changing America, it is necessary that the organization adjust to new and growing demands from different constituencies. My first exposure to SSSP occurred during my undergraduate years at Tougaloo College. I attended

a SSSP meeting with a professor. From the very first encounter with SSSP, it was clear to me that the organization was unlike the other sociological organizations meeting in the same location. The originality of the organization offers the intellectual community an invaluable tool for social change. The board plays a vital role in the maintenance of this originality of thought and ideas. Thus my participation on the board will be as a part of the dynamic process of organization development.

Tracy L. Dietz

Present Position: Associate Professor, University of Central Florida, Department of Sociology & Anthropology. **Former Positions:** Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, 1997-2002; Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of New Hampshire, 1996-1997; Research Scientist, University of North Texas, 1995-1996. **Degrees:** Ph.D., University of North Texas, 1995; M.A., University of North Texas, 1992; B.A., Stephen F. Austin State University, 1990. **Major Publications:** Budrys, Grace. "Unequal Health: How Inequality Contributes to Health of Illness." *Contemporary Sociology*. 33(4): 485-487 (2004). Dietz, Tracy L. and J.L. Jasinski. "Domestic Violence and Stalking among Older Adults: An Assessment of Risk Markers." *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect* 15(1):3-18 (2003). Dietz, Tracy L. and J.L. Jasinski. "Explaining Female Perpetrated Partner Violence and Aggression: Masculinity, Femininity, and Violence." *Women & Criminal Justice* 15(1): 81-100 (2003). Dietz, Tracy L. and J. Wright. "Racial and Ethnic Identity of Older Adults Residing in Assisted Living Facilities in Central Florida." *Care Management Journals* 3(4): 185-191 (2003). Dietz, Tracy L. and J. Wright. "Homelessness Among the Elderly." *Encyclopedia of Retirement and Finance* (2003): 381-386. Dietz, Tracy L. "The Mexican American Elderly and Supplemental Security Income: Reasons and Characteristics Associated with Non-Use." *Journal of Applied Gerontology* 20(3): 292-306 (2001). Dietz, Tracy L. and R.T. Tsang. "The Unrelenting Significance of Minority Statuses: Gender, Ethnicity, and Economic Attainment Since Affirmative Action." *Sociological Spectrum* 21(1): 61-80 (2001). Dietz, Tracy L. "Disciplining Children: Characteristics Associated with the Use of Corporal Punishment and Non-Violent Discipline." *Child Abuse and Neglect* 24(12): 1529-1542 (2000). Dietz, Tracy L. "An Examination of Violence and Gender Role Portrayals in Video Games: Implications for Gender Socialization and Aggressive Behavior." *Sex Roles* 38(5/6): 425-442 (1998). **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Teaching Incentive Award Program Recipient for excellence in teaching, UCF College of Arts & Science, 2003; Co-recipient 2001 Sociological Spectrum Best Paper Award, Mid-South Sociological Association, 2001; College of Arts & Science Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, UCF College of Arts & Sciences, 2001; Post-doctoral Research Fellowship, Family Research Laboratory, University of NH, 1996-1997. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Division Chair, Youth, Aging, Life Course, 2003-2005; Session Chair, Youth, Aging, Life Course Div. 2004; Member, Minority Scholarship Committee, 2001; Member, McClung-Lee Committee, 2000,2001. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Alpha Kappa Delta; Southwestern Sociological Association; American Sociological Association; Southwestern Society on Aging; SSA – President (2003-2004), Newsletter Editor (2002-present), Vice-President (2001-2003), Executive Committee (1999-2001).

P. Rafael Hernández-Arias

Present Position: Instructor, DePaul University, Department of Sociology. **Former Positions:** Instructor, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 2001-2003; Research Associate, QualiData Research, Inc., New York, 1992-1999; Research Associate, Medical and Health Research Assoc., New York, 1993-1995. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Brandeis University, MA, 2005; B.A., Hunter College, New York, 1995. **Honors and Professional Recognition:** W. K. Kellogg Foundation Fellowship in Health Policy Research, National Medical Fellowship. 1999–2002; Pre-Doctoral Fellow, National Institute of Mental Health American Sociological Association. 1995–1999; Ruth Weintraub Graduate Scholarship Award, City University of New York-Hunter College, New York 1991. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Elected Student representative to the Board of Directors of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1999–2001. Editor, *Healthy Outlook*, a publication of the Division of Health, Health Policy and Services of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1996–2000. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Elected Graduate Student Representative to the Council of the Mental Health Section of the American Sociological Association 1999 – 2001. Co-founder and Editor, *NOTAS*, a publication of the Section of Latina and Latino Sociology of the American Sociological Association 1992 – 1998. **Candidate Statement:** It is a great honor to be nominated for the SSSP Board of Directors. I learned from mentors that the SSSP was a great organization of scholar and activists. At the time, I was an undergraduate student working hard to figure out how to combine activism and academic research. Since then, I have embraced the organization and have served the community in different capacities. I edited the newsletter of the Division of Health, Health Policy and Services for four years and served as a student representative to the Board of Directors of the Society for two years. I look forward to serving the society as member of the board of directors. I look forward to forging along the society's tradition of scholar/activism and to working with other members of the board of directors to achieve a greater diversity among the membership of the society.

Lisa Anne Zilney

Present Position: Assistant Professor, Montclair State University, Sociological Department and Justice Studies Program. **Former Positions:** Assistant Professor, Joint Appointment – Department of Sociology and Justice Studies Program, 2004–present; Visiting Lecturer, Administration of Justice Department, Southern Illinois University, 2003-2004. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, 2003; M.S., Department of Criminal Justice and Police Studies, Eastern Kentucky University, 1997; B.A., Department of Psychology, University of Windsor, Ontario, 1995. **Major Publications:** Zilney, Lisa Anne and Mary Zilney. "Reunification of Child and

Animal Welfare Agencies: Cross-Reporting of Abuse in Wellington County, Ontario.” *Child Welfare* (forthcoming Spring 2005). Zilney, Lisa Anne. *Guide to Criminal Procedure for Illinois*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press, 2004. Zilney, Lisa Anne, Sammy Zahran, Donald Hastings. “Proposal for More Equitable Allocation of Environmental Health Risks: The Case of Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Installations.” *Agenda for Social Justice 2004: Solutions*. Published by The Society for the Study of Social Problems, July. Zilney, Lisa Anne and Mary Zilney. “Exploration of a Link: Child and Animal Cruelty in Wellington County, Ontario.” *Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies* 47:1 (June 2003). **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Representative to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations on behalf of Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), 2004-present. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Board of Directors Student Representative, 2002-2004; Research Assistant, 2000-2002; Acting Administrative Officer during maternity leave of Michele Smith Koontz, 2001. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Awards Committee Chair of the ASA Animals and Society Division, 2004-present; Reviewer for the journal *Social Problems*, 2003-present; Secretary/Treasurer of the ASA Animals and Society Division, 2001-present; Nominations Committee Member of the ASA Animals and Society Division, 2004. **Candidate’s Statement:** My initial involvement with the SSSP was largely a result of completing my doctorate at the University of Tennessee, the home of the SSSP administrative office. From 2000 thru 2002, I was the research assistant to the SSSP, and acted as administrative officer during the maternity leave of Michele Smith Koontz in 2001. This involvement was followed by a position as Student Representative to the Board of Directors from 2002-2004. Now that my student term has finished, I seek continued involvement with the SSSP and believe my experience with both committee work and the daily functioning of the Society make me well suited for this position. As a graduate student I recognized the very welcoming feel of the SSSP, the combination of sociological interests and grassroots activists which make the meetings and the organization unique. It is imperative to encourage graduate students to attend and present at annual meetings, making them a greater force in the future direction of the Society. I admire and hope the SSSP continues work that challenges the status quo and informs policy, as did the *Agenda for Social Justice* published in 2004. The SSSP is an organization I am proud to be a part of, an organization with goals what I believe in, and a mission I share with other colleagues and students. I would be honored to continue involvement with the Society as a member of the Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2005-2007) **(Student Representative)**

Ingar P. Johnson

Present Position: Graduate Assistant/Ph.D. Student, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Howard University and Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Fellow, Howard University. **Former Positions:** Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University, 2002; Interim Coordinator, Freshman Academic Advising Services, Florida Atlantic University, 2001-2002; Research Associate, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, University of Miami, 1999-2000; Research & Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, 1997-1999; Instructor: Introduction to African History & Introductory Sociology, College of Liberal Arts, University of Fort Lauderdale, 2000; Academic Life Skills, Office of Freshman Academic Advising Services, Florida Atlantic University, 2001; Social Problems, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University, 2002. **Degrees:** M.A., Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, 1999; B.A., Legal Studies, and minors Sociology and Political Science, University of Central Florida, 1994. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Society for the Study of Social Problems and American Sociological Association. **Candidate’s Statement:** My experiences have led me to embrace the maxim, “the nature of one’s journey guides one’s destination.” My journey is guided by my desire to teach, engage in service development and do research that inform political and social justice projects. If elected as a student representative for the SSSP Board of Directors, I will use the opportunity to pursue these endeavors and to promote service development in the academy by encouraging students to become actively involved at the organizational level as I strive to address their concerns and represent their interests.

Elroi Waszkiewicz

Present Position: Graduate Student Member, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology. **Former Positions:** Student Representative, GSU Dept. of Sociology Graduate Committee, 2004-present; Founding Member, GSU Dept. of Sociology Graduate Student Organizations, 2003-present; Graduate Research Assistant, GSU Dept. of Sociology, 2002-present; Graduate Student Instructor, GSU Dept. of Sociology, 2004-present; Writing Consultant, GSU Writing Across the Curriculum, 2004-present; Graduate Teaching Assistant, GSU Dept. of Sociology, 2002-2003. **Degrees:** M.A./Ph.D. in progress, Georgia State University, M.A. expected 2005, Ph.D. expected 2008; B.A., cum laude, Women’s Studies, Chatham College, 1997. **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** General Achievement Award, Transgender Scholarship and Education Legacy Fund, International Foundation for Gender Education, 2004; Senior Excellence in Writing

Award, Chatham College, 1997; Named Scholar, Chatham College, 1996. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Member, 2002-present; Session Organizer (Health, Health Policy, Health Behavior and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Sections) for 2005 Annual Meetings. **Other Professional Affiliations:** American Sociological Association, Member (Sex & Gender and Sexualities Sections), 2004-present; Southern Sociological Society, Member, 2002-present; Sociologists for Women in Society, Member, 2002-2003. **Candidate's Statement:** In 2002, I began graduate school and joined SSSP at the recommendation of my mentor, a member who emphasized the organization's responsiveness to graduate student participation. I attended the past two annual meetings and confirmed her assessment. This year, I am organizing a jointly sponsored session for the upcoming meeting and in this process have fully realized the tremendous opportunities available for students. As a Student Representative on the Board of Directors, I aspire to maintain SSSP's commitment to providing a friendly and supportive environment for graduate students. In addition, I remain committed to scholarly activism, and strongly believe in applying academic understandings of social problems to pursuits of social justice, especially within transgender and queer communities.

BUDGET, FINANCE, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (2005-2008)

Gray Cavender

Present Position: Professor, School of Justice & Social Inquiry, Arizona State University. **Former Positions:** Associate Professor, School of Justice Studies, ASU, 1983-1993; Assistant Professor, School of Justice Studies, ASU, 1997-1983. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Florida State University, 1979; M.A., Middle Tennessee State University, 1974; J.D., University of Tennessee, 1971. **Major Publications:** Cavender, Gray. "Media and Crime Policy: A Reconsideration of David Garland's the Culture of Control." *Punishment & Society* 6:335-348 (2004). Cavender, Gray. "Legitimizing Murder? An Analysis of Newspaper Coverage of Violence at Abortion Clinics." *Sociology of Law, Crime and Deviance* 2: 179-189 (2000). Cavender, Gray. "The Construction of Gender in Reality Crime TV." *Gender & Society* 13:643-663 (1999). Cavender, Gray. *Entertaining Crime: Reality Television Programs*. Aldine de Gruyter, 1998. Cavender, Gray. "Jane Tension and the Feminist Police Procedural." *Journal of Violence Against Women* 4:10-29 (1998). Cavender, Gray. "The Baffling Case of the Smoking Gun: The Social Ecology of Political Accounts in the Iran-Contra Affair." *Social Problems* 40:152-166 (1993). Cavender, Gray. "Fear and Loathing on Reality Television: An Analysis of 'America's Most Wanted' and 'Unsolved Mysteries.'" *Sociological Inquiry* 63:305-317 (1993). Cavender, Gray. "Strange Interlude: An Analysis of Juvenile Parole Revocation Decision Making." *Social Problems* 39:387-399 (1992). Cavender, Gray. *Corporate Crime Under Attack: The Ford Pinto Case and Beyond*. Cincinnati: Anderson, 1987. **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Student Affairs Award, ASU, 2003-2004; University Faculty Fellow, ASU, 2001-2002; Outstanding Teacher Award, College of Public Programs, ASU, 1989-1990. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Program Committee, 2003; Chair, Book Award (Crime & Del), 2002. **Other Professional Affiliations:** American Society of Criminology - Membership Committee (2004), Nominations Committee (2000), Minority Scholarship Committee (1998); Tennessee Bar Association, Member, 1972-present. **Candidate's Statement:** I have been a member of SSSP for many years. I have always been attracted by the intellectual quality and the social activism of the organization. These twin commitments – scholarship and activism – are possible because SSSP is a financially healthy academic organization. Although our journal helps us to remain financially viable, perhaps one of the most important committees that attends to the organization's success is the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee. Before I became a professor, I was the Assistant Director of the Tennessee Criminal Justice Planning Agency where I directed our planning efforts but also worked with our budget. If I am elected to this committee, I will do my best to help SSSP to remain on solid financial footing so that our goals of scholarship and activism can continue.

David L. Levinson

Present Position: President, Norwalk Community College. **Former Positions:** Academic Vice President, Bergen Community College, 2000-2004; Dean, Massachusetts Bay Community College, 1992-1999; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Merrimack College, 1986-1992. **Degrees:** Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Amherst, 1987; M.A., University of Massachusetts Amherst, 1978; B.A., SUNY New Paltz, 1975. **Major Publications:** Levinson, David L. *Community Colleges: A Reference Handbook*. ABC-CLIO Press, in press. Levinson, David L. *Education and Sociology: An Encyclopedia*. RoutledgeFalmer, 2002. Levinson, David L, guest ed. "Special Issue on Community Colleges and Civic Engagement." *Community College Journal of Research and Practice* (2004). Levinson, David L, guest ed. "Special Issue on Faculty Scholarship in the Community College." *Community College Journal of Research and Practice* (2003). **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Commendation for Serving as Newsletter Editor, American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Section, 1993-2003. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Co-chair, Membership Committee, 1997; Co-chair, Annual Program Committee, 1996; Chair, Educational Problems Division, 1992-1995. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Newsletter Editor, American Sociological Association, Sociology of Education Section, 1993-2003; Grant Advisory Committee, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), Community College Study of Faculty Costs and Productivity, 2002-2004; Princeton University Mid-Career Fellowship Steering Committee, 2001-2004; Regional Technology Leadership Network, New York Academy of Sciences, 2000-2001. **Candidate's Statement:** Since my days as a graduate student, I have been actively involved in SSSP. SSSP's commitment to social justices embodies the values that are the bedrock of my career, ranging from sociology professor to college president. Given my current fiduciary responsibility of running a \$35

million operation and my College's success in fundraising efforts – Norwalk Community College has the 11th largest endowment among community colleges nationwide – I believe that I can steward SSSP through whatever fiscal challenges that we may face in the future.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (2005-2008)

Jane Bock

Present Positions: Clinical Specialist, Phoenix House, Lake View Terrace, CA (2003-present); Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California (1995-1997; 2001-present). **Former Positions:** Assistant Director, Southern California Foster Family and Adoption Agency, Los Angeles, CA (2001-2003); Director, Parent Education Programming, Clayton Schools, Clayton, MO (2000-2001); Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (1997-2000)

Major Publications: Bock, Jane D. (2001). Single Mothers by Choice: From Here to Maternity. *Journal of the Association for Research on Motherhood*, 3(1). Bock, Jane (2000). Doing the Right Thing? Single Mothers by Choice and the Struggle for Legitimacy. *Gender and Society* (Special Issue: Emergent and Reconfigured Forms of Family Life), 14 (1), 62-86. Bock, Jane D. (1997). [Review of the book: Good Enough Mothering? Feminist Perspectives on Lone Motherhood, edited by Elizabeth Bortolonia Silva. London: Routledge Press, 1996]. In *Contemporary Sociology*, September 1997. Broderick, Carlfred and Jane Bock (1992). Growing Up Male and Female, Masculine and Feminine" (pp. 21-41), Sex and Reproduction (pp. 257-280), Social and Sexual Pairing (pp. 67-90), and The Transition to Parenthood (pp. 281-294). In *Marriage and the Family*, 4th Edition by Carlfred Broderick. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall. **SSSP**

Offices/Committees: Board Member (2001-2004); Chair, Family Division (1999-2001); Panel Organizer (1999, 2005); Chair, Graduate Student Paper Competition—Family Division (1998) **Candidate's Statement:** I have been involved with SSSP since my graduate school days and have maintained my membership even though my career over that period of time has taken a few different directions. Initially I entered the organization as a graduate student and then as an assistant professor. Since then I have left full-time academia (I continue to teach part-time at USC) and have entered the non-profit world. My work over the last three years has focused on foster children in general as well as youth in residential care in particular. Since the abandonment of children ties in with so many other social problems (e.g., truancy, delinquency, addiction), I have maintained my affiliation with SSSP and increased my level of involvement throughout the years. I proudly served as chair of the family division and as a member of the board, and now am looking to the Committee on Committees as my next venture. My interest in serving on this committee stems from my desire to seek out scholars in research and nonprofit organizations and bring them into more prominent roles of leadership within the organization.

Beth Mintz

Present Position: Professor of Sociology, University of Vermont, Burlington. **Degrees:** PhD. SUNY Stony Brook, 1978. **Major Publications:** "Elites and Politics: The Corporate Elite and the Capitalist in the United States," *Research in Political Sociology* 11:53-77, 2002. "Business and Health Care Policy Reform in the 1980s: The 50 States," by Beth Mintz and Donald Palmer, *Social Problems* 47:327-359, 2000. "Capital Formation and The United States Health Care System: The Relationship Between the Public and the Private Sector," by Beth Mintz and Michael Schwartz, *Research in the Sociology of Health Care* 18:229-248, 2000. *Lesbians in Academia*, edited by Beth Mintz and Esther Rothblum, Routledge Press. 1998. "The Failure of Health Care Reform: The Role of Big Business in Policy Formation," in *The Clinton Presidency: The First Term*, edited by Clarence Lo and Michael Schwartz, Basil Blackwell, 1998. "From Stonewall to Newsweek: Lesbian Baby Boomers at Midlife," by E. Rothblum, B. Mintz, B. Cowan and C. Haller in K. Jay (ed.) *Lesbian Passages*, New York: Basic Books, 1995. "Business Participation in Health Care Policy Reform: Factors Contributing to Collective Action Within the Business Community," *Social Problems* 42:408-428, 1995. *Corporate Control, Capital Formation, and Organizational Networks*, edited by Takuyoshi Takada, Beth Mintz and Michael Schwartz, Chuo University Press, 1996. *The Power Structure of American Business*, by Beth Mintz and Michael Schwartz, University of Chicago Press, 1985. (*Japanese edition*: 1994.) **Honors and Professional Recognition:** Distinguished Scholarship Award, Marxist Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, Patrick McGuire and Donald McQuarie, (eds.) *From the Left Bank to the Mainstream: Historical Debates and Contemporary Research in Marxist Sociology*. Contributing author (with Charley MacMartin), "The Study of the Health Care System." 1994. Finalist, American Sociological Association Most Distinguished Publication Award for *The Power Structure of American Society*, 1989. Nominated, C. Wright Mills Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems for *The Power Structure of American Business*, 1988. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Member, Elections Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2004-2005. Member, Advisory Board, *Social Problems*, 1997-2002. Member, Labor Process section of the Society for the Study of Social Problems Distinguished Scholar Award Committee, 1998. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Member, American Sociological Association, Section on *Political Sociology* Distinguished Scholar Award Committee, 1997. Chair, American Sociological Association, Section on *Political Sociology*, 1995-1996. Member, American Sociological Association, *Committee on Committees*, 1992-1993. Council Member, American Sociological Association, Section on *Political Sociology*, 1991-1993. **Candidate's Statement:** Given the political climate of the day, it is more important than ever to maintain the vitality of the SSSP, with its commitment to both social justice and academic excellence. Thus I would be happy to serve and contribute in any way that I can, to its efforts.

Sandra Ellen Schroer

Present Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Muskingum College. **Former Positions:** Instructor, Western Michigan University, 2001-2004; Instructor, Kellogg Community College, 2001. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Western Michigan University, 2004; M.A., Western Michigan University, 2001; B.A., Western Michigan University, 1999. **Major Publications:** Schroer, Sandra Ellen. *Gender & Free Love in the late 1800's: A Philosophy for Social and Sexual Well Being*. New York, New York: Routledge, Book under review. Schroer, Sandra Ellen. "The Gender Lens: Gender, Social Inequalities, and Aging." *The Journal of Applied Sociology* 20(1): 139-141. Schroer, Sandra Ellen. "Heterosexual Allies on Campus." *Michigan Journal of College Student Development* (Spring 1999): 6-8. **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Leonard C. Kercher Graduate Fellowship, Western Michigan University, 2000-2004. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities Division - Chair-Elect (2004-2006), Chair (2006-2008); News Letter Editor and Acting Chair, Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities Division, 2003. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Midwest Region, Secretary, Current; Michigan Sociological Association, Student Representative (board member), 2004; Midwest Sociological Society, Member, 2000-present; American Sociological Society, Member, 2000-present. **Candidate's Statement:** Since attending my first SSSP conference I have looked forward to being involved in the organization. Serving in divisional roles and meeting members over the years while working in conference registration, has led me to appreciate the role our organization plays in our many professions. In addition, I have developed a desire to serve in an more in-depth capability. Therefore, I consider being nominated for a position on the Committee on Committees a honor as well as an opportunity. I look forward to continuing my involvement in SSSP and to growing with the organization.

Stephani A. Williams

Present Position: Academic Professional, Arizona State University, 1999-present. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Sociology, Arizona State University, 2000; M.A., Sociology, Arizona State University, 1991; B.A., Sociology, Northern Arizona University, 1988. **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** The Centennial Professor Award, 2004; The Last Lecture Series Distinguished Faculty, 2003; The ICA Faculty and Staff Award, 2002; The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Excellence in Advising Award, 2002; The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award for Academic Professionals, 2001; The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Excellence in Advising Award, 2000. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division Chair, 2001-2004; Editor of the REMD division newsletter, 2000-2001. **Candidate's Statement:** From the moment I was introduced to the SSSP, I knew that I would be a lifetime member. All of the people that I have met through the SSSP have been so welcoming, so willing to guide and mentor. I have tried to live my professional life in that way, and I therefore feel a bond, a loyalty, and a desire to serve this organization. I have encouraged our graduate and undergraduate students to become involved, and many of them have become members, presented papers, organized session, and held positions that contribute to the well being of the SSSP. Beyond the welcome atmosphere, the quality of research being done by members of the SSSP and shared at our annual meetings is equally important and impressive. It would be my honor to serve on The Committee on Committees and I would work hard to continue recruiting new and talented members, and soliciting amongst all of our members to serve in the many important roles that are vital to the success of this great organization. My diverse interests and my membership in organizations with diverse membership will, I believe, be an asset in encouraging service in such a way as reflects this organization's diversity – academically, culturally, and politically. It would be an honor to serve.

EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE (2005-2008)

Peter J. Kivisto

Present Position: Richard Swanson Professor of Social Thought and Chair of Sociology, Augustana College. **Former Positions:** Assistant to Full Professor, Augustana College, 1982-present; Research Sociologists, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, 1980-1982; Adjunct Professor, George Mason University, 1980-1982. **Degrees:** Ph.D., New School University, 1982; M.A., New School University, 1977; Mdiv, Yale University, 1973; B.A., University of Michigan, 1970. **Major Publications:** Kivisto, Peter J. and Beth Hartung. *Intersecting Inequalities*. Prentice-Hall, 2005. Kivisto, Peter J. *Incorporating Diversity*. Paradigm Publishers, 2005. Kivisto, Peter J. "Inclusion." *Acta Sociologica* 47(3):291-297 (2004). Kivisto, Peter J. "Social Spaces, Transnational Immigrant Communities, and the Politics of Incorporation." *Ethnicities* 3(1): 5-28 (2003). Kivisto, Peter J. *Multiculturalism in a Global Society*. Blackwell, 2002. Kivisto, Peter J. "Theorizing Transnational Immigration." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 24(1): 549-577 (2001). Kivisto, Peter J. "Teenagers, Pregnancy, and Childbearing in a Risk Society." *Journal of Family Issues* 22(8): 1044-1065 (2001). Kivisto, Peter J. *Americans All*. Wadworth, 1995. Second edition scheduled for 2005, Roxbury Publishing, co-authored with Wendy Ng. Kivisto, Peter J. "Toward an Antifoundational yet Relevant Sociology." *The Sociological Quarterly* 35(4): 723-728 (1994). Kivisto, Peter J. "Contemporary Social Movements in Advanced

Industrial Societies.” *Acta Sociologica* 27(4): 355-366 (1984). Kivisto, Peter J. *Immigrant Socialists in the United States*. Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 1984. **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Leverhulme Lecturer, University of Bristol, United Kingdom, 2004; American Scandinavian Grant, Abo Akademi University, Finland, 2003; Richard Swanson Professor of Social Thought, endowed chair, Augustana College, 2002; Omicron Delta Kappa, one of five faculty members elected to honor society by students, Augustana College, 1996; Fulbright Grant, University of Turku, Finland, 1994. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Member, C. Wright Mills Book Award, 2001-2003; Member, Minority Scholarship Committee, 1999-2002; Chair, Permanent Organization Committee, 1996-2000. **Other Professional Affiliations:** American Sociological Association – Secretary/Treasurer International Migration Section (2003-present), Secretary/Treasurer Theory Section (1998-2001), Council Member Racial Minorities Section (2001-2004); Midwest Sociological Society – Secretary (2001-2004), Publications Committee (2000-2003, 1991-1994), Chair of Nominating Committee (1998-2000); Immigration and Ethnic History Society – Council Member (1996-1999), Membership Committee (1998-2001); Association for the Sociology of Religion, McNamara Award Committee, 2000-2003. **Candidate’s Statement:** Scholarship and partisanship are often difficult to disentangle. Given that fact, one of the remarkable features of the SSSP is that throughout its history it has published a journal that manages to keep the two distinct. *Social Problems* is an exemplary generalist journal that continues to produce cutting edge scholarship. At the same time, the organization itself remains deeply committed to the promotion of social justice. There, indeed, can be a delicate balance between the production of knowledge – including both empirical findings and contributions to our theoretical understanding – and advocacy. The trick is to allow for a creative tension between the two, rather than allowing of a blurring of the boundaries. It is my view that we have managed to do so rather effectively for a long time. As a member of the Editorial and Publications Committee, I would work to preserve that legacy. Members of this committee are entrusted with some major responsibilities, including choosing the editor and the publisher of *Social Problems*. My past experience with other journals, particularly *The Sociological Quarterly* and *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, has prepared me to contribute constructively to SSSP in this capacity. I would work hard to insure that the journal continues its commitment to excellence in scholarship that both makes significant contributions to the discipline and at the same time is engagingly and clearly written. If elected to this committee, one of the issues I would like to explore beyond *Social Problems* is how we might better facilitate the flowering of public sociology. In particular, I would like to inquire into ways we can better reach non-academic audiences, and venues wherein we might better realize the advocacy part of our organizational mission.

Vincent J. Roscigno

Present Position: Associate Professor, Ohio State University. **Degree:** Ph.D., Sociology, North Carolina State University, 1996; M.S., Sociology, North Carolina State University, 1991; B.A., Sociology, University of Arizona, 1989. **Major Publications:** Roscigno, Vincent J. *The Voice of Southern Labor*. University of Minnesota Press, 2004. Roscigno, Vincent J. “The Organizational and Social Foundations of Worker Resistance.” *American Sociological Review* (2004). Roscigno, Vincent J. “Unions, Solidarity, and Striking.” *Social Forces* (2004). Roscigno, Vincent J. “Disparities Within: Spending Inequality and Achievement in an Urban School.” *Sociology of Education* (2003). Roscigno, Vincent J. “Local Labor Market Opportunity and Social Disorganization.” *Journal of Research on Crime & Delinquency* (2003). Roscigno, Vincent J. “Media and Mobilization: The Case of Radio & Southern Textile Worker Insurgency, 1929-1934.” *American Sociological Review* (2001). Roscigno, Vincent J. “Language Minority Achievement, Family Inequality, and the Impact of Bilingual Education.” *Race & Society* (2001). Roscigno, Vincent J. “Rurality, Institutional Disadvantage, and Achievement /Attainment.” *Rural Sociology* (2001). Roscigno, Vincent J. “Family/School Inequality and African-American/Hispanic Achievement.” *Social Problems* (2000). Roscigno, Vincent J. “Race and the Reproduction of Educational Disadvantage.” *Social Forces* (1998). **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Nominated & Elected to Membership, Sociological Research Association, 2004; Best Published Article Award, Honorable Mention, Labor Section, ASA, 2004; Best Published Article Award, Culture Section, ASA, 2002. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Editorial Board, *Social Problems*, 2002-current; Member, Minority Scholarship Fund Committee, 1999. **Other Professional Affiliations:** ASA – Member, Dissertation Award Committee (2003-2007), Education Section Member, Outstanding Grad Paper Award Committee (2003), Culture Section Member, Best Published Article Award Committee (2003); Southern Sociological Society Member, Committee for the Status of Women, 2001-2003. **Candidate’s Statement:** I have always enjoyed my affiliation with SSSP and interactions I have had with its members, and am honored to have been nominated for the Publications Committee. SSSP remains, in my view, a very important voice in sociology, encouraging scholars to tackle critical contemporary issues affecting populations across the globe and in a straightforward manner. Its journal, *Social Problems*, in which I have had the opportunity to publish twice, continues to be one of the most esteemed journals in the field given great editorship and the fact that I publishes only the highest quality articles – highest quality in terms of theoretical and empirical rigor, excellent and clear writing, and complete openness to methodology. Within my role as member of the publications committee, I will encourage the journal and SSSP even more generally to *push the sociological envelope* of serious, creative, and critical scholarship, drawing from a variety of methodological approaches and voices within our field.

A. Javier Trevino

Present Position: Associate Professor of Sociology, Wheaton College. **Former Positions:** Assistant Professor of Sociology, Marquette University, 1989-1995; Associate Professor of Sociology, Wheaton College, 1995-present. **Degrees:** Ph.D., Boston College, 1990; M.A., Northern Arizona University, 1981; B.A., University of North Texas, 1978. **Major Publications:** Trevino, A. Javier and Susan Guarino Ahezzi. *Understanding Crime: A Multidisciplinary Approach*. Anderson Publishing, 2005. Trevino, A. Javier. *Goffman's Legacy*. Rowman and Littlefield, 2003. Trevino, A. Javier. *Talcott Parsons Today*. Rowman and Littlefield, 2001. Trevino, A. Javier. *The Sociology of Law: Classical and Contemporary Perspectives*. St. Martin's Press, 1996. **Honors and Professional Recognitions:** Career Achievement in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of North Texas, 2003; Honored Alumnus, University of North Texas, 2003. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Board of Directors, 2002-2005; C. Wright Mills Award Committee, 2002-2003; Committee on Committees, 2001-2002; Chair, Law and Society Division, 1998-2000; Chair, Committee on Membership, 1999-2000. **Other Professional Affiliations:** Justice Studies Association, President, 2000-2002; United Chapters of Alpha Kappa Delta, Council Member, 2002-2005; American Sociological Association, Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching, 1996-1998. **Candidate's Statement:** I very much welcome this opportunity to serve on the Editorial and Publications Committee. As a previous member of the Advisory Editors for SOCIAL PROBLEMS (under the editorship of Jim Holstein) I have learned first-hand about the rigors of quality editing and publishing in SSSP. I would like to continue in this vein as a member of the E & P Committee. I will work to further promote the SSSP Presidential series to make it the success it deserves to be.

Ronald Weitzer

Present Position: Professor of Sociology, George Washington University. **Former Positions:** Professor, George Washington University, 2000-present; Assistant and Associate Professor, George Washington University, 1988-2000. **Degrees:** Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1985; M.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1978; B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz, 1975. **Major Publications:** Weitzer, Ronald and Steven Tuch. "Racially Biased Policing." *Social Forces* 83 (March 2005). Weitzer, Ronald and Steven Tuch. "Race and Perceptions of Police Misconduct." *Social Problems* 51 (August 2004). Weitzer, Ronald and Steven Tuch. "Reforming the Police." *Criminology* 42 (May 2004). Weitzer, Ronald and Charis Kubrin. "Breaking News." *Justice Quarterly* 21 (Sept. 2004). Weitzer, Ronald. *Current Controversies in Criminology*. Prentice Hall, 2003. Charis Kubrin and Weitzer, Ronald. "New Directions in Social Disorganization Theory." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 40: (November 2003). Charis Kubrin and Weitzer, Ronald. "Retaliatory Homicide." *Social Problems* 50 (May 2003). Weitzer, Ronald. *Deviance and Social Control*. McGraw-Hill, 2002. Weitzer, Ronald and Steven Tuch. "Perceptions of Racial Profiling." *Criminology* 40 (May 2002). Weitzer, Ronald. *Sex for Sale: Prostitution, Pornography, and the Sex Industry*. Routledge, 2000. Weitzer, Ronald. "Racialized Policing." *Law and Society Review* 34 (2000). Weitzer, Ronald. "Deficiencies in the Sociology of Sex Work." *Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance* 2 (2000). Weitzer, Ronald. "Prostitution Control in America: Rethinking Public Policy." *Crime, Law, and Social Change* 32 (1999). Weitzer, Ronald. "Citizens' Perceptions of Police Misconduct." *Justice Quarterly* 16 (1999). Weitzer, Ronald. "Racial Prejudice among Korean Merchants in African American Neighborhoods." *Sociological Quarterly* 38 (1997). Weitzer, Ronald. *Policing under Fire: Ethnic Conflict and Police-Community Relations in Northern Ireland*. SUNY Press, 1995. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** C. Wright Mills Committee, 1993; Social Action and Social Action Award Committee, 2000; Program Committee, SSSP Annual Meeting, 2001. **Other Professional Affiliations:** American Sociological Association, Member; American Society of Criminology, Member; Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Member. **Candidate's Statement:** As a SSSP member since 1976, I am committed to ensuring that *Social Problems* remains a unique and highly-ranked journal, publishing articles on important social problems and representing diverse theoretical and methodological approaches. I am also interested in working to increase the audience of *Social Problems*. I would be delighted to serve on the Editorial and Publications Committee.

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CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE DIVISION

Deadline: 5/1/05

The Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division will award \$100 for a solely written paper by a current graduate student on issues related to the division's mission. Please send three copies of the paper to: Chris Baker, Walters State Community College, Morristown, TN 37813; chris.baker@ws.edu.

DRINKING AND DRUGS DIVISION

Deadline: 3/15/05

The Drinking and Drugs Division is holding its 2005 Student Paper Competition. The first place winner will receive a \$100 stipend, a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet, and be recognized at the 2005 meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. The division reserves the right to identify additional prizes or to not award a first place winner at its discretion. Papers must present original research (empirical and/or theoretical) related to drinking and/or drugs from a social problems perspective. To be eligible, participants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program and have not yet received a Ph.D., J.D., or M.D. degree at the time of submission. Participants must have had primary responsibility for preparation of the paper. All entries must be endorsed by a sponsor who is a current (2005) member of the division. Send three copies of the paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program and signed by your sponsor to: SSSP Drinking and Drugs Student Paper Competition, Dr. Andrew Golub, National Development and Research Institutes, 71 West 23rd St., 8th floor, New York, NY 10010.

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS DIVISION

Deadline: 5/16/05

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for the SSSP Educational Problems Division annual paper award competition. The paper should be associated with the specific interests of the Division, namely, those social problems within the broad area of education. The submitted paper should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review. The author's name, contact information and institutional affiliation should appear on a separate page at the beginning of the paper, along with an abstract of 150 to 200 words. All references to the identity of the author within the text should be removed. Current graduate students, and recent graduates who received their degrees after January 2005, may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. **DO NOT SUBMIT THE THESIS OR DISSERTATION ITSELF.** Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors are current graduate students. Double submissions to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2005 SSSP annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA. It is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to any Educational Problems Division session organizer by the January 31, 2005 deadline. The award recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Papers should be submitted electronically or by regular mail with a letter of introduction describing your graduate program to: Professor Deirdre M. Smythe, Chair, Educational Problems Division Student Paper Competition, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Sociology Department, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G3; smythe@stthomasu.ca.

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Deadline: 4/1/05

The Environment and Technology Division is pleased to announce its 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be theoretical and/or empirical and may be on a topic relevant to environment and technology, including environmental movements, technology and risk, political economy and the environment, or environmental justice, among others. The winner will receive a monetary award plus payment of the winner's SSSP membership fee for the 2005 SSSP meeting to help the winner attend the meeting. The winner will also be offered the opportunity to present this paper at one of the Environment and Technology sessions held at the 2005 SSSP meetings. To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written between January 2004 and April 2005; 2) the paper may not have been submitted for publication (papers presented at other professional meetings or that have been submitted for presentation at other meetings are eligible); 3) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) the paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the paper for the Environment and Technology Division Graduate Student Paper Competition. Students should send one copy of their paper accompanied by a letter of support to each reader: Erin Robinson, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208; robinso5@canisius.edu and Tammy Mix, Department of Sociology, PO Box 756480, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99775-6480; fflm@uaf.edu.

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Deadline: 6/1/05

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for this annual paper award competition. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest, including health and illness, health policy, and health services. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified on a title page but not referred to in other parts of the text). Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2004) may submit a paper if it was written while still a

student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. (Please do not submit the thesis or dissertation itself.) Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2005 SSSP annual meeting in Philadelphia. Thus it is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to any Health Division session organizer or the roundtable organizer by the January 31st deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Send three copies of the paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program to: SSSP Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Student Paper Competition, Professor Judith N. Lasker, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 681 Taylor Street, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY DIVISION

Deadline: 3/15/05

The Institutional Ethnography Division solicits papers for its 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should advance institutional ethnography scholarship either methodologically or through a substantive contribution. Authors must be currently enrolled graduate students or Ph.D.'s who have completed their studies by March 2004 or later. Prize includes a \$100 cash award, registration fees and an opportunity to present the paper at the 2005 SSSP meetings, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Students who submit papers should be prepared to attend the conference. Send one copy each to: Marjorie DeVault, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244 and Eric Mykhalovskiy, Community Health and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, Center for Clinical Research, Dalhousie University, 5790 University Avenue, Halifax, NS B3H 1V7, Canada.

LABOR STUDIES DIVISION

Deadline: 6/1/05

One of the most important activities of the Labor Studies Division is to recognize the work of graduate students. As in the past, the division is soliciting graduate student papers that build on the legacy of the late Harry Braverman. The Award consists of a \$200 cash prize and a ticket to the annual SSSP Awards Banquet. The Braverman tradition includes work in a variety of areas, including (but not limited to): labor process studies, critical organization studies, research on the intersections of gender, race, and class at work, technical and organizational change and its impact on work culture, labor movements and resistance in the workplace, critical perspectives on labor markets and occupational transformation. Papers co-authored with faculty members will not be accepted. Single authored papers by graduate students and papers co-authored by graduate students are welcome. All papers will be evaluated by a committee composed of at least three Labor Studies Division faculty scholars. E-mail your paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program to: Kevin D. Henson, khenson@luc.edu. Snail mail: Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626.

LAW AND SOCIETY DIVISION

Deadline: 3/1/05

The Alfred R. Lindesmith Award is annually given to the best paper presented at the previous year's (2004) SSSP annual meeting that is law-related and written by one or more untenured faculty and/or graduate student(s) and has not been accepted for publication prior to presentation at the SSSP meeting. If your paper or that of a friend meet these criteria, please submit three copies of the paper to: Otis Grant, Chair, SSSP Law and Society Division, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, P.O. Box 7111, South Bend, IN 46634-7111; ogrant@iusb.edu; W: 574-520-4157. The winner will receive a plaque and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY DIVISION

Deadline: 3/28/05

The Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division seeks nominations for two awards. The 2005 Michael Harrington Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes outstanding teaching on poverty and inequality. Teaching that incorporates service learning or community outreach in the spirit of Harrington's commitment to social change is particularly appropriate. The 2005 social action award recognizes the contribution that progressive organizations make in challenging the structures that foster class polarization and poverty. These groups can focus on attempts to alter institutional practices and/or provide social services that empower disenfranchised populations. Self-nomination is acceptable and both awards will be presented at the 2005 meeting in Philadelphia. Winners will receive a plaque at the division's reception. One-page nomination letters should be sent to Eric Swank, Department of Sociology, Social Work & Criminology, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351; e.swank@morehead-st.edu. Supplemental materials may be requested.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES DIVISION

Deadline: 3/1/05

The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division announces its 2005 graduate student paper competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, or sexual communities. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100, payment of the winner's SSSP registration fee for the 2005 SSSP meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a ticket to the banquet. The winner will be expected to present their winning paper at one of the SBPC sessions being held as part of the 2005 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2004 and February 2005; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's college or university nominating the paper for the SBPC Division Student Paper Competition. Students should send five copies of their paper, accompanied by a letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Sandra Schroer, Department of Sociology, Muskingum College, CH 124, New Concord, OH 43762; W: 740-826-8287; sshroer@muskingum.edu.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION**Deadline: 4/1/05**

The Social Problems Theory Division of the SSSP invites papers for its annual Student Paper Competition. To be eligible, papers must be authored or co-authored by students, have relevance to social problems theories, and cannot have been accepted for publication. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible. Please limit manuscripts to 25 pages. The 1st place winner will receive \$150 and the 2nd place winner will receive \$100. Both winners will have their meeting registration fees paid and receive a banquet ticket for the 2005 Annual Meeting. Send electronic submissions as a Word attachment to lara-foley@utulsa.edu. If you do not have e-mail access, submit three copies of the paper to: Lara Foley, Department of Sociology, University of Tulsa, 600 S. College Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74104; Fax: 918-631-2057. The Student Awards Committee consists of Lara Foley (chair, University of Tulsa), Josh Gamson (University of San Francisco), and Karen Lutfey (University of Minnesota).

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION**Deadline: 4/1/05**

The Sociology and Social Welfare Division announces its 2005 student paper competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical and must be on a topic relevant to the Division, including social activism, social problems related to sociology/social welfare, among others. The first place winner will receive a cash award of \$150 plus payment of the winner's SSSP membership/registration fee for the 2005 meeting. The second place winner will receive a cash award of \$100 and the third place winner will receive, a cash award of \$50. To be eligible, papers must meet the following criteria: 1) must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student; 2) must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references and tables; and 3) must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the paper for the Sociology and Social Welfare Division Student Paper Competition. Interested students should send two copies of the paper accompanied by a letter of support to: Anne Broussard, Department of Social Work, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824. Papers will also be accepted through email: anne.broussard@unh.edu. The winner will be announced by June 1, 2005.

TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS DIVISION**Deadline: 3/15/05**

The Teaching Social Problems Division announces its 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be on any aspect of teaching about social problems. Topics for papers can include "best practices" in the classroom, service-learning courses, using technology, using media, assessment of learning, and other areas. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100 plus a ticket to the 2005 SSSP Banquet. The winner will be offered an opportunity to present this paper at one of the Teaching Social Problems Division sessions being held as part of the 2005 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2004 and March 2005; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's college/university nominating the paper for the Teaching Social Problems Division Student Paper Competition. Students should send five copies of their paper, accompanied by a letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Professor Glenn W. Muschert, Department of Sociology and Gerontology, 366 Upham Hall, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056-1879; W: 513-529-1812; muschegw@muohio.edu. The winner will be announced prior to the 2005 SSSP Annual Meeting.

YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE DIVISION**Deadline: 3/1/05**

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for this annual award competition. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest. The paper should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified on a title page but not referred to in other parts of the text). Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2004) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. Please do not submit the thesis or dissertation itself. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all listed authors are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2005 annual meeting in Philadelphia. Thus, applicants MUST submit at least an abstract of the paper to any Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division organizer (or co-sponsored organizer) by the January 31, 2005 deadline. Two awards, providing at least two papers are deemed meritorious, will be made. The first place winner will receive a monetary prize of \$100 and SSSP registration for the 2005 annual meeting. The second place winner will receive a monetary prize of \$60. In addition to submitting the abstract to a session organizer by the January 31, 2005 deadline, applicants must send three copies of the paper along with a letter of application for the award no later than March 1, 2005 to: Dr. Tracy L. Dietz, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, P.O. Box 25000, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816.

For additional information, contact: Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager
901 McClung Tower, University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
W: 865-689-1531; F: 865-689-1534; mkoontz3@utk.edu
<http://www.sssp1.org>

Call for Papers

Journal of Contemporary Ethnography: **Special Issue on Social Constructionism and Social Inequality**

The *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* announces a call for papers for a special issue on "social constructionism and social inequality." We welcome papers that use qualitative, interpretive methods to study how putative inequalities are defined, framed, narrated, and/or symbolically enacted in diverse ways. Any social justice topic can be explored; however, papers should examine "equality," "inequality," "domination," "exploitation," "superiority," and similar issues *primarily (if not exclusively) from the viewpoints of social actors* rather than analysts. We also invite theoretical statements on the use, risks, and/or benefits of constructionist approaches to studying inequality, as long as the ethnographic implications are explicit and clear. Papers may be grounded in a number of interpretive frameworks, such as phenomenology, ethnomethodology, interactionism, narrative analysis, and others.

If you are unsure whether your topic or research is suitable, or are interested in reviewing for this issue, contact the Special Issue Editor, Scott Harris, via e-mail at Harriss3@slu.edu or phone at (314)-977-2190. All papers will be peer reviewed. The deadline for submissions is **June 1, 2005**. Papers are scheduled to appear in the June 2006 issue.

We prefer electronic submission of manuscripts via e-mail attachment to Harriss3@slu.edu. Those without e-mail access should send four hard copies and an electronic copy on disk to Scott R. Harris, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Saint Louis University, 3500 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63103.

Dear Annual Meeting Presenters and Organizers:

Mental Health Resources is in the process of organizing a combined book exhibit for the 55th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, taking place August 12-14, 2005, at the Philadelphia Crowne Plaza Hotel.

We would like to provide you with the opportunity to suggest titles that you feel would be pertinent to your presentation or of interest to the attendees. Be sure to include your personal bibliography, as well as old favorites and new discoveries.

Please share this information with your co-presenters, as we would like to hear from all who are participating. Send your response to adrienne.mhr@verizon.net by July 1, 2005.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We will do our best to include your recommendations in our exhibit.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Burger
Administrative Assistant
Mental Health Resources
Phone(518)943-3559
Fax(518)943-7793
adrienne.mhr@verizon.net



Save the Date

May 18-20, 2005

Corning Radisson

Corning, NY

Conference Objectives

The purpose of this conference is to provide participants with a multidisciplinary approach to programs and resources for developing resilient youth. Included in the conference program will be treatment approaches, service coordination, interventions, prevention programs, and protocol development from programs across the country.

Audience

The conference is designed for anyone who works with youth including professionals from criminal justice; law enforcement; human service organizations; medical and health services; educational field; mental health; addiction treatment; clergy and church groups; researchers; and universities.

Keynote:

Dr. James Garbarino is an internationally recognized expert in child abuse issues, youth violence, education and families. Dr. Garbarino is the Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professor of Human Development at Cornell University.

For more information visit the RJJ webpage at www.ruraljustice.org or contact:

Dr. Sally Dorman
Rural Justice Institute
6 Sayles
Alfred, NY 14802
(607) 871-2984
dormansa@alfred.edu
(607) 871-2679

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION
Seventh Annual Conference
JUSTICE STUDIES ASSOCIATION
University of Hartford, CT
June 2-4 2005

WHAT?

Members of the Justice Studies Association are pleased to announce a call for participation for their seventh annual conference scheduled for Thursday, June 2 to Saturday, June 4 at the University of Hartford. The theme of the 2005 conference is *The Birth of a New World: Creating Justice-For-All, Sustainable Communities*.

Participants are invited to make presentations on any topic dealing with communities, justice systems, families, schools, and workplaces of the future--a world in which the needs of all are met. Presentations might focus on:

- (1) the human community's re-orienting itself to a healthful relationship with the environment and natural world;
- (2) gender, class, race, globalization, and crime;
- (3) marginalization and the transformation of corporate-transnational and nation-state policies;
- (4) sustainable agriculture, sustainable development, and communities of resistance;
- (5) critiques of the corporate media and social sciences (criminology, sociology, psychology) for masking the most devastating forms of violence to social life, and assisting in the repression of human consciousness and speech; and
- (6) restorative justice, peaceful conflict resolution programs, sustainable indigenous economies, enjoyable work, alternative family and living arrangements in just communities.

WHERE?

The conference will be held at the University of Hartford. The rate for room, breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack is \$85 per day. Registration fee before April 15th is: \$90 for members (\$120 after); \$100 for non-members (\$130 after); \$60 for full-time students (\$65 after). This includes coffee/tea breaks, evening social gatherings, and Friday's keynote luncheon.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS?

Each conference has an opening and luncheon keynote speaker. These have included: Arundhati Roy, Noam Chomsky, Deborah Prothrow-Stith, David Gil, Daniel Berrigan, and Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow.

AWARDS?

Each year the association presents its Noam Chomsky Award and JSA Social Activist Award.

ACTIVIST CAFÉ?

At one session a panel of activists from our host city addresses what the key justice concerns in that city are and what they are doing to make things better.

HOW?

Those wishing to make a presentation at the conference should send a title/abstract of circa 200 words to Dennis Sullivan, 2005 Program Chair, E-mail: gezellig@global2000.net before January 31, 2005. For more information on JSA or how to register, contact program chair or association president, Dan Okada (dokada@csus.edu) or log on at www.justicestudies.org

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special issues of *Marriage and Family Review on Families and Public Policy: U.S. and International Experiences* - co-edited by Linda Haas and Steven Wisensale. The purpose is to put together a collection of cutting edge research articles on family policy that will be of interest and use to students, researchers, professionals, policymakers, and journalists interested in gaining a better understanding of how the well-being of families is influenced by the political process. "Cutting edge" articles present new data, analyze existing data from new theoretical perspectives, or analyze policies or problems that have been previously underresearched. To pragmatically solve social problems concerning families, a strong research base is needed. Topics should reflect issues of contemporary social concern and can include but are not limited to: changing demographics and its effects on families (e.g., aging), partnership formation, parenting, economic welfare, family dissolution, family health and well-being (e.g., domestic violence), and integration of work and family responsibilities. Families of all types will be covered, including two-parent, single-parent, gay/lesbian, and childless families; a strong effort will be made to include research on families at all levels of socioeconomic status and stages of the life cycle, and from varied racial and ethnic backgrounds, including immigrant families. Articles may analyze the impact of particular existing government policies on families, or may describe a problem that families commonly have that could be alleviated by social policy, accompanied by a set of policy recommendations designed to attack the causes of the problem. Papers for the international section may address family policy in one society or culture, or may look at a policy issue across several societal contexts; authors must approach a policy topic from a comparative or international perspective. The articles will first be published in two sets of articles, one with a U.S. focus and another with an international focus; a selection of articles will then be published as a book useful for scholars and advanced undergraduate/graduate students. Manuscripts should be no longer than 35 pages and must be written using the APA 4th Edition format for section titles, in-text citations, and references. No more than four authors can be listed on a single paper. **PAPERS MUST BE SENT VIA AN EMAIL ATTACHMENT TO:** Linda Haas at lhaas@iupui.edu. Please put figures, models, and graphs in separate files. Deadline for the U.S. papers is March 1, 2005; for the International papers the deadline is May 1, 2005.

P-R-E-S-S R-E-L-E-A-S-E JUSTICE STUDIES ASSOCIATION 2005 CHOMSKY AWARD RECIPIENT

Those attending the upcoming JSA conference at the University of Hartford, June 2-4 will be pleased to hear that some wonderful speakers have been lined up for the three-day event. The opening keynote speaker, on Thursday, June 2 will be David Kaczynski, Executive Director of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty.

The June 3rd Friday luncheon keynote address will be musical again in that it will be a mini-concert of songs by Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow who were at the JSA conference in Portland, Maine. Many people have requested that the association have them back because of their powerful and unrelenting songs of social justice. They have added new songs to their repertoire so we are in for a great treat again. Pat has written some of the best folk songs to come out of the past decade and the continuing activism of Sandy and Pat is inspiring. Not to be missed.

The 2005 Noam Chomsky Award will be presented at our June 4th Saturday luncheon to folk singer and song archivist, Faith Petric. Coming all the way from San Francisco, Faith is an interpreter of justice songs for workers, the poor, hoboes who rode the rails, the environment, women, children, and those in need generally. Peter Seeger said Faith is "one of the most extraordinary people in the world." And she is. Now 89 years old, she will join us after her 90th birthday but she is as spry and fit as her songs are eternal in their meaning.

Faith has performed for the past half century at all the major folk festivals in North America. She is one of the best-kept secrets in the world to people outside the folk music circuit so JSA is proud to present her with an award that the association holds so dear. Faith has challenged the paradigm of justice of the 20th and now the 21st century through her writings, has been an activist par excellence for decades, and lives a life of simplicity that we will want to discover more about. After Faith receives the award; a large salad bowl potted by a friend of JSA--so she can share her award with all she breaks bread with; she will sing several songs that she regards as instructive about who she is and has been over the years. This is not to be missed as well. See you there.

TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee announces funds available for Foreign Scholar-Activists to participate in the 2005 Annual Meeting, August 12-14, Philadelphia, PA.

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 labor, gender, racial-ethnic, third world 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 developing, Third World countries where access to foreign exchange is often more limited.

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2005 to:

Celeste Watkins
Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
1810 Chicago Avenue
Evanston, IL 60208-1330
W: 847-491-4805; F: 847-491-9907; Email: C-WATKINS@NORTHWESTERN.EDU

Other Committee Members:
Susan Caringella-MacDonald, Western Michigan University
Mark F. Peyrot, Loyola College

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**The Lee Student Support Fund Committee announces: funds available for Undergraduate and Graduate Students to participate in the 2005 Annual Meeting, August 12-14, Philadelphia, PA.**

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 2005 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, 2005 to:**

**Joya Misra**  
SADRI, Machmer Hall, 240 Hicks Way  
University of Massachusetts  
Amherst, MA 01003  
W: 413-545-5969; F: 413-545-0746; Email: MISRA@SOC.UMASS.EDU

**Other Committee Members:**  
*James Gruber, University of Michigan*  
*Jane McLeod, Indiana University*

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### 2005 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2005 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.

The 2005 award will be presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, August 12-14, 2005. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 15, 2005 to:

**Dr. Marjorie DeVault**  
**Department of Sociology, Syracuse University**  
**Syracuse, NY 13244-1090**  
**W: (315) 443-4030; F: (315) 443-4597; mdevault@maxwell.syr.edu**

#### PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE

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| 2004 | Mary A. Romero, Arizona State University                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2003 | Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University and Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>Joan Moore, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee                                                                                                                |

#### 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.

### Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund or the Lee Student Support Fund Application

**APPLICATION DEADLINE—MARCH 15, 2005**

**(Applications postmarked/faxed 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 members when applying for assistance.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Lee Student Support Fund (In order to be considered, you must provide a photocopy of your current student ID.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund (In what way do you consider yourself to be a scholar-activist? Please respond briefly, in 2-3 sentences.)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code & country code when applicable) (Home) (Work)

Address where you can be reached after the May 15 announcement date:  
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(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 \$.35/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.

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 (roommate matching service will be available). Our room rate is: \$119 plus 14% tax per night. Exceptions will be made if extraordinary personal circumstances justify an individual room.

Meal Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSSP will support up to \$15 US/per day.

Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

**The Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee announces:  
funds available for Unemployed and Underemployed Sociologists  
to participate in the 2005 Annual Meeting, August 12-14, Philadelphia, PA.**

The Erwin O. Smigel Award was established in 1975 to provide assistance to unemployed and underemployed sociologists (i.e., sociologists who have achieved an advanced degree and are not students and are working full or part time in any activity that would be of interest to one of the special problems divisions). Erwin 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 be 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, 2005 to:**

**Stella M. Capek  
Department of Sociology  
Hendrix College, 1600 Washington Avenue  
Conway, AR 72032  
W: 501-450-1308; F: 501-450-1400; CAPEK@HENDRIX.EDU**

**OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

*Patrick Donnelly, University of Dayton  
Lloyd Klein, Bemidji State University*



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# Erwin O. Smigel Award Application

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code) (Home) (Work)

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Meal Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSSP will support up to \$15 US/per day.

Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state why you consider yourself "underemployed," if applicable.  
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Please state your planned contributions to the meeting. Only members who have been accepted for program participation or participating as an elected or appointed officer or committee member will be considered.  
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**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 chair.  
Applicants will be notified by the chair if their application was accepted/rejected no later than May 15, 2005.**



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### 2005 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

Nominations are open for the 2005 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 **Philadelphia 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 13, 2005 at the SSSP Awards Banquet in Philadelphia, PA. **Deadline for nominations is May 15, 2005.**

#### PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

|      |                   |                                                                                         |
|------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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<br>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<br>P.A.C.E Center for Girls<br>Haitian Refugee Center                |
| 1992 | Pittsburgh, PA    | Pittsburgh Jobs with Peace Campaign                                                     |
| 1991 | Cincinnati, OH    | Ohio Welfare Rights Organization<br>ReSTOC Inc.                                         |

## **2005 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 May 15, 2005 to:**

**Talmadge Wright  
Department of Sociology  
Sonoma State University  
1801 East Cotati Avenue  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
W: 707-664-2703; TALMADGE.WRIGHT@SONOMA.EDU**

**Other Committee Members:**

*Tammy Anderson, University of Delaware*  
*Joel Best, University of Delaware*  
*Stephen Couch, Penn State University, Schuylkill Campus*  
*Kamini Grahame, Penn State University, Harrisburg*  
*Arthur B. Shostak, Drexel University*  
*Susan Will, CUNY John Jay College*  
*Tukufu Zuberi, University of Pennsylvania*

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## ATTENTION: MEETING PARTICIPANTS, STUDENTS, AND NEW MEMBERS:

Never been to a SSSP meeting before? Sign up for the mentoring program for new members and graduate students! Learning to navigate meetings is not difficult, but a meeting mentor can make the process less awkward and lonely. SSSP will match you to a person who will meet with you, and help orient you to the organization and meetings.

If you are a meeting veteran, would you be willing to help a graduate student or new faculty member out at the meetings as a mentor? Remember those awkward days when you were trying to meet people? Although the meetings are often too jampacked with work and catching up with old friends, being a mentor is absolutely worthwhile. Mentoring a new member gives you a fresh perspective on the meetings, and allows you to give something invaluable to them - a connection.

Whether you are an old hand or a newcomer (however you want to define that), please email your contact information (name, affiliation, address, email, and researching/teaching interest areas) before June 1 to Joya Misra, Chair, Lee Student Support Fund Committee (misra@soc.umass.edu). Please indicate whether you're a newcomer or a returning SSSP member. See you in Philly!

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS - 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

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**The Society for the Study of Social Problems  
55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Registration  
August 12-14, 2005  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1800 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA  
(Program Participant Deadline: Program participants must preregister by May 31.)**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First/Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Affiliation(s) for badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would like to be identified as working outside academia so that you may meet other engaged non-academics.

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make your hotel reservation at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and preregister for the Annual Meeting no later than July 15 in order to have your name entered in a contest. The winner will receive a room upgrade and welcome amenity (at the Crowne Plaza Hotel) courtesy of SSSP. The winner's name will also appear in the final program.**

| <b>*REGISTRATION FEES (US DOLLARS): Check one</b>                                                                                 | <u>Preregistration (until July 15)</u> | <u>On-Site</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration <b>Including</b> Banquet                                                             | \$135                                  | \$150          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration <b>Only</b>                                                                          | \$95                                   | \$110          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Unemployed Member Registration <b>Including</b> Banquet                                          | \$60                                   | \$80           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Unemployed Member Registration <b>Only</b>                                                       | \$20                                   | \$40           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Registration<br>(for non-exempt presenters who do not wish to become members)                 | \$145                                  | \$160          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Student Registration<br>(for non-exempt student presenters who do not wish to become members) | \$70                                   | \$90           |

**GUEST REGISTRATION:** One guest registration is permitted with each full registration category above. Guest registration provides a name badge only (name only, no affiliation). Any guest who wants full access to SSSP sessions or special events and a program packet must register individually and pay the full registration fee and membership dues.

Guest (name badge only) \$10 \$20

Guest Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

**ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKET/S:** Saturday, August 13, 8:00pm - 10:00pm, \$40 each \_\_\_\_\_

Check here for a vegan entree.

**DONATE A BANQUET TICKET PROGRAM:**

Donate a banquet ticket to a deserving graduate student, foreign scholar, or scholar-activist, \$40 each \_\_\_\_\_

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AIDS FUNDRAISER:**

Friday, August 12, 9:00pm - 11:00pm, tickets \$15 each (Students and new members will receive a complimentary ticket.) \_\_\_\_\_

**AIDS FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TICKET/S:** tickets \$5 each \_\_\_\_\_

You do not have to be present to win. The winner will be announced at the AIDS Fundraiser.

Prizes include: 1. A two-night stay at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, the 2005 SSSP conference hotel, which you can apply to your hotel bill at the conclusion of the meeting; or 2. A two-night stay at the Roosevelt Hotel, the 2006 SSSP conference hotel, which you can apply to your hotel bill at next year's meeting.

**\*MEMBERSHIP DUES:** You must be a current member to attend the Annual Meeting. **If you are already a 2005 member, skip this section.**

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| ___ First Time Professional Member     | \$35 | ___ \$75,000 & up     | \$135   |
| ___ \$24,999 and under                 | \$50 | ___ Life Membership   | \$1,200 |

OVER

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Make check or money order payable, in **US DOLLARS** to SSSP or provide credit card authorization below.

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**DEADLINE: Forms and payments must be postmarked by/faxed no later than July 15 to be eligible for the preregistration discount.** Preregistration ends on July 15. Any forms received after July 15 will be processed at the on-site rate. **All program participants must preregister by May 31 in order to have their names listed in the final program.**

**REFUND POLICY:** Registration fees will be refunded to persons who notify us prior to July 15. Once the final program is printed and participant packets have been prepared, the cost of processing the participant has occurred. Unfortunately, under no circumstances will SSSP issue refunds for no-shows.

**ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES:** Registrants with disabilities may request accessibility services such as sign language interpreters, sighted guides, accessible accommodations, etc., to facilitate their full participation in the Annual Meeting. If you need accessibility services, please check the box below. The Administrative Officer will contact you about service arrangements.

Accessible Services Request: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATE A BANQUET TICKET PROGRAM:** Some members purchase extra banquet tickets for graduate students, foreign scholars, and scholar-activists. Please check the box below if you are interested in applying for a complimentary ticket. Donated tickets will be distributed on a first come/first served basis. SSSP will notify all recipients no later than July 15.

I would like to be considered for a complimentary banquet ticket.

Please indicate your classification.  Graduate Student  Foreign Scholar  Scholar-Activist

**MEETING MENTOR PROGRAM:** Would you like to participate in the meeting mentor program? If so, the Lee Student Support Fund Committee will pair you with a mentor and provide you with his/her contact information no later than June 30.

Yes  No If yes, list your areas of interest. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to serve as a mentor for a graduate student or new faculty member?

Yes  No If yes, list your areas of interest. \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOMMATE MATCHING SERVICE:** Would you like to participate in the roommate matching service? If so, the Executive Office will send you a list of those who are interested in sharing a room no later than June 30. Please indicate your smoking preference.

Yes  No  Smoking  Non-smoking

**RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT IN US DOLLARS TO:**

SSSP, University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996-0490; or fax to (865) 689-1534 (**credit card payments only**); or register online at <http://www.sssp1.org> (**credit card payments only**).

**GENERAL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer  
SSSP, University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower  
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490  
Work: (865) 689-1531; Fax: (865) 689-1534; Email: [mkoontz3@utk.edu](mailto:mkoontz3@utk.edu)  
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**\*Requests for exemption from meeting registration and membership dues must be approved by: Tim Diamond, Program Co-Chair, [tdiamond@ryerson.ca](mailto:tdiamond@ryerson.ca) or PJ McGann, Program Co-Chair, [pjmcgann@umich.edu](mailto:pjmcgann@umich.edu) or Gary Alan Fine, President, [g-fine@northwestern.edu](mailto:g-fine@northwestern.edu). When sending an email, please place SSSP in the subject line.**



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Reservations must be confirmed by Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to guarantee your negotiated group rate. Reservations received after this date or if the room block is filled prior to that date, are subject to availability and rate increase. Rates are subject to prevailing taxes at 14%.

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