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**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SSSP
NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 15, 2001.**

From The Executive Office

Tom Hood

First, allow me to apologize for taking this space to raise a question that may be lingering in the mind of many of our members. "Why are we meeting in Anaheim almost within walking distance to the entrance to Disneyland."

Twenty-five years ago, the Lees wrote:

"Our journal, *Social Problems*, to our sorrow, lends little distinction to the Society. It lacks controversy, variety, and fresh outlooks. It is jargonish, methodologically precious, and neglectful of macro-sociological and macro-social problems. Where are the contributors who criticize political and sociological pomposities, special interest propaganda, and incompetencies? Why haven't sociologists through *Social Problems* portrayed the politico-economic corruption of our society as an inherent concomitant of domestic and imperialistic plutocracy? Why aren't these articles debating the rewards and ravages of elitism in our profession? In short, why must *Social Problems* articles so often exhibit the same inconsequentialities, the same evasions of significant discussion and the same careerism that are the hallmarks of so much other sociological literature?"(From their paper presented at the 1975 Annual Meeting in San Francisco)

What is your assessment of our organization and our journal today? Are we guilty of the sociological pomposities of the seventies? Are we simply enjoying our affluence with an "anything goes" mentality regarding our own behavior, while many in the world struggle to have both food and shelter to survive and/or work to lower the rate of illiteracy in their locale? Our meeting next year will be conducted near one of America's playgrounds.

Fortunately, I remembered that Sharon Zukin, C.Wright Mills Award winner for her 1991 Book, *Landscapes of Power*, had something to say about Los Angeles and Disneyland. Allow me to quote several passages.

"The entire landscape of cities like Miami and Los Angeles visually projects the liminality between *market* and *place*. The usual forms of social control-by police, employers, corporate elites-are embedded in an amusing architecture and individualized means of consumption like automobiles. Although L.A. and Miami are real cities, they are built on the power of dreamscape, collective fantasy, and façade. This landscape is explicitly produced for visual consumption. Moreover, it is *self-consciously* produced. (p.219)

All his life Disney wanted to create his own amusement park. He wanted no mere thrill rides or country fair: he wanted to project the vernacular of the American small town as an image of social harmony. "The idea of

Disneyland is a simple one. It will be a place for people to find happiness and knowledge," Disney said. (pp.221-22)

Anchored by a castle and a railroad station, Disneyland evoked the fantasies of domesticity and illicit mobility that were found in the vernacular architecture of southern California. The castle and station were joined on an axis by "Main Street, USA," an ensemble of archaic commercial facades. This mock-up in fact idealized the vernacular architecture Disney remembered from his childhood in Marceline, Missouri, before World War I. But Disney had not had a happy childhood. The son of a disappointed utopian who drifted between factory jobs and small business ventures that always failed, Disney designed Disneyland by abstracting a promise of security from the vernacular.

Disney's fantasy both restored and invented collective memory. "This is what the real Main Street should have been like," one of Disneyland's planners or "imagineers" says. "What we create," according to another, "is a 'Disney realism,' sort of Utopian in nature, where we carefully program out all the negative, unwanted elements and program in the positive elements."(p.222)

I believe that we should recognize that a visit to this area is an opportunity to study closely the propaganda of consumption that pervades life in the U.S.A today. Some of you have seen the video, *Affluenza*, which critiques the consumptive patterns of Americans. I believe that Al and Betty would visit the landscape of consumption in Anaheim with an eye to producing a sociological critique of propaganda of the powerful that exerts a hegemonic influence over the majority of Americans. All eighteen of our Special Problems Divisions could have something to say at our meeting in this place. My challenge to you is to use your sociological imagination to see through this propaganda to what you believe to be the real problems confronting America and the world. Share your thinking by contributing a paper, panel discussion or poster to one of the sessions at the 2001 annual meeting. Join us in continuing the vision that has made the Society for the Study of Social Problems a lively forum for the last fifty years.

Thank you again to all of the people who made the 2000 meetings so successful. Thanks to all of the session organizers. Particular thanks to President Bob Perrucci, to Meeting Manager and Administrative Officer, Michele Smith Koontz, to Local Arrangements Chair, Phyllis A. Langton and to the staff at the Mayflower Renaissance Hotel who met our needs most graciously.

Tom Hood, Executive Officer

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2000 C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2000 C. Wright Mills Award. Members of the society are encouraged to submit letters of nomination for this prestigious annual award. Edited volumes and textbooks are not eligible.

The C. Wright Mills Award, established in 1964, is made annually and carries with it a stipend of \$500 for the author(s) of the winning book. The deadline for the 2000 Award nominations is January 15, 2001. The 2000 Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, August 17-19, 2001.

C. Wright Mills wrote in *The Power Elite* that: "Only when mind has an autonomous basis, independent of power, but powerfully related to it, can mind exert its force in the shaping of human affairs. This is democratically possible only when there exists a free and knowledgeable public, to which [people] of knowledge may address themselves, and to which [people] of power are truly responsible." Consistent with Mills' dedication to a search for a sophisticated understanding of the individual and society, the award will be given for that book published in 2000 that most effectively:

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

Please submit nominations to:

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2001 LEE-FOUNDERS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2001 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 for the Study of Social Problems and especially to the humanist tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee.

Previous winners include:

2000	Beth B. Hess, County College of Morris Norma Williams, University of Texas at Arlington
1999	Gary L. Albrecht, University of Illinois, Chicago
1998	John I. Kitsuse, University of California, Santa Cruz
1997	Irwin Deutscher, University of Akron
1996	No Winner Chosen
1995	Gideon Sjoberg, University of Texas
1994	Joyce A. Ladner, Howard University
1993	Irving Kenneth Zola, Brandeis University
1992	Marvin B. Sussman, University of Delaware
1991	Richard Cloward, Columbia University Francis Fox Piven, CUNY, Graduate Center
1990	Louis Kriesberg, Syracuse University
1989	Arlene Kaplan Daniels, Northwestern University
1988	James E. Blackwell, University of Massachusetts, Boston
1987	John Useem, SSSP Life Member Ruth Hill Useem, SSSP Life Member
1986	Jessie Bernard, Pennsylvania State University
1985	Butler Jones, Cleveland State University
1984	Elliot Liebow, National Institute of Mental Health
1983	Charles V. Willie, Harvard University
1982	S.M. Miller, Boston University Joan Moore, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

The 2001 award will be presented at the 51st Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, August 17-19, 2001. Nominations should be consistent with the specified criteria.

Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 13, 2001 to:

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CRITERIA FOR THE LEE-FOUNDERS AWARD

1. The nominee must have been an active member of the Society for the Study of Social Problems 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 for the Study of Social Problems. 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 creation and 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 Lee's.

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.

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Search for Next Editor of *Social Problems*

The **Editorial and Publications Committee** has begun its search for the next editor of *Social Problems*. The Editor's three-year term starts with operation of the new editorial office at mid-year 2002 and assumption of responsibility for editing Volumes 50-52 (years 2003-2005, inclusive). All members of the Society are encouraged to apply and/or nominate colleagues or who are open to all theoretical and methodological approaches for the sociological analysis of social problems.

The Editorial Office is responsible for preparing four issues of the journal for publication annually. The editor is responsible for copy editing and proofreading of manuscripts in accordance with customary publishing standards. In addition, the Editorial Office secures transfer to the Society of any copyright that authors hold on their individual papers. Each year the Editorial Office will be expected to submit a budget to cover operating costs that are not supported by the host institution or organization. Such costs might include salaries and fringe benefits for managing editor and editorial assistant, travel, office supplies and expenses, communication and mailing expenses, duplicating charges, and relocation expenses.

Thus, the Society is looking for an individual with previous editorial experience (i.e., service on editorial boards and/or as associate editor), strong organizational and management skills, the ability to work well with others, and possessing the imagination and insight that brings out the best in articles before they go into print.

Support is expected from the host institution, including office space, utilities, the use of a computer and other office equipment, technical support, clerical support, a graduate student tuition waiver, other basic expenses, and faculty release time.

Nominations, requests for further information, or names of potential nominees should be sent to: Anna M. Santiago, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, Wayne State University, School of Social Work, 219 Thompson Home, Detroit MI 48202; Work: (313) 577-8806; Fax: (313) 577-8770; Email: ad4345@wayne.edu.

Complete applications should include a statement of the nominee's qualifications and experience; a statement of local support and resources available at host institution for the three-year period (including a letter of commitment from the appropriate academic officer); the nominee's editorial philosophy, a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae; and a first year Editorial Office budget, including the itemization of support provided by the host institution and the level of support requested from the Society. Please submit 10 copies of these materials to the Chair of the Committee. **Applications should be postmarked no later than March 1, 2001.**

Search for Next Editor of *SSSP Newsletter*

The **Editorial and Publications Committee** has begun its search for the next editor of the *SSSP Newsletter*. Through the use of member exchanges, book reviews and debates, committee reports, and official reports and announcements of the Society, the *SSSP Newsletter* is one of the primary means of communication among members of SSSP. The Board of Directors of the Society wants to ensure that the Newsletter remains an effective vehicle for generating interest and involvement in the society, for facilitating communication across Divisions, and for providing service to the Divisions and the members. The next Newsletter editor will serve during the Fall 2002 - Summer 2005 term.

The Editor is expected to prepare three newsletters per year, and is responsible for gathering and making decisions on materials for publication as well as for preparing the final proof copies for the printer. The Society provides a modest stipend for the Editor and a budget to pay for one student assistant and the expenses of preparation and distribution of the *SSSP Newsletter*.

Additional support is expected from the host institution, including office space, the use of a computer and other office equipment, and release time. Since the Editor must coordinate with the Executive Office and with the officers of the Society, the Editor must be able to work well with others. Familiarity with the workings of the Society and previous editorial experience is highly desirable.

Self-nominations, requests for further information, or names of potential nominees should be sent to: Anna M. Santiago, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, Wayne State University, School of Social Work, 219 Thompson Home, Detroit MI 48202; Office: (313) 577-8806; Fax: (313) 577-8770; Email: ad4345@wayne.edu.

Complete applications should include a statement of the nominee's qualifications and experience; statement of local support and resources available at host institution; the nominee's editorial philosophy, and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Please submit 10 copies of these materials to the Chair of the Committee. **Applications should be postmarked no later than March 1, 2001.**

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### **Presidential Series: The Past, Present and Promise of the SSSP: A Personal, Biased and Probably Highly Unreliable Account**

**John Galliher**

**Organization Origins and Annual Meetings.** During my first year of graduate study at Indiana University my primary faculty advisors, Albert Cohen and Alfred Lindesmith (both former SSSP presidents), advised me to join the organization. When I began graduate school I was very young and very green, but Al Cohen and Alfred Lindesmith always had a kind and encouraging word for me. These two gentle people became my life-long friends. Lindesmith was well know for having spent forty years fighting, usually alone, the emerging racist war on drugs. The Federal Bureau of Narcotics attempted to have him dismissed from his teaching post, tried to censor his research and publication, and had plans to set him up for arrest on drug possession charges. As a beginning graduate student I found Lindesmith to be a compelling role model. For his part, Al Cohen was by far the most well prepared and analytical classroom teacher I ever encountered. Every one of his lectures was of publishable quality. So when Cohen and Lindesmith offered advice about professional membership I listened.

While attending my first SSSP meeting in the early 1960's Al Cohen introduced me around and I soon met the organization's co-founders, Betty and Al Lee. From the beginning Betty treated me as an equal, even if I was not. In my view the SSSP bears a collective guilt for not having given Betty proper recognition during her lifetime. It is shocking that she was never elected SSSP president even though she was every bit as much a cofounder as Al Lee. Moreover, I am convinced that her dissertation on professional women, which has never been published as a book, should be provided a subvention and published by the SSSP. I am only sorry that we did not do this prior to Betty's death in 1999. I was not quite as close to Al Lee as to Betty, although in general I admired his values, as well as his spunk and courage. Al Lee possessed a deep feeling of obligation to the community and a keen sense of moral outrage. Yet his commitment sometimes ran amuck due to his legendary lack of tact. As a peripatetic crusader against injustice he always needed a good supply of villains. If truth be told I was slightly afraid of accidentally doing something that would displease Al Lee, since he was continually ranting and raving about something, often either the KKK or the ASA. While I have never been a member of the former I am still a member of the latter.

Soon I got to know Rudy Alvarez and from the beginning he greeted me as a long lost friend. Those who know Rudy also know that he possesses a humility, decency and grace that sets him apart from the crowd. He responds to indignities leveled against America's people of color and the poor with reason and civility but also with a determination to bring these practices to an end. During the late 1960's I also met Irwin Deutscher whose moral passion and commitment to racial justice led him to frequent civil disobedience and arrest. Whatever the drawbacks of my long association with Missouri University, I've always been proud to say that Irwin received four degrees, including the Ph.D., from this institution. Through Irwin I soon met Pam Roby who had been his graduate TA at Syracuse. I recall being profoundly influenced by Pam's writing on prostitution and the origins of criminal law published in *Social Problems* (1969). I also especially appreciated her 1971 piece in *The American Sociologist* written with S.M. "Mike" Miller on the need for sociologists to do more research on economic inequality to assist in the redistribution of income from the rich to the poor. Soon thereafter I met Gideon Sjoberg who through nearly thirty years has assisted me in things large and small. His wise counsel, and that of Jim Orcutt and Howie Becker, has often helped me to appear to be smarter than I am.

In those early days of SSSP the meetings were curiously both chummy and conflict-ridden affairs. It seemed that it was us against the world. The sessions were typically presided over by one or more scholars giving their junior colleagues the benefit of their experience and understanding. On one occasion I remember Alvin Gouldner condemning the SSSP for honoring the research on gay men conducted by Laud Humphreys (one of his students who he earlier had punched in the face for an imagined classroom slight). During one presidential address some years ago I remember Betty Lee advising me that she was ready to walk out if the incumbent defamed women as she feared he would. Earlier, Al Lee had roundly condemned James Coleman for his allegations of the negative consequences of school racial integration. Al argued that Coleman's research was fraudulent and attempted to have him censured by the ASA ethics committee. Not surprisingly nothing came of this. Suffice it to say that the meetings could be rancorous and boisterous, but never boring.

**Organization Leadership.** Unlike other national professional associations, university affiliation has not been significant in becoming a leader in the SSSP. Former presidents have been affiliated with institutions from the most prominent universities in the nation to junior colleges. And so far as I can tell gender, ethnicity, race and religion have been no barrier to leadership. I've recognized little or no special deference given on the basis of one's professional affiliation, and refreshingly, I've found no reason for members to apologize for their employment, race, religion or sexual orientation. Such elementary justice does not exist to the same degree in other professional associations.

**The Journal.** *Social Problems* has always been a very high quality publication that provides encouragement to progressive scholarship. Unlike other journals that have a dictatorial editorial process, my experience over four decades is that our journal nurtures ideas and has offered constructive reviews, even in cases where the paper has not been published. In short, there has been a sense of community in the meetings and in the journal. During the late 1970's when Richard Colvard was the editor I submitted a manuscript dealing with Utah's drug laws. Two anonymous reviewers accused me of an anti-Mormon bias and recommended that my manuscript be rejected, which it was. I complained to Richard about the groundlessness of these charges of bias. He reconsidered the paper, had it reviewed again and it was eventually published by the journal. We must maintain this democracy and accountability. *Social Problems* is better than ever as a scholarly publication, but we must make sure that quality does not interfere with the pursuit and expression of humanistic values. The journal has been catholic in its methodology and theory, unlike totally technocratic and ostensibly value neutral publications. I hope that the articles in the journal will never lose sight of the obligation to remain relevant to the creation of just and fair public policy. And clearly there has never been an undemocratic scandal in the editor selection as recently occurred in the ASA.

**The Challenges of a Changing ASA.** I don't think it is hyperbole to say that Al Lee always considered the ASA to be a terrorist organization led by evil, wealthy white men. As I recall it was during the late 1960s that the ASA Council refused to condemn the war in Vietnam since it was argued that this international conflict was not a scientific matter that a scholarly association ought to address. To reform the organization, in 1975 Al Lee mounted a successful write-in campaign for ASA President. During his tenure as president he instituted changes to make the organization more democratic and to give minorities and women more of a voice in the affairs of the association. To some extent he was successful. And since it is now much easier to read a paper at the ASA meetings, this provides a new challenge to the SSSP convention. In addition, in an attempt to make the ASA more attractive the organization has developed a plethora of sections including those devoted to Marxism, undergraduate education, theory, gender, alcohol and drugs, among a host of others.

In spite of these reforms, the old saw, "the mores things change, the more they remain the same" applies to the ASA. Ida and Richard Simpson recently noted the ASR's ever-increasing exclusion of authors associated with not-elite universities (*Sociological Forum* 1994). Accordingly, ASA insiders obviously feel a need to take any measures necessary to rigidly control editorial policy by dictating the selection of ASR editors. The so-called flagship journal of the ASA, the *American Sociological Review*, is in fact a specialty journal that generally reserves its space for quantitative-technical reports, with little theoretical or policy significance, and should be renamed. Whatever else it is it is not a *review of sociology*. One modest proposal I'd like to submit for consideration, in the spirit of truth in



advertising, is the *Quantitative Technical Review*, or the *QTR*. Another possibility might be the *Journal of Federally Funded Reports (JFFR)*. Harvey Molotch (*Sociological Forum* 1994:229) has argued that "naming this way might unite people who approach research and teaching in a similar manner.... It would look bad for the gentiles, but it would capture something real."

But at one time the ASA did publish a journal that was open to progressive writing and research, *The American Sociologist* (TAS). In addition to the Roby-Miller paper mentioned above, in 1969 TAS editor Ray Mack solicited a paper for publication that reads in part: "Sociology has risen to its present prosperity and eminence on the blood and bones of the poor and oppressed: it owed its prestige in this society to its putative ability to give information and advice to the ruling class of this society about ways and means to keep people down" (Nicolaus 1969:155). As early as 1972 (in TAS) the ASA Executive Officer, Jay Demerath (apparently aided and abetted by Hans Mauksch) threatened to "jettison" the journal. By the early 1980s TAS was killed by the ASA leadership (*ASA Footnotes* February 1982). Although the ASA Council claimed that such a decision would be made on the basis of financial and circulation considerations, clearly this was untrue. TAS had approximately the same paid subscription as three other ASA journals, but it alone was dropped. The reason for the death of TAS was surely the spirit of the publication that apparently had long angered Demerath and other ASA leaders. Were it not for Transaction Publishers we would not have *The American Sociologist* today.

**Back from the Brink of Bankruptcy.** I've been assured that for a time the costs of running the SSSP executive office were out of control and this organization nearly ceased to exist. This crisis, and its resolution, caused deep and lingering resentments among some of our members. Added to this is a genuine difference of opinion about whether a progressive professional association should even have a bank balance. Some members argue that we should give away all or our financial holdings and that the existence of a bank account reflects our lack of commitment to social justice. Others counter that we must maintain our cash reserve if we are to continue to offer travel assistance to graduate students and the SSSP Minority Fellowship. I know of no way to resolve these differences, that may be as basic a reflection of differing philosophies of how we should run the financing of our own households. And whatever else one may feel about the history of the Executive Office it is clear the Michele Koontz and Tom Hood are a dynamic duo that are unbeatable. In spite of her tender years Michele shows a maturity and commitment to the association that is awe-inspiring. At this point it is appropriate to mention that for nine years my friend Salle Boggs served faithfully and ably as SSSP Secretary with no compensation for a job beautifully done.

**SSSP as Social Movement.** We know that social movements of all types tend to become staid and lose their vigor as they continue to age. Direct action in the community may be one way of bringing more passion to our association. It is clear to me that public protests are a professional responsibility, as the lives of my friends Pam Roby, S.M. Miller, and Irwin Deutscher demonstrate. In my view it is not sufficient for us to be classroom liberals. If and when we can assist progressive people in the community the SSSP membership attending the convention should take some time to join local organizations and swell their numbers in public protest. To do otherwise makes us disinterested and privileged observers. Horrible corruption and brutality among the police in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles provide examples of the need for such demonstrations. In my view, we owe these demonstrations to the community and ultimately to ourselves.

Other compelling injustices are easy to identify. Some defendants have been sentenced to death due to the racist lies of police and prosecutors. In every state we have a war on drugs that threatens the very survival of the black and hispanic communities. As jobs leave the inner city and an ever-increasing proportion of African Americans are incarcerated this policy serves as an obscene kind of employment and birth control program. In most cases these criminal convictions strip the offender of the right to vote which neutralizes any possibility of political muscle in the inner city. And our federal government is pursuing a foreign polity that makes the United States the number one international bully, epitomized by the School of the Americas at Ft. Benning, in Columbus, Georgia which trains right-wing terrorists. Recent murders demonstrate that new protections and guarantees for our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters must be provided in both civilian and military life.

**Conclusions Regarding the Way Ahead.** In my view to be true to the origins of the SSSP we must strive to maintain an ethical-humanist-intellectual community and remember that understanding must be used to address the pressing social problems of our time. The work of younger scholars such as Valerie Jenness on hate crimes, Ellen Reese on welfare reform, Anna Riley, Don Cunnigen and Teresa Guess on racism, Larry Koch and Herb Haines on capital punishment, David Keys on the drug wars and Wayne Brekus on the gay community lead me to believe that the organization will continue to be in good hands.

We can take our cues from ASA failures. If the ASA convention seems simultaneously elitist, patronizing, staged and contrived, we should strive to have meetings that are open and diverse. If the ASA has a list of unwritten political and demographic requirements for journal editors, the SSSP can surely avoid this. If the ASA censors conflict-ridden publications, we should encourage it in our journal by a willingness to publish the widest variety of data, methods and theory, demanding only the highest quality research focused on the theory and practice of justice.

## ***CALL FOR NOMINATIONS***

### **2001 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD**

Nominations are now open for the 2001 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 and carries with it 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 it established this award, 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 **southern California area (particularly south of Los Angeles)** 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 18, 2001 at the SSSP Awards Banquet in Anaheim, CA.

**Deadline for nominations is May 15, 2001.**

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2001 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD NOMINATION INFORMATION

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

Your Name, Address, and Phone.

The Organization You Wish to Nominate.

Organization's Address.

Organizational Contact Person and Phone Number.

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 to:

Patricia Morgan
1916 Woolsey Street
Berkeley, CA 94703

Home: (510) 843-3106 Fax: (501) 849-0578; Email: MOMORGAN@UCLINK4.BERKELEY.EDU

TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

THE 2001 AL MCCLUNG LEE FUND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES: FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS to participate at the 2001 Annual Meeting, August 17-19, Anaheim, CA.

In recognition of Al Lee's commitment to social justice and his history of critical contributions to SSSP, the Society for the Study of Social Problems established the Al McClung Lee Fund to facilitate conference participation by graduate students. For the 2001 meetings, 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.

Applications (see next page) should be sent **no later than March 15** to:

Patti Adler
Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, CB327
Boulder, CO 80309-0327
Phone: (303) 449-3021; Fax: (303) 444-8755; Email: ADLER@SPOT.COLORADO.EDU

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Dan Egan, University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Catherine Fobes, Alma College

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## **THE 2001 SCHOLAR-ACTIVIST FUND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES: FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN SCHOLAR-ACTIVISTS to participate at the 2001 Annual Meeting, August 17-19, Anaheim, CA.**

The Society for the Study Social Problems established the Scholar-Activist Fund to help bring foreign scholar-activists to the Annual Meetings. 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.

Applications (see next page) should be sent **no later than March 15** to:

**Richard Dello Buono**  
Department of Sociology, Dominican University, 7900 West Division Street  
River Forest, IL 60305  
Work: (708) 524-6778; Fax: (708) 366-5360; Email: RDELLOB@EMAIL.DOM.EDU

**OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**  
*John Alessio, Marywood University*  
*Alfonso R. Latoni, American Sociological Association*  
*Patricia Morgan, University of California-Berkeley*

# Al McClung Lee Fund or Foreign Scholar-Activist Application

APPLICATION DEADLINE--MARCH 15, 2001

(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 a graduate student, you must apply to the Al McClung Lee Fund.) **All applicants must be current SSSP members when applying for assistance.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Street) (City) (State & Zip Code) (Country)

Please indicate how you plan to travel to the meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSSP will support estimated air coach fare; auto travel at \$.18/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 meeting room rate is: \$123 plus 15% occupancy tax per night. Exceptions will **ONLY** 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 a postcard confirming the receipt of their application.

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



# SSSP REVIEW

Critical Essays and Commentary on Social Research

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## Sue the Bastards! Or Should We Bindingly Arbitrate the Bastards? A Review of *A Civil Action* and Erin Brockovich

J. Timmons Roberts  
Tulane University

In late 1998, environmental activists around the country got word that John Travolta was about to release a blockbuster film version of the legal thriller *A Civil Action*. Local groups and national environmentalists jumped at the opportunity to use the film as an opportunity to draw attention to their own battles trying to hold polluting companies responsible for their actions in contaminating neighborhoods and endangering people's lives.

*A Civil Action* followed the book of the same name by Jonathan Harr rather faithfully. The story upon which both were based is of a group of families living in the old tannery town Woburn, Massachusetts, whose children were dying of cancer. They contracted attorney Jan Schlichtmann to take two big polluters to court. Much of both the book and movie are a character study of Schlichtmann, who appears to be as driven as he is egotistical. The book is more sympathetic to Schlichtman; the movie makes him simply look unreasonable. Refusing to settle for the twenty million dollars offered him by W.R. Grace's lead attorney (who is buddies with the judge), he single-mindedly runs his firm into bankruptcy and personal crisis.

In an effort to bring excitement and star-appeal to jump-start the first week of my Environmental Sociology class, I used the book and the movie in 1999. This year, I used the movie again, this time with Phil Brown's and Edwin Mikkelsen's *No Safe Place* (University of California Press), which examines the sociological side of the Woburn case.

The film has value for teaching about contaminated communities and their choice of strategies to fight polluters. Students learn about an important case and the difficulties and frustrations of fighting a huge corporation and its lawyers. The biggest problem is that the film is a major downer. In watching the film again and hearing students respond, the lessons of the case are valuable, but somewhat muddy. Are lawsuits a viable strategy to obtain justice? Should Schlichtmann have

settled earlier? Should he have been more frugal in running the lawsuit?

What is clear from the film is that the people in the town will never get what they really want, which is mostly just an apology from the firms. Legally they cannot admit guilt, or they open themselves to an onslaught of further litigation. We see the people in the town get very little out of the lawsuit. At the end of the film, the massive amount of research on toxics and health (financed on Schlichtmann's firm's credit cards) is archived by forklift at some nameless EPA warehouse. This final shot seems borrowed from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, but here it overwhelms the viewer with a devastating sense of hopelessness.

The settlement and later successful EPA lawsuit against the polluters and the major cleanup project are mentioned only in the text, which flashes, on the screen before the credits roll. As Phil Brown suggests, these text screens should also have expressed the strong vindication that the people's struggle has finally achieved. He suggests they should read "The Massachusetts Department of Public Health reanalyzed the leukemia data a year ago and finally agreed with the families that the well water was associated with childhood leukemia." He reports to me that local people apparently have information that the film's producer, Disney, was pressured by Beatrice Foods (the other alleged polluter of the wells) to keep that out.

After the hopeless feeling left by *Civil Action*, it was a pleasant surprise this spring to have a new big ticket toxic tort flick, *Erin Brockovich*, starring Julia Roberts. This film came with none of the great expectations, press releases, and networking websites of *Civil Action*. All that came around was one email in the week the film debuted, with a quote in its header from the real Erin Brockovich, saying "Everything in the movie is true!"

The film is the opposite of a downer for most audience

members. In fact, at early screenings audiences were reported to have stood up and cheered and clapped at the outcome. Environmental sociologist David Sonnenfeld reported from Bangkok that "Erin Brockovich has been the #1 box office film in Bangkok for the last several weeks at least. It has received very positive reviews in the local press & attention from local environmental & labor activists." The film appears to be having some impact in the struggles over contaminated communities. Phil Brown aptly comments that "*Erin* shows the power of a social movement, while *Civil Action* shows powerful individuals. To watch *Erin* is to come out wanting to sign up, despite the difficulties. Not so with *Civil Action*."

Erin Brockovich is clearly an extraordinary woman, and our literature shows that the most typical driver of toxic struggles are women *from the community* which is affected, not clerks or lawyers. So the most useful film on the topic of contaminated communities, I would argue, remains to be made.

Julia Roberts is well cast in this film, which is largely a character study of a single mother Erin Brockovich. Brockovich by chance and by sheer chutzpa lands a job as a legal aid with a personal injury lawyer. She finds in his files strange items involving health claims in Hinkley, California, where Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) have a transformer factory which leaks toxic chromium into the groundwater. Unlike Schlichtmann, who starts in a Porsche and ends in a bankruptcy court, Brockovich starts in rags and ends in riches. What explains the difference? Binding arbitration.

According to the movie, binding arbitration seems to have done the people of Hinkley a mountain of good. On the positive side, the total settlement was for some \$333 million dollars; some fifty times what the Woburn plaintiffs received. The movie ends with a shocked Erin Brockovich getting a check for two million dollars from her boss Ed Masry.

As my Tulane political economy colleague Richard Teichgraeber pointed out, however, this is not a case of "redistributive justice." Masry's firm got some 40 percent of the settlement, or about \$130 million. Erin B. did the legwork and made the case happen, and got only \$2m. The rest of the 600 families split the other \$196 million, about \$330,000 each. That is much more than most settlements I'm aware of around here, which seems to be in range of \$5,000-50,000 per person. And in a scalding April 14, 2000 article by Kathleen Sharp at [http://www.salon.com/ent/feature/2000/04/14/sharp/ind\\_ex.html](http://www.salon.com/ent/feature/2000/04/14/sharp/ind_ex.html), one resident is quoted as saying simply "The movie is mostly lies, ... where is the rest of our money?" For environmental sociologists the lesson is clear and penetrating: even in victory, cash settlements create

jealousy and anger, and often divide neighbors and their supporters against one other.

Usefully, Sharp points out that the arbitration is a dangerous privatization of our justice system, allowing "those who can afford it to play by different rules." In fact the implications of hiring "rent-a-judges" is potentially very insidious. There are no legal limits to "currying favor," so law firms develop friendly judges by paying them well, hiring them often, and taking them on luxurious vacations.

In another attack, on July 14 ABC's 20/20 ran a segment by John Stossel on *Erin Brockovich*, lambasting the film and statements by Erin Brockovich herself, saying that linking chromium in Hinkley and illnesses there was stretching the facts (Sarah Tippit, July 24, 2000, Reuters News Service). Brockovich and her lawyer boss Ed Masry shot back with a press conference demanding a retraction, which unsurprisingly never came. Several email commentators blasted Stossel's bias against environmentalists, and questioned the Salon.com report. I cannot confirm or deny them here, but it is clear that people are aware of some high stakes in what message the public takes from this film.

And regardless of the veracity of the Salon.com and 20/20 reports, comparing the case to Woburn uncovers important lessons about out-of-court settlements. In the Hinkley case, because the two sides settled out of court, there is a gag order on their speech about the case and all the case's research is literally locked up forever in sealed documents. While some residents speak anyway, this is probably the movie that should have ended with the outtake from the *Lost Ark*. The implications of locking away all that research can be devastating for future communities fighting such polluters: they cannot use the medical findings nor any legal precedent on what types of evidence are admissible, and so on.

The case, then, bears some important similarities to the case of the mostly Mexican-American women workers at an Albuquerque electronics factory chronicled brilliantly in Steve Fox's book *Toxic Work* (1991, Temple University Press). In that book, upon which my students heap praise each year, Fox explores the negative implications of such settlements, calling them "white collar hush money."

I encouraged my students to see *Erin Brockovich* this year, and probably will again next year. I showed *A Civil Action* one evening early in the semester, but am debating not showing it again next year. Part of the take-home final exam in my Environmental Sociology class was to visit the Salon.com site and compare the Brockovich case with Woburn, Albuquerque, and others we discussed in the class. These were some of the most

satisfying exam responses I have ever read. The question is below. So go see these movies, or wait for the rental. The students like them, and they have jump-started class discussions on several occasions.

TAKE-HOME EXAM QUESTION 3: A. Much of the reading and discussion this semester has attempted to understand why groups of people in the U.S. who believe they've been poisoned on their jobs and in their neighborhoods respond the way they do. What are the possible responses, both active "problem-oriented" responses, and passive "emotion-based" responses? Take us through each possible response and, mustering the evidence from all the readings and class, argue why it is used or not used and by whom. Which responses

are most common? Why? B. The case of "Erin Brockovich" is similar and different from those of Woburn, GTE Lenkurt, and others we've discussed where victims went to lawyers in an attempt to gain recourse for their exposure problem. Discuss these three cases, and what drove the three different outcomes. Read the (10 page) article "Erin Brockovich: the Real Story" at: <http://www.salon.com/ent/feature/2000/04/14/sharp/index.html> (there is a link at the top "print this story" and at the end to a more "printer friendly version.") Discuss the implications of the settlement, in light of Fox's and the Brown/Mikkelson books, and the film "A Civil Action."

## ***SSSP NEWSLETTER NAMING CONTEST***

**What is our Newsletter anyway? Sure it's a Newsletter, but with substantive articles and book and film reviews, it's also more than a Newsletter. This being the case, what should it be named?**

**At the 2000 Annual Meeting, the SSSP Board of Directors authorized a contest to rename the SSSP Newsletter. The contest is open to the SSSP membership. Please send me your ideas. The winning name will be chosen at the 2001 Annual Meetings and will appear in the Fall 2001 issue of the SSSP Newsletter, with appropriate acknowledgment to the author of the winning entry.**

**Stephen Couch, Editor**  
**SRC@PSU.EDU**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS - ANNUAL MEETING** **The Association of Black Sociologists**

The Association of Black Sociologists deadline for submissions of papers, abstracts and session proposals is January 31, 2001. The theme of the meetings will be "African Americans in 2001: Issues and Social Policy."

The meetings will be held August 15-18, 2001 in Anaheim, California. Papers, abstracts, and session proposals may be sent to: Donald Cunnigen, ABS program Chairperson, Department of Sociology-Anthropology, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881-0808.

Email: [dcunn@uriacc.uri.edu](mailto:dcunn@uriacc.uri.edu)  
FAX: (401) 874-2588  
Voice: (401) 874-4302

# CALL FOR PAPERS

Partners in health, partners in crime: Explorations of the relationship between criminology and sociology of health and health care.

We invite outline proposals for contributions to the eighth monograph in the series to be published by **Sociology of Health & Illness**, in conjunction with Blackwell Publishers, in the year 2002. The monograph will explore the borderland between the realm of crime, violence and law enforcement, and the world of medicine and health care. Possible contributions include:

- The medicalisation of crime in courts and law enforcement
- Shifting medical conceptualisations of criminal acts, violence and criminal offenders
- Changes in the criminalisation of contested medical interventions
- Social patterning of crime and its relationship to addiction, violence, mental health and health care in general

We expect the majority of papers to report original empirical research but innovative theoretical and conceptual work will also be considered. We particularly welcome contributions from international researchers. The monograph will appear both as a regular issue of the journal and in book form. Potential contributors from North, Central and South America should send an outline proposal of up to 800 words by **November 30, 2000** to: **Stefan Timmermans, Sociology Department MS 071, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02154-9110, USA; fax (+1) 781-736-2653; e-mail: Timmermans@brandeis.edu**. Authors from Europe and elsewhere should send their outline by the same date to: **Jonathan Gabe, Department of Social and Political Science, Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, Surrey TW20 0EX; Fax (+44) (0) 1784 434375; email j.gabe@rhbc.ac.uk**. Outlines should take a structured form and for empirical papers should include (a) the major thesis or hypothesis (b) methods (c) data sources (d) a summary of findings and (e) conclusions. We will review all proposals and give notification of the outcome by **January 14, 2001**. We ask those invited to contribute to the monograph to submit articles of 6000-7000 words by **July 1, 2001**. All contributions will be refereed in the usual way and should follow the journal's stylistic guidelines. The monograph's planned publication date is September 2002.

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## *TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE*

**The 2001 ERWIN O. SMIGEL FUND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES:  
FUNDS AVAILABLE for UNEMPLOYED and UNDEREMPLOYED SOCIOLOGISTS  
to participate at the 2001 Annual Meeting, August 17-19, Anaheim, CA.**

The Erwin O. Smigel fund was established in about 1975 to provide assistance to unemployed and underemployed sociologists (i.e., sociologists who have completed their graduate studies and are teaching on a part-time or ad hoc basis). 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 Fund guidelines: 1) the Smigel Fund 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.

Applications (see next page) should be sent **no later than March 15** to:

**Lynn Schlesinger**  
**Department of Sociology, State University of New York-Plattsburgh, 101 Broad Street**  
**Plattsburgh, NY 12901**  
**Work: (518) 564-3004; Fax: (518) 564-3333; Email: LYNN.SCHLESINGER@PLATTSBURGH.EDU**

**OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

*Rachel Einwohner, Purdue University*  
*Shelly K. Habel, Whitman College*



# Erwin O. Smigel Fund Application

APPLICATION DEADLINE--MARCH 15, 2001

(Applications postmarked/faxed after March 15 are ineligible for consideration.)

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

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

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

Address where you can be reached after the May 15 announcement date:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Please indicate how you plan to travel to the meeting:  
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Travel Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SSSP will support a shared room (roommate matching service will be available). Our meeting room rate is: \$123 plus 15% occupancy tax per night. Exceptions will **ONLY** be made if extraordinary personal circumstances justify an individual room.

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 a postcard confirming the receipt of their application.  
If you do *not* receive a postcard 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.**

# **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

## **2001 MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are being accepted for the 2001 Minority Scholarship. Members of the society should urge qualified candidates to apply for this award. **The deadline for applications is March 16, 2001.** Applicants will be notified of the results by July 16, 2001.

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

### **SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE**

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

### **FUNDING**

Two \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded. An additional \$500 will be awarded to each winner for attendance at the annual meeting. Payments will be made in equal installments in September 2001 and January 2002. SSSP believes that the support of two students will foster the commitment required to enable the student to fund living arrangements as well as academic or research costs.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- \* A person accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the Social and/or Behavioral Sciences so as to expand their perspectives in the pursuit and investigations into social problems
- \* A grade point average or equivalent of at least 3.2
- \* Evidence, through scholarly work and/or commitment to a career of scholar activism as demonstrated by: course work and research, activism in school and/or community and career plans - Advanced graduate students preferred.
- \* Statement of financial need as expressed by the applicant and Graduate Program Director or Advisor
- \* Applicant should be a citizen of the United States

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECIPIENT**

- \* Attend SSSP Annual Meeting to receive the award
- \* Submit a brief final report (3 pages maximum) on the work sponsored through the award, at the end of the award year
- \* Following year present work (described above) at Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division Session (or appropriate division session);  
A \$500 stipend will be available to each winner for this purpose.
- \* Following year serve on the Minority Scholarship Fund Committee and attend scheduled meeting of the committee

### **STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS**

Seven complete application packets should be sent to the Committee Chair. **Incomplete packets will not be reviewed.** Each packet should be self-contained and include the following:

- 1) SSSP Minority Scholarship Application; 2) Transcript (one official copy & the rest copies); 3) Resume or Curriculum Vitae;
- 4) Three letters of recommendation, including one from the Graduate Program Director or Advisor (These letters can be in sealed and signed envelopes, if needed.); 5) Personal statement of commitment to a career of scholar activism; 6) If the scholarship request is in support of dissertation research, the applicant should provide the research topic and summary of proposed research and approach.

Contact Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer to receive an application or visit our homepage, <http://www.it.utk.edu/sssp>  
SSSP, 906 McClung Tower, Univ of TN, Knoxville, TN 37996-0490  
Work: (865) 974-3620; Fax: (865) 974-7013; Email: MKOONTZ3@UTK.EDU

### **7 COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

Donald Cunnigen, Chair, Minority Scholarship Committee  
Department of Sociology, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881-0808  
Work: (401) 874-4302; Fax: (401) 874-2588; Email: DCUNN@URIACC.URI.EDU

# MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code) (Home) (Work)

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where you can be reached after the announcement date:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Sex (Circle One):      Male              Female              Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Racial/Ethnic Identification: (Applicant should be a citizen of the United States)  
Black/African American \_\_\_\_\_  
Alaskan Native \_\_\_\_\_  
Latino/Hispanic (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
American Indian--tribal affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Asian (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Pacific Islander (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number & Age of Dependent Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a physical or mental impairment that limits your activities? (Circle One)      Yes              No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Current Educational Status:  
Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Education Background:  
Institution              Location              Dates Attended              Degree  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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Father's Education (circle years completed):

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

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

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Mother's Education (circle years completed):

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

### STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS

Seven complete application packets should be sent to the Committee Chair. **Incomplete packets will not be reviewed.** Each packet should be self-contained and include the following:

- (1) SSSP Minority Scholarship Application
- (2) Transcript (one official copy & the rest copies)
- (3) Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- (4) Three letters of recommendation, including one from the Graduate Program Director or Advisor (These letters can be in sealed and signed envelopes, if needed.)
- (5) Personal statement of commitment to a career of scholar activism
- (6) If the scholarship request is in support of dissertation research, the applicant should provide the research topic and summary of proposed research and approach.

**7 COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**  
**Donald Cunnigen, Chair, Minority Scholarship Committee**  
**Department of Sociology, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881-0808**  
**Work: (401) 874-4302; Fax: (401) 874-2588; Email: DCUNN@URIACC.URI.EDU**

**Minutes of the 1999-2000 SSSP Board of Directors Meeting  
August 10, 2000, Washington, DC**

Meeting was called to order by President Robert Perrucci. Persons in attendance were introduced. Agenda was adopted as presented.

#### ELECTIONS AND MINUTES

Election results were announced by Tom Hood, as printed in the Summer 2000 newsletter.

**MOTION: THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN CHICAGO AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER BE APPROVED. SECONDED. PASSED.**

Jane Hood was named as the Board of Directors' representative to the Nominations Committee.

#### 2000 ANNUAL MEETING

Jo Ann Miller and Earl Wysong, Co-chairs of the 2000 Program Committee presented their report, emphasizing sessions that were designed for new members and graduate students. Report was accepted with thanks. Phyllis Langton reported on Local Arrangements, noting the difficulties in finding low cost housing and the problems regarding the banquet and restaurant guide. Report was accepted with appreciation. Discussion of costs of banquet and other meeting expenses.

Michele Koontz presented a written report of arrangements for the annual meeting. Collection of pre-registration fees from program participants continues to be a problem. The book exhibit is being managed again by the Library of Social Science and contains over 350 books from 33 publishers. Issues of accessibility to the meetings, quiet areas, registration processes, audio visual equipment, catering, and the banquet required much attention.

#### PUBLICATIONS

David Smith presented a written and oral report of the transition of the editorship of SOCIAL PROBLEMS to University of California Irvine, and described changes that have been made in editorial procedures and in database development. In the first half of 2000, 151 manuscripts were received, and about 5% are eventually accepted for publication.

Steve Couch, Editor of the SSSP NEWSLETTER, provided a written report which he discussed with the Board of Directors. Discussion focused on changing the name of the Newsletter to more closely reflect its content. It was agreed that the editor and the Editorial and Publications Committee will work together to bring a recommendation regarding the name change to the Board of Directors.

#### FINANCIAL ISSUES

Treasurer Ronald Troyer provided the report on the financial condition of SSSP. He noted that while net assets indicate that the society is in excellent financial condition, continued operational deficits cannot be covered by income from investments indefinitely. The situation will be watched carefully, but no recommendations for budget cuts are needed now. The written report from Rebecca Simon, University of California Press, was presented by Ronald Troyer, with a recommendation for a change in subscription rate.

**MOTION: THAT THE INSTITUTIONAL AND NONMEMBER RATE FOR A SUBSCRIPTION TO SOCIAL PROBLEMS BE INCREASED TO \$114; BEGINNING IN THE 2002 CALENDAR YEAR. SECONDED. PASSED.**

Mark Peyrot, Chair of Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, reported that Pugh & Company, CPAs, had provided a clean audit, but recommended several actions, including a segregation of duties within the executive office so no one employee has access to physical assets and related accounting records.

**MOTION: THAT THE AUDIT REPORT FROM PUGH AND CO. BE APPROVED. SECONDED. PASSED.**

**MOTION: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INSTRUCT THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE THOSE ACTIONS IMPLICIT IN THE AUDITOR'S REPORT REGARDING SEGREGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES. SECONDED. PASSED.**

Mark Peyrot presented the revised 2000 budget, based on new income and expense projections. Auditors recommended that for Lifetime Memberships, only the \$100 taken from the funds for the costs of yearly membership be stated as income and suggested action be taken to clarify this issue.

**MOTION: LIFE MEMBERSHIPS COST \$1200.00. OF THE \$1200.00, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IS TAKEN AS A DUES PAYMENT THE YEAR THAT THE INDIVIDUAL TAKES OUT A LIFE MEMBERSHIP. THE REMAINING \$1100.00 IS PLACED IN AN INTEREST AND DIVIDEND BEARING ACCOUNT. DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM THIS ACCOUNT ARE USED TO PAY THE DUES OF LIFE MEMBERS. THE ELEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS PLACED IN THE ACCOUNT REMAINS UNTOUCHED AND**

IS NOT REFUNDABLE NOR CAPABLE OF BEING PASSED ON TO ANOTHER MEMBER THROUGH INHERITANCE AT TIME OF DEATH OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBER. IF THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS PAID IN TWO PAYMENTS OVER TWO YEARS, THE \$100.00 IS TAKEN OUT OF THE FIRST PAYMENT. SECONDED. PASSED.

Expenses for SOCIAL PROBLEMS involve items not earlier included, resulting in extended negotiations with University of California Irvine that have resolved the discrepancy. To prevent future problems, the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee recommended action by the Board of Directors.

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INSTRUCT THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE TO CREATE A CLEAR SET OF GUIDELINES REGARDING DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT EXPECTED OF HOST INSTITUTIONS IN THE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EDITORS. SECONDED. PASSED.

After a discussion of current income and expenditures, the revised budget for 2000 was presented.

MOTION : THAT THE REVISIONS TO THE BUDGET BE ACCEPTED.. SECONDED. PASSED.

Report from the Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee included a recommendation regarding unused funds.

MOTION: WHEN GOVERNMENT ACTION PREVENTS AN AWARD RECIPIENT FROM ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE ORIGINAL AWARD AMOUNT WILL BE ADDED TO THE BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. IF THE AWARD REMAINS UNSPENT THAT YEAR, A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE FILED, SINCE UNSPENT AWARDS ARE INTENDED ONLY TO SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL RECIPIENT. SECONDED. PASSED.

Report from the Minority Scholarship Committee included a suggestion that two awards of \$10,000 be

made. Examination of the income from the Pax World Fund suggests that sufficient monies are available for two awards next year because of reinvestment of capital gains. However, it is uncertain if sufficient funds will be available every year. Discussion of issue resulted in suggestion that in order to provide significant financial assistance for minority scholars, the committee should make two \$10,000 awards rather than one \$10,000 and two \$5,000 awards.

Susan Carlson, Investment Advisor to the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee presented the report on investments. Several funds have done well and others have not suggesting that the SSSP may not see returns on investments comparable to those of recent years. It was noted that the issue is not simply financial gains, but also doing social good through investment in banks, credit unions, and other organizations that have a commitment to empower communities. Several issues were raised concerning the lack of policies governing decisions about investments. Geographic and ethnic diversity, use of insured/guaranteed investments only, 'laddering' of investments over a three year period, and dealing with applications by 'faith' organizations are issues that have been discussed by the committee.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Tom Hood presented a detailed written and oral report, noting activities of the past year, especially the evaluation of the Executive Office. He suggested some revisions in the organization of the Executive Office, including a request by Michele Koontz for a part-time employee rather than relying on graduate student assistants, a reduction in summer responsibilities for Tom Hood, and revisions of job descriptions for the staff.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Robert Perrucci reported that Joseph B. Gittler is making provisions in the disposition of his estate for ample funds to support an award in research in ethical issues. When the monies become available, an appropriate committee will develop guidelines for awards. No action is needed at this time. Meeting was adjourned.

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### Minutes of the 1999-2000 SSSP Board of Directors Meeting August 11, 1000, Washington, DC

Meeting was called to order by President Robert Perrucci

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Committee presented a written and oral report. It was noted that in addition to the session sponsored by the committee, several other sessions

were related to issues of accessibility though the titles did not contain information about them. As a means of increasing communication about all forms of access, it was suggested that the program could highlight relevant sessions, overheads with large print and copies of papers could be made available through a central

location, particularly if long walks are necessitated in attending sessions throughout the hotel.

Alfred McClung Lee Fund Committee submitted a written report for filing. Of the twenty applications for fund, fifteen were approved, with an average grant of \$250.

Student Representative report noted with appreciation the inclusion of student interests in building curriculum vitae, job searches, and access to colleagues. Additional concerns focused on costs of housing and food, especially the banquet. Ways to assist students were discussed and suggestions were referred to the next Board of Directors and Program Committee.

Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee presented several recommendations following the site visit to the Executive Office in Knoxville.

The development of an Operations Manual for SSSP was recommended, and Tom Hood and Michele Koontz have developed a draft document. It was agreed that members of the Board would read the manual, send comments and suggestions to the Secretary of SSSP by December 1, 2000, with the Operations Manual to be completed by February 1, 2001.

Three amendments to the By Laws were proposed to clarify procedures of the Society.

MOTION: THAT ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: ALL PAID-UP MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY SHALL RECEIVE THE JOURNAL, SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND THE SSSP NEWSLETTER, SHALL BE PERMITTED TO JOIN THREE SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISIONS FOR THE PRICE OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE ADDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE), AND ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON ELECTIONS AND ON ISSUES SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP. MEMBERS WILL BE GRANTED A GRACE PERIOD FOR VOTING FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS BUT WILL NOT RECEIVE SOCIAL PROBLEMS UNTIL DUES ARE PAID. SECONDED. PASSED

MOTION: THAT ARTICLE IV, SECTION 11, BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND MAY APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER. IT MAY ALSO, IF IT DEEMS DESIREABLE, APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. IN BOTH CASES, THE BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE JOB

DESCRIPTIONS AND BIENNIALY UPDATING THEM. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE BOARD OR TO SUCH MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AS THE BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS, BY ADDING: (d) THE COUNCIL OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISIONS SHALL DEVELOP AN OPERATIONAL DEFINITION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES AN "ACTIVE" SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISION, DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING WHETHER OR NOT PARTICULAR DIVISIONS ARE ACTIVE, AND ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR TERMINATING INACTIVE DIVISIONS. SECONDED. PASSED.

In addition, the proposal by Michele Koontz to employ a permanent part-time worker was discussed.

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDORSE THE PROPOSAL TO EMPLOY A PERMANENT PART-TIME WORKER, AND THAT THIS PROPOSAL BE FORWARDED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION. SECONDED. PASSED.

The Activist and Foreign Scholar Fund Committee reported that three applications were received and funds were provided for two persons. A written report was filed.

The C. Wright Mills Award Committee provided a written report indicating that 65 nominations for the award were received. Six finalists were selected, with Mitch Duneier, *Sidewalk* being chosen as the winner.

The Erwin O Smigel Committee reported that three awards were given. A written report was filed.

No report was received from the Lee-Founders Award Committee due to the absence of the chair due to a recent accident.

The Membership Committee provided a detailed written report on many activities designed to increase membership in SSSP. Appreciation for the efforts of this committee during the past year was expressed.

The 2000 Minority Scholarship Fund Committee filed a written report. One grant of \$10,000 was awarded to

Andrea Smith of University of California, Santa Cruz. Concern was expressed about a decline in applications, and issues of eligibility.

The Social Action and Social Action Award Committee presented a written report with three organizations considered for the award. The award was presented to the Council of Latino Agencies with recognition also given to Stand Tall in the Community Sense.

The Year 2000 Committee Commemorating SSSP's

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reported on the plenary session and the reception planned.

The Social Problems Divisions chair reported that all sections except one currently have chairs. Suggestions were made that newsletters be distributed electronically and that membership lists be available on the SSSP website. It was also noted that nominations were in process, and the report will be presented at the first meeting of the 2000-2001 Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned.

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**Minutes of the 2000-2001 SSSP Board of Directors Meeting  
August 13, 2000, Washington, DC**

Meeting was called to order by President John Galliher. New members of the Board were introduced. The agenda was adopted as presented.

**NOMINATIONS**

Ronald Troyer was nominated for Treasurer and Dean Knudsen was nominated for Secretary for the 2000-2001 year by the Board of Directors by common consent.

Slates of potential candidates for President Elect, Vice President Elect, and membership on the Board of Directors, Budget, Finance and Audit Committee, Committee on Committees, and Editorial and Publications Committee were presented by the Chair of the Council of Division Chairs. Following discussion of the slates,

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE LISTS AND RANKINGS OF CANDIDATES, AS AMENDED. SECONDED. PASSED.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL ISSUES**

Proposed budget for 2000-2001 was presented by Florence Bonner. It contains a projected deficit of over \$24,000 and proposed differential fees for early registration, pre-registration, and on-site registration categories. After extensive discussion,

MOTION: THAT THE PROPOSED 2000-2001 BUDGET BE APPROVED. SECONDED. PASSED.

Michele Koontz consulted with Kristye Raby with Pugh and Company Consulting, LLC to calculate the actual member cost exclusive of any potential revenues. Based on the cost analysis, the cost per membership in 1999 was \$175. Following discussion,

MOTION: THAT A LIMIT OF \$100.00 FROM INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS EARNED ON EACH LIFE MEMBERSHIP BE CONSIDERED AS OPERATIONAL INCOME EACH YEAR. SECONDED. PASSED.

Ronald Troyer, Treasurer, reminded the Board of Directors that deficit budgeting cannot be sustained indefinitely and if the deficit cannot be resolved, some actions must be taken to increase revenue or to reduce expenses. Discussion concerning costs associated with the annual meeting, including different sites and times in alternate years, followed.

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHARGE THE COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION TO CONSIDER DIFFERENT OPTIONS REGARDING THE ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORT TO THE BOARD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN 2001. SECONDED. PASSED.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Report of the Editorial and Publication Committee was presented by Anna Santiago, Chair. Discussion concerning the status of the Presidential Book Series.

MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE TOM HOOD, SSSP EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO FORMALLY CONTACT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS IN ORDER: A) TO VERIFY THE INTEREST AND COMMITMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS TO PUBLISH THE TWO PROPOSED VOLUMES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL BOOK SERIES, AND B) TO INDICATE THAT WE WILL EXPLORE OTHER PUBLICATION OPTIONS FOR THE OTHER VOLUMES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL BOOK SERIES DURING THE COMING YEAR. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO EXPLORE OTHER PUBLICATION OPTIONS FOR THE



PRESIDENTIAL BOOK SERIES.  
SECONDED. PASSED

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The report of the Committee on Committees was presented, indicating membership on the standing committees of the SSSP. Kate Stout resigned from an elected position on the Committee on Committees.

After discussion

MOTION: THAT THE NOMINATION AND RANKING OF POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS FOR KATE STOUT BE ADOPTED. SECONDED. PASSED.

Ione DeOlles has agreed to serve as chair of the Committee on Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching. John Galliher noted that since he appointed the Program Committee, Bill Simon had died and his name was removed from that committee.

MOTION: THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS MODIFIED. SECONDED. PASSED

RESOLUTIONS

When the resolutions were presented at the Annual Meeting, it was agreed that they were to be sent to the relevant persons or organizations, but responsibility is not specified, either in the ByLaws or the Operations

Manual. After discussion

MOTION: THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS BE DESIGNATED TO SEND THE RESOLUTIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON OR ORGANIZATION. SECONDED. PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

Job descriptions for the Executive Officer and the Administrative Officer are to be examined and revised as necessary. President John Galliher appointed. Nancy Jurik and Claire Renzetti to complete the review.

The International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment has requested meeting rooms be made available for their conference at the 2001 annual meeting. The SSSP will provide one room and ICASH will pay for the second, along with the notice that appears in the SSSP program.

MOTION: THAT THE REQUEST BY ICASH BE APPROVED. SECONDED. PASSED.

Discussion of the 2001 annual meeting and ways to increase attendance and participation.

The meeting was adjourned.

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**Minutes of the SSSP Annual Business Meeting  
August 12, 2000, Washington, DC**

Meeting was called to order by President Robert Perrucci at 8:10AM

Minutes of the 1999 Annual Meeting as printed in the Newsletter were reviewed by Dean Knudsen.

Report on the Financial Condition of SSSP was presented by Treasurer Ronald Troyer. Though SSSP has substantial assets, there have been deficits in the budgets and expenses for the past several years. The 1999-2000 budget projected a deficit of \$19,000, but the dues increase provided more income than projected, so the actual deficit is approximately \$5,000. Past budget deficits have been covered by growth in investment interest and dividends, but this year it appears that the return on investments will be much less than in the past. As a result, deficits cannot continue indefinitely and next year SSSP may have to consider ways to hold expenses in check.

The report of Board actions was presented by Secretary Dean Knudsen.

1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Director's meetings and of the Annual Meeting in Chicago, as printed in the Newsletter.

2. Approved an increase in Institutional and Nonmember subscription rates for SOCIAL PROBLEMS to \$114, beginning in 2002.
3. Approved the Audit report by Pugh and Co, CPAs.
4. Instructed Budget, Finance and Audit Committee to undertake segregation of responsibilities in the Executive Office.
5. Formalized procedures governing financial arrangements of life memberships.
6. Instructed Editorial and Publications Committee to create guidelines regarding expected financial support in call for host institutions of editors.
7. Approved revisions to budget.
8. Approved policies regarding unused Scholar-Activist awards.
9. Approved three proposed amendments to the By Laws for vote by members.
10. Endorsed a proposal to employ a permanent part-time worker in the Executive Office to be considered by the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee.

11. Discussed, without resolution, the problem of presenters who have not registered for the meetings.

The report of the Editor of SOCIAL PROBLEMS was presented by David Smith. The transition to University of California Irvine is complete, and the editorial office has been reorganized. Thanks were expressed to the Associate Editors and the Business Manager for their work. Reviewers for manuscripts are solicited by email, facilitating quicker responses to authors. During the first 6 months of 2000, 151 manuscripts were received compared to 286 in 1999, and the acceptance rate is about 5%.

The report of the Editor of the SSSP Newsletter was given by Steve Couch. Several changes in the Newsletter have been suggested, including a change of name to reflect more closely the content, publication of articles on the discipline, and a Presidential Reflections Series.

The report of the Executive Officer, presented by Tom Hood, noted several activities of the past year that should be known by the members. There was a visit and evaluation of the Executive Office by members of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee. An OPERATIONS MANUAL is in draft form, and will provide a guide to the organization and its committees in dealing with changes and cyclical activities, such as searches for Editors for SOCIAL PROBLEMS and the NEWSLETTER. In response to the audit report which recommended changes in the way income from Life Memberships was included in the budget, a suggestion was made that the SSSP in annual meeting endorse the action of the Board of Directors. In reporting on several members who have died during the year, Tom indicated that some question was raised about how to honor these people and that he had made an informal decision to honor them by personal contributions in their name, and suggested that members follow this approach. Tom thanked the members of SSSP for their trust and for their efforts on behalf of SSSP.

**MOTION: THAT THE SSSP MEMBERS IN ANNUAL MEETING ENDORSE THE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING THE USE OF INCOME FROM LIFE MEMBERSHIPS. SECONDED. PASSED.**

The report of the Administrative Officer/Meeting Manager was given by Michele Koontz. As of today, four hundred fifty six individuals have registered, down 25% from last year. Of these 456, 60% are professionals, 34% are students or unemployed, 5% are exemptions, and 1% are one day registrations. The program contains 75 sessions with 253 papers. In

response to a request from the Accessibility Committee, comfort zones have been created. Michele expressed her appreciation to Jo Ann Miller, Earl Wysong, and Bob Perrucci for their cooperation and work during the year.

By Law changes were discussed by Tom Hood. There were none on the ballot this year but some are proposed for next year. Three changes are 'bookkeeping' changes, designed to clarify the purposes of the Scholar-Activist Fund, the Alfred McClung Lee Support Fund, and the Erwin O. Smigel Award. Three additional changes are being presented by the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee regarding specific language about the number of special divisions included in SSSP membership, a biennial review and evaluation of the Executive Office, and the development of procedures to be taken in response to inactive special divisions.

Resolutions were presented by Jane Hood, Vice President.

The members of the Society wish to thank the Mayflower Hotel staff for our luxurious accommodations. We particularly recognize Meredith Grosser, Senior Convention Services Manager, for her help in organizing our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting.

We also thank the many SSSP officers and committee chairs who have made this program possible and who keep the society going. First we thank President Robert Perrucci for organizing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting around the theme, "Inventing Social Justice: SSSP and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Through President Perrucci's leadership, this program is providing many opportunities to rethink SSSP's role as an organization of scholars in pursuit of a just society. We also thank the program co-chairs, JoAnn Miller and Earl Wysong for organizing a program so well suited to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary social justice theme here in the nation's capitol. Special thanks to Phyllis Langton, Local Arrangements Chair, and her committee for their efforts to make our Washington experience both interesting and enjoyable.

The Society also extends its gratitude to all the committee chairs and members for their work done unobtrusively throughout the year and at the annual meeting. Without this invisible work done by so many of our members, SSSP could not continue to exist. We particular recognize the work of the permanent organization committee under the leadership of Peter Kivisto for working with the SSSP Executive Office to carry out a site visit to the Executive Office and evaluation of Executive and Administrative Officers and to draft an Operations Manual for the Society. Thanks also to the division chairs for their work in

organizing an excellent program as well as producing and distributing division newsletters and sitting on the Nominations Committee. We offer special thanks to Mary Lou Wylie, outgoing Chair of the Council of Division Chairs, for her pleasant and efficient leadership in this capacity.

We also owe our thanks to the following outgoing officers: Sally Boggs, our secretary since 1993, Board of Directors members, Judy Aulette, Valerie Jenness, David Snow, Mary Lou Wylie, and student representative, Stacy Evans. We thank our Board of Directors for their service with special thanks to David Smith, Editor of *Social Problems* for the continued success of our journal, Stephen Couch, *Newsletter* Editor for a lively and interesting series of newsletters, Mark Peyrot, Chair of Budget and Finance Committee, and Susan Carlson, financial advisor, for keeping our financial condition stable.

Finally, we thank our Executive Officer, Tom Hood and Administrative Office, Michele Smith Koontz for their continued stewardship of this Society. If the officers and Committee Chairs are the skeleton of the Society, the Executive Office are the heart and brains Tom's knowledge of organizational history never fails, and Michele's efficiency, helpfulness, and good humor keeps our "heart" in good shape. And, we are grateful to Graduate assistant, Tammy Mix, both for her support of Tom and Michele and her work for all of us during the year and at these meetings. We also thank the University of Tennessee for its continued support of SSSP.

#### **RESOLUTION: NEEDLE EXCHANGE**

**Resolution:** To urge the U.S. Congress to fund needle exchange programs.

**Whereas:** scientific evidence overwhelmingly supports the effectiveness of needle exchange programs in reducing HIV transmission and other drug-related harms without encouraging drug use

**Be it resolved** that U.S. Congress authorize the federal funding of need exchange programs.

#### **RESOLUTION: USE OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) SURPLUSES**

**Whereas,** every level of government serving TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) families has found itself with at most, big surpluses and at least, fewer expenditures as a result of declining TANF, food stamps, and Medicaid spending.

**Whereas,** those dollars should now be committed to providing the intensive services needed by those families not yet ready or able to make it in the middle-class work world.

**Whereas,** many of these families have not had equal educational opportunity, have had their existing resources overly drained by housing and healthcare costs, or may require but as yet cannot find the same kinds of mental health and substance abuse services that middle class adults can currently access.

**Whereas,** no government should consider giving tax breaks on the backs of poor parents who have yet to touch the opportunities routinely available to middle-class Americans.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that those TANF surpluses be set aside for supportive and educational services for TANF-leaving parents and their children.

**Be it further resolved** that the economic safety net not in place for white collar and blue collar workers also be there to cover the former TANF-eligible workers.

**Be it also resolved** that there be a workers' compensation program that will cover workers in the event of layoff, downsizing, or other circumstances beyond their control.

#### **RESOLUTION: WELFARE REFORM**

To urge that welfare reform implementation include post-secondary education as an allowable work activity, isasmuch as it is the most thoroughly tested means to self-sufficiency.

**Whereas** the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is comprised of professional persons from every state in the union and other parts of the world, women and men who are trained in sociology;

**Whereas,** post-secondary education has proved to be the best most direct, economical means of sustainable self-sufficiency for women and men, their children, and families by providing graduates with the transferable skills required by our changing and competitive economy.

**Whereas,** SSSP believes in social justice and the democratic process and works to improve the quality of life for all in these United States.

**Whereas,** equity in education at all levels in a concern of SSSP.

**Whereas,** many persons on public assistance require further education for themselves, and their children in

order to be economically productive, contributing citizens of our countries, states and nation.

**Whereas**, it is the mission of welfare reform implementation agencies to ensure that clients are self-sufficient, by the end of their time limits by providing them with the necessary education, training, and job skills for sustainable employment.

**Whereas**, welfare reform implementation agencies will need to call upon our academic institutions for educational assistance, and for appeal to elected officials at the federal, state, and local levels to remove barriers to educational opportunity.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Congress be urged to pass legislation ensuring that parents receiving public assistance who are qualified to do so may engage in post-secondary education.

**Be it resolved**, that no state shall either require or encourage a parent who is currently participating in a post-secondary education program to discontinue participation so long as the parent is making good and satisfactory progress based on standards that the educational program normally applies to enrollees.

**Be it resolved**, that the Congress and appropriate administrative departments be urged to take all necessary actions to ensure that these qualified parents receiving public assistance may engage in post-secondary education as an allowable work activity.

**Be it further resolved**, that our members be encouraged to welcome opportunities to provide assistance through collaboration at the federal, state, and local levels through programs of partnership and/or application or their relevant research.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Whereas** six Puerto Rican activists have been incarcerated in U.S. Federal Prisons, convicted for "common crimes" that stem from their political commitments to and struggles for Puerto Rican independence from the United States, and

**Whereas** international recognition has been given to these Puerto Ricans as political prisoners and prisoners of war given that Puerto Rico has existed under forced U.S. occupation since 1898, and

**Whereas** those incarcerated Puerto Ricans have served more severe and extreme sentences, as recognized by Amnesty International, Americas Watch, U.S. sociologists and by the SSSP in earlier years, and

**Whereas** hundreds of thousands of Puerto Ricans on the island and on the mainland, have requested the unconditional release of all Puerto Rican political prisoners and prisoners of war, and

**Whereas**, in 1999, President Clinton issued conditional clemency for a number of Puerto Rican political prisoners, which imposed significant restrictions upon their freedom of association, speech and movement,

**Be it resolved** that the SSSP, consistent with a similar resolution adopted in 1999, calls for the unconditional release of all remaining Puerto Rican political prisoners, including those who have designated themselves as prisoners of war, and calls for the upgrading of the conditional clemency status to one of unconditional release, this in the form of letters written to wit and sent to the President of the United States and to the U.S. Department of Justice.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Whereas** the United States Navy has forcibly occupied the island municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico for the past forty years, utilizing 2/3 of its best lands for live ammunition military exercises, and

**Whereas** this colonial practice has resulted in widespread ecological damage, high rates of illnesses including cancers among the local population, and the recent death of an innocent civilian, David Saenz, who was killed by an errant bomb dropped by U.S. Naval forces, and

**Whereas** U.S. Naval authorities continue to ignore the wishes of thousands of Puerto Ricans who demand the cessation of all military exercises and the total evacuation of foreign forces from Vieques, and

**Whereas** over seven hundred Puerto Ricans have been arrested for civil disobedience between May-July, 2000, with many jailed and harassed by Federal police and military forces, solely for protesting the illegal and immoral, colonial occupation of Puerto Rican land, and

**Whereas** the City Councils of New York City; Boston, Springfield, and Cambridge, Massachusetts; Berkeley, California, and the Hawaiian House of Representatives has passed resolutions calling for the U.S. Navy's withdrawal from Vieques, and

**Whereas** U.S. Prosecutor Lilliam Mendoza Toro requested removal from prosecuting civil disobedience cases because she "believes strongly in the Vieques movement and feels that she cannot prosecute another Puerto Rican who is defending something she believes it," and

Whereas the United Nations Committee on Decolonization has condemned the continuing U.S. occupation of Vieques and the failure of the United States to respect the self-determination of the island of Puerto Rico,

Be it resolved that the SSSP, which supports social justice struggles throughout the world, including the right to self-determination and the necessity for decolonization of the Caribbean, joins with the broad social and political coalition of Puerto Rican cultural, religious, environmental, civic, labor, educational, and community organizations in calling for the immediate evacuation of U.S. military forces from the island municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico, and directs its

Board of Directors to express these sentiments in a letter directed to the President of the United States and the Defense Department.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Butler Jones, long time active member of SSSP and who is currently experiencing some health problems, indicating that we are thinking of him. Accepted by acclamation.

Robert Perrucci passed the symbol of the Presidency to John Galliher, who announced the theme of next year's meeting: CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS. Meeting was adjourned.

### ***WORLD PEACE WALK***

Starting January 1, 2000 a peace walk will begin that will go all the way around the globe. Our message is to share compassion with everyone and raise the issue that everybody in the world can come together to find solutions to our environmental, social, hunger, and political problems. We invite all people to join us regardless of race, sex, nationality, social standing, religion, or political standing.

You may be wondering how our world peace walk can benefit your organization and furthermore what you can do to help us. For starters we are sending this same letter to over a thousand organizations across the globe with hopes to bring all of them together for a noble cause. Our walk, if given support from all these organizations, could be used as a means for raising the public awareness of environmental decay, social unrest, international political conflict, hunger and discrimination. However, for our walk to be successful we need help organizing, planning, promoting, financing, food along the journey, ideas for community service, transportation across the oceans and shelter as we pass through our destination. If we can obtain support from your organization as well as many others, we may provide a catalyst that will change the face of humanity. When working together we can bring harmony to earth and put an end to manmade suffering.

The walk will begin in Flagstaff, Arizona. The aim is to walk through almost every nation. As we pass through our destinations, we are also planning to do community service in order to bring our message directly to the people of the world. Once again, we would like to say that if we get strong support, this walk will have a direct impact on the lives and consciousness of the citizens of the world. But, we need your help.

If you want to ask questions, help finance, be a part of the walk, or help in any way possible, you can reach us by mail: World Peace Walk, PO Box 751, Flagstaff, AZ 86002-0751, or email: [worldwalk@hotmail.com](mailto:worldwalk@hotmail.com)

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SSSP NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Date: July 14, 2000  
To: SSSP Board of Directors and SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee  
From: Stephen R. Couch, SSSP Newsletter Editor  
Re: Annual Report of the SSSP Newsletter Editor

I have now completed my first year as SSSP Newsletter Editor (Volume 30, Number 3 through Volume 31, Number 2). It has been very gratifying for me to have had the opportunity to carry out this service for the SSSP, an organization with values and goals in which I firmly believe.

I have attempted to maintain the high quality of the Newsletter that was established by the previous editors, including my immediate predecessor, Richard Dello-Buono. My thanks go to Richard for his help in the editorial transition. I also want to extend my appreciation to Michele Koontz in the Executive Office for her consistently fine administrative support, and to Tom Hood for his support and good ideas, and his ever-valuable column, "From the Executive Office." Finally, very special thanks go to Anne Mercuri, a Penn State student in our Master of Arts in Community Psychology and Social Change program and the Newsletter's Editorial Assistant. Anne deserves tremendous credit for mastering the technical aspects of Newsletter preparation and for keeping things organized and running smoothly.

I also wish to thank all who contributed to the Newsletter during the past year. We were fortunate to have a number of excellent substantive articles and book reviews appear. A number of contributions for next year have already been received, including a book review, a film review, and the first in a series of three "Presidential reflections" in which former, current and future SSSP Presidents are asked to reflect upon their experiences with SSSP and on where they see the Society heading. Thanks also go to those who contributed important announcements, meeting minutes, and other writings that help keep us apprised of important information regarding the Society and other relevant organizations.

The dedication of a good number of people to the SSSP was shown clearly to me during my first year as Editor. It is the willingness of members to contribute articles, reviews, and other material, that makes the Newsletter such a valuable resource. Please encourage members to contact me if they wish to contribute material, especially substantive articles and reviews, and feel free to set an example by contributing. I will be re-instituting a "Letters to the Editor" column this year to provide yet another way in which to encourage dialogue among members of the Society.

The Newsletter has operated under the allocated budget for 1999-2000, with \$321.36 of that budget remaining. That amount has been carried over into the current fiscal year.

Thank you for your continued support of the SSSP Newsletter. Please know that I am very open to suggestions from you on ways to make the Newsletter even better.

# Society for the Study of Social Problems 2001 Annual Meeting Submission Cover Sheet

In the interest of managing multiple submissions effectively, this sheet must be attached to all papers, abstracts, or 2-3 page outlines submitted to session organizers and/or the general program organizer, Lionel Maldonado no later than January 31, 2001.

Title of Paper: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dual Submission: Division organizers to whom this paper/paper proposal has been submitted. (Please rank order of preference.)

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Divisions for which this paper might be relevant but to which it has NOT been submitted:

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If your paper does not fit into one of the sessions listed on the Call for Papers, please send general program submissions no later than **January 31** to: Lionel Maldonado, Chicano Studies, California State University-Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032-8221; [lmaldon2@exchange.calstatela.edu](mailto:lmaldon2@exchange.calstatela.edu).

***DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS IS: JANUARY 31, 2001***

# CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS ANNUAL MEETING  
AUGUST 17-19, 2001  
WEST COAST ANAHEIM HOTEL, ANAHEIM, CA

## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

The theme for the 2001 SSSP meetings in Anaheim, California draws on the special strengths of the United States and the corresponding challenges posed for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Almost all Americans have immigrant ancestors. Some of our forebears came voluntarily, and some as slaves, some as legal immigrants and some not. Some came to escape religious persecution, some for business enterprise, some came to escape civil war, poverty or famine. All this presaged the development of the most diverse culture in the history of the world.

There is no doubt that this diversity gives our nation its special strength. This diversity also provides special challenges in protecting the human rights of those on American shores, especially in an increasingly urban society.

*Members of the SSSP are asked to explore the exciting diversity found in our midst. Not only are contributions and demands made by a myriad of ethnic groups, but also by women who are insisting on a voice in our world as never before. The same can be said of other groups, such as members of the gay and lesbian communities as well as Americans with disabilities. Our hope is that the 2001 SSSP convention will reflect the same diversity as does the Los Angeles area where we will hold our meetings. However, if we are to truly value minorities in our midst, we must endeavor to locate the means of protecting the legal, economic and social rights of all our fellow human beings. Only through this pursuit can we act on our putative ideals.*

**John F. Galliher, President**

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**Papers, abstracts, or 2-3 page outlines for presentations at division sponsored sessions and events, including those related to this year's theme, should be sent to session chairs no later than January 31, 2001.** All proposals related to this year's theme (but *not* sponsored by a Division), panels, workshops, and film and video screenings should be sent no later than January 31, 2001 to Lionel Maldonado, Program Committee Chair, Chicano Studies, California State University-Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032-8221; email: [lmaldon2@exchange.calstatela.edu](mailto:lmaldon2@exchange.calstatela.edu). A submission cover sheet **must** accompany all papers and proposals. Only one sole-authorship paper is permitted per participant (without an accompanying co-authored paper). Authors may submit more than one paper; however, each paper may be submitted to no more than three organizers. In cases of dual submission, authors are required to notify each organizer and list the other organizer to whom the paper is being sent on the submission cover sheet.

### 2001 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

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| Deadline for submission of papers/proposals to the Program Committee Chair & Division Program Organizers                              | Jan 31, 2001    |
| Participants must be notified by the session organizer of acceptance/rejection of paper/proposal no later than                        | Feb 21, 2001    |
| Names, addresses, session/paper titles for the program must be in the hands of the Program Chair & the Executive Office no later than | Mar 1, 2001     |
| Preliminary programs will be mailed to all current SSSP members no later than                                                         | May 1, 2001     |
| <b>2001 ANNUAL MEETING, WEST COAST ANAHEIM HOTEL, ANAHEIM, CA</b>                                                                     | Aug 17-19, 2001 |
| Deadline for Names of Program Organizers for 2002 Annual Meeting                                                                      | Sep 21, 2001    |

All participants (except those granted an exemption) must be current members of the Society (they may join on acceptance of their presentation) and must pre-register for the annual meeting. Exemptions will be granted for: **A)** Persons not in the social sciences, but whose expertise relates to session topics. **B)** Non-U.S. and non-Canadian scholars who are from economically distressed or undeveloped countries. **C)** Co-authors of papers who will not be attending the meetings. One of the co-authors must be a paid registrant. Both co-authors must pay if both expect to attend the meetings. **D)** Persons excused by direct request of the Program Chair or President. Persons failing to pre-register will have their contributions deleted from the final program.

**Refund Policy:** Registration fees can only be refunded to persons who notify us that they will not attend the meetings prior to July 1. Once the final program is printed and participant packets have been prepared, the cost of processing the participant has already occurred.



**Community Research and Development**  
**Session I. Celebrating Diversity and Protecting Human Rights in Communities - THEMATIC**

**Session II. Roundtables in Community Research and Development**

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**Conflict, Social Action and Change**

**Session I. General Call for Papers in Conflict, Social Action, and Change**

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**Session II. Creating Diversity and Protecting Human Rights: Issues of Conflict, Social Action, and Change**

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**Session III. New Directions in Social Change**

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**Crime and Juvenile Delinquency**

**Session I. Stalking: Psychosocial Patterns and Organizational Responses to a Social Problem**

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**Session II. Hate Crimes in America**

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**Crime and Juvenile Delinquency, Continued**

**Session IV. Law, Violence, and the Other - THEMATIC** (co-sponsored with Law and Society Division)

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**Session V. Sexual Violence and Human Rights Issues** (co-sponsored with Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities Division)

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**Drinking and Drugs**

**Session I. Control of Drug Information and Human Rights**

**Session II: Drug Policy at the Local Level**

**Session III: Cultural Diversity and International Perspectives on HIV, Hepatitis C, and Illicit Drug Use - THEMATIC** (co-sponsored with Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division)

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**Session IV: Roundtables: Substance Use and Abuse in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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**Educational Problems**

**Session I. Education as a Human Right and in Human Rights - THEMATIC**

**Session II. Educational Policy Trends of Inclusion and Exclusion**

**Session III. Pedagogy as Praxis**

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**Environment and Technology**

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**Session II. Care in Time-Bound Families: The Meaning of Family to Busy Working Parents**

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**Labor Studies**

**Session I.** The Future of the American Labor Movement: Strategic Directions  
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**Session II.** Authors Meet Critics: Howard Kimeldorf's book entitled, *Battling for American Labor: Wobblies, Craft Workers and the Making of the Union Movement* and Ching Kwan Lee's book entitled, *The South China Miracle: Two Worlds of Factory Women*  
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**Session III.** Labor and Immigration Issues - **THEMATIC**

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**Session IV.** Theorizing Global Activism: Perils, Promises, Predictions (co-sponsored with Social Problems Theory Division)  
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**Mental Health**

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**Poverty, Class, and Inequality**

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**Poverty, Class, and Inequality, Continued**

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**Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities**

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**Session II.** Sexualities, Migrations, and Changing Racial/Ethnic Identities

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**Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities, Continued**

**Session III. Sexuality, Employment Benefits, and Health Care Issues**

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# ***STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS***

***Sponsored by the Special Problems Divisions,  
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## ***CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION AND CHANGE DIVISION***

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Culture in Action (or A Case in Favor of Idioms): Christian Principles and Folkloric Sandinismo in the Making of Nicaragua's Revolutionary Identities," Jean-Pierre Reed, University of California, Santa Barbara

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "The Dynamics of Caste and Gender: The Devadasi System," Mangala Subramaniam, University of Connecticut

Honorable Mention: "It's Time to Come Clean: Open the AFL-CIO Archives on International Labor Operations," Kim Scipes, University of Illinois, Chicago

## ***CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DIVISION***

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "The Process of Transforming Minors 'Upstairs': Differential Integration of 'Sophistication' in the Contemporary Juvenile Court," Alexes Harris, University of California, Los Angeles

*Outstanding Scholar Award: Combating Corporate Crime: Local Prosecutors at Work*, Michael L. Benson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Francis T. Cullen, University of Cincinnati

## ***FAMILY DIVISION***

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Negotiating Family Relations and Gender Identities: Filipina Migrant Domestic Workers and Taiwanese Employers," Pei-Chia Lan, Northwestern University

## ***HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION***

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Dual Diagnosis: STD Diagnoses as Labels of Illness and Immorality," Adina Nack, University of Colorado at Boulder

## ***LABOR STUDIES DIVISION--BRAVERMAN AWARD***

"Caring Labor and Class Conscientiousness: The Class Dynamics of Gendered Work," Andrew W. Jones, University of Arizona, Tucson

## ***LAW AND SOCIETY DIVISION--ALFRED R. LINDESMITH AWARD***

"Border Crossing in the Age of the Global Prison Industrial Complex," Tryon Woods, Arizona State University

## ***SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS AND COMMUNITIES DIVISION***

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Social Movements and the Alternative Press: Framing AIDS and Breast Cancer as Lesbian Health Issues," Sarah Wilcox, University of Pennsylvania

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Selling Rape: Implications of the Internet on the Pornography Debate," Sarah Byrne and Jennifer Gossett, University of Cincinnati

## ***SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION***

1<sup>st</sup> Place Co-Winner: "What Group? Studying Whites and Whiteness in the Era of 'Colorblindness'," Amanda E. Lewis, University of Michigan

1<sup>st</sup> Place Co-Winner: "Subjects of Desire: Academic Armor, Intimate Ethnography, and the Production of Critical Knowledge," Kari Lerum, University of Washington

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "The Effects of Moral Panics: Repressive and Productive Models of Social Control," Susan Chimonas, University of Michigan.

# THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC

Knoxville, Tennessee  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 1999 and 1998

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Pugh and Company, P.C.  
Certified Public Accountants  
April 14, 2000

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### THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

|                                         | As of December 31, | 1999              | 1998              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                           |                    |                   |                   |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Cash                                    |                    | \$ 12,203         | \$ 2,903          |
| Cash – Board Restricted                 |                    | 16,561            | 24,412            |
| Investments - Short-Term                |                    | 250,319           | 253,120           |
| Investments - Board Restricted          |                    | 274,891           | 228,756           |
| Accounts Receivable                     |                    | 138,795           | 53,855            |
| Prepaid Items                           |                    | 47,960            | 15,799            |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>             |                    | <u>740,729</u>    | <u>578,845</u>    |
| <b>EQUIPMENT, NET</b>                   |                    | <u>2,996</u>      | <u>5,565</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                     |                    | <u>\$ 743,725</u> | <u>\$ 584,410</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>       |                    |                   |                   |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>              |                    |                   |                   |
| Accounts Payable                        |                    | \$ 34,323         | \$ 25,170         |
| Deferred Revenue                        |                    | 233,970           | 104,678           |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>        |                    | <u>268,293</u>    | <u>129,848</u>    |
| <b>NET ASSETS – UNRESTRICTED</b>        |                    | <u>475,432</u>    | <u>454,562</u>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b> |                    | <u>\$ 743,725</u> | <u>\$ 584,410</u> |

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

|                                                        | For the Years Ended December 31, | 1999              | 1998              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>               |                                  |                   |                   |
| <b>UNRESTRICTED PUBLIC SUPPORT</b>                     |                                  |                   |                   |
| Membership Dues                                        |                                  | \$ 77,846         | \$ 80,005         |
| Contributions                                          |                                  | 1,768             | 1,490             |
| Contributions – Board Restricted                       |                                  | 1,330             | 241               |
| <b>Total Unrestricted Public Support</b>               |                                  | <u>80,944</u>     | <u>81,736</u>     |
| <b>UNRESTRICTED REVENUE</b>                            |                                  |                   |                   |
| Journals and Publications                              |                                  | 251,183           | 234,071           |
| Annual Meeting                                         |                                  | 35,520            | 38,457            |
| Investment Return                                      |                                  | 70,361            | 74,303            |
| Other Income                                           |                                  | 605               | 260               |
| <b>Total Unrestricted Revenue</b>                      |                                  | <u>357,669</u>    | <u>347,091</u>    |
| <b>NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS</b>           |                                  |                   |                   |
| Transfer to Cash – Board Restricted                    |                                  | 0                 | 26,710            |
| Distributions and Transfers of Awards and Scholarships |                                  | 0                 | 1,969             |
| <b>Total Net Assets Released From Restrictions</b>     |                                  | <u>0</u>          | <u>28,679</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>   |                                  | <u>438,613</u>    | <u>457,506</u>    |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                        |                                  |                   |                   |
| Executive Office                                       |                                  | 105,186           | 96,661            |
| Journals and Publications                              |                                  | 219,288           | 196,336           |
| Annual Meeting                                         |                                  | 57,529            | 61,572            |
| Committees                                             |                                  | 16,454            | 15,407            |
| Awards and Scholarships                                |                                  | 8,166             | 11,800            |
| Awards and Expenses - Board Restricted                 |                                  | 11,120            | 10,658            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                  |                                  | <u>417,743</u>    | <u>392,434</u>    |
| <b>CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>               |                                  | <u>20,870</u>     | <u>65,072</u>     |
| <b>CHANGE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>     |                                  |                   |                   |
| Contributions                                          |                                  | 0                 | 2,850             |
| Investment Return                                      |                                  | 0                 | 2,211             |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions                  |                                  | 0                 | (28,679)          |
| <b>CHANGE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>     |                                  | <u>0</u>          | <u>(23,618)</u>   |
| <b>CHANGE IN TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>                      |                                  | 20,870            | 41,454            |
| <b>BEGINNING NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED</b>             |                                  | 454,562           | 389,490           |
| <b>BEGINNING NET ASSETS - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED</b>   |                                  | <u>0</u>          | <u>23,618</u>     |
| <b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>                               |                                  | <u>\$ 475,432</u> | <u>\$ 454,562</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

| For the Years Ended December 31,                                                                     | <u>1999</u>      | <u>1998</u>      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                                          |                  |                  |
| Change in Total Net Assets                                                                           | \$ 20,870        | \$ 41,454        |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Total Net Assets<br>to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities: |                  |                  |
| Depreciation                                                                                         | 1,369            | 1,515            |
| Net Unrealized Gain on Investments                                                                   | (40,182)         | (45,177)         |
| (Gain) on Disposal of Investments                                                                    | 0                | (3,706)          |
| Loss on Sale of Equipment                                                                            | 700              | 0                |
| (Increase) in Assets:                                                                                |                  |                  |
| Accounts Receivable                                                                                  | (84,940)         | (14,829)         |
| Prepaid Items                                                                                        | (32,161)         | (14,293)         |
| Increase in Liabilities:                                                                             |                  |                  |
| Accounts Payable                                                                                     | 9,153            | 22,185           |
| Deferred Revenue                                                                                     | 129,292          | 16,957           |
| Total Adjustments                                                                                    | <u>(16,769)</u>  | <u>(37,348)</u>  |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>                                                     | <u>4,101</u>     | <u>4,106</u>     |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                                                          |                  |                  |
| Proceeds From Disposal of Investments                                                                | 131,663          | 150,166          |
| Net Change in Certificates of Deposit                                                                | 12,499           | (52,467)         |
| Purchases of Investments                                                                             | (147,314)        | (92,677)         |
| Equipment Purchases                                                                                  | 0                | (4,249)          |
| Proceeds From Sale of Equipment                                                                      | 500              | 0                |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities</b>                                           | <u>(2,652)</u>   | <u>773</u>       |
| <b>NET INCREASE IN CASH</b>                                                                          | 1,449            | 4,879            |
| <b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>                                                                     | <u>27,315</u>    | <u>22,436</u>    |
| <b>CASH AT END OF YEAR</b>                                                                           | <u>\$ 28,764</u> | <u>\$ 27,315</u> |
| <b>Cash at End of Year:</b>                                                                          |                  |                  |
| Cash                                                                                                 | 12,203           | 2,903            |
| Cash - Board Restricted                                                                              | <u>16,561</u>    | <u>24,412</u>    |
|                                                                                                      | <u>\$ 28,764</u> | <u>\$ 27,315</u> |

For purposes of the statements of cash flows the Society considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of ninety days or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 1999 and 1998**

**NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Founded in 1951, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. promotes research on and serious examination of problems of social life. The Society works to solve these problems and develop social policy based knowledge. The Society is supported primarily through sales of journals and publications and by membership dues. Significant accounting policies are:

**Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. Those estimates and assumptions affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could vary from those estimates.

**Method of Accounting** - The financial statements are prepared on the accrual method of accounting.

**Investments** - Investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are measured at fair value in the statements of financial position. Investment return (including gains and losses on investments, interest, and dividends) is included in the statements of activities as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless the income or loss is restricted by donor or law.

**Equipment** - Equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation, computed using the straight-line method, is based on an estimated useful life of five years.

**Subscription and Membership Dues** - Subscription and membership dues received in advance are recorded as deferred revenue and recognized as income when earned.

**Contributions** - Contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor.

**Tax Exempt Status** - The Society is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and files the appropriate federal information return.

**NOTE 2 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

The Society maintains its cash accounts in four banks and with a capital management group located throughout the United States. The cash accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000 per legal ownership. A summary of uninsured cash balances as of December 31, is:

|                                           |                |                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                           | <u>1999</u>    | <u>1998</u>    |
| Cash balances per banks                   | \$153,566      | \$149,384      |
| Cash balance per capital management group | <u>52</u>      | <u>151</u>     |
| Total cash                                | 153,618        | 149,535        |
| FDIC insurance limits                     | <u>153,566</u> | <u>149,384</u> |
| Uninsured cash balances                   | <u>\$ 52</u>   | <u>\$ 151</u>  |



### NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

Investments, stated at fair value, include:

|                         |                  |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                         | <u>1999</u>      | <u>1998</u>      |
| Mutual Funds            | \$399,842        | \$315,403        |
| U.S. Treasury Note      | 20,033           | 20,785           |
| Money Market Funds      | 15,037           | 42,940           |
| Certificates of Deposit | <u>90,298</u>    | <u>102,748</u>   |
|                         | <u>\$525,210</u> | <u>\$481,876</u> |

The following summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities for the year ended December 31, 1999:

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                | <u>Unrestricted</u> |
| Investment and Interest Income | \$30,179            |
| Realized Gains                 | 0                   |
| Unrealized Gains               | <u>40,182</u>       |
|                                | <u>\$70,361</u>     |

The following summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities for the year ended December 31, 1998:

|                                |                     |                                   |                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Temporarily<br/>Restricted</u> | <u>Total</u>    |
| Investment and Interest Income | \$25,974            | \$1,657                           | \$27,631        |
| Realized Gains                 | 3,706               | 0                                 | 3,706           |
| Unrealized Gains               | <u>44,623</u>       | <u>554</u>                        | <u>45,177</u>   |
|                                | <u>\$74,303</u>     | <u>\$2,211</u>                    | <u>\$76,514</u> |

### NOTE 4 - EQUIPMENT

|                               |                 |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                               | <u>1999</u>     | <u>1998</u>     |
| Cost                          | \$ 7,142        | \$ 9,809        |
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(4,146)</u>  | <u>(4,244)</u>  |
|                               | <u>\$ 2,996</u> | <u>\$ 5,565</u> |

### NOTE 5 - CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Society has entered into an agreement with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, the Department of Sociology of the College of Arts and Sciences, whereby the Society agrees to serve as an intellectual and professional resource in exchange for access to the University's resources and free space and overhead expenses for the Society's executive office. This agreement is renewable on an annual basis each January.

The Society uses the University's purchasing and disbursing services. As of December 31, 1999, unreimbursed accounts payable owed to the University from the Society was \$1,797 (\$6,790 in 1998).

**NOTE 6 - BOARD RESTRICTED CURRENT ASSETS**

The Alfred McClung Lee Support Fund was established in 1992 to help defray the cost of the annual meeting for graduate student members.

The Erwin O. Smigel Fund was established in 1976 to expand employment opportunities in the field of sociology. The fund is used to develop information for unemployed colleagues in their efforts to find work.

The Lee Founders Fund was established in 1981. This annual award is made in recognition of significant achievements by an individual who has demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanistic tradition, as exemplified by the contributions of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee. The Social Action Award, an award established in 1990, which is also paid from this Fund, is awarded to a not-for-profit organization the city/area hosting the annual meeting.

The Foreign Scholars Fund was also established in 1992. Its purpose is to financially assist foreign scholars or activists attending the annual meeting.

The C. Wright Mills Fund was established in 1969. Its purpose is to annually award the author(s) of the book which most effectively (1) critically addresses an issue of contemporary public importance, (2) brings to the topic a fresh, imaginative perspective, (3) advances social scientific understanding of the topic, (4) displays a theoretically informed view and empirical orientation, (5) evinces quality in style of writing, and (6) explicitly or implicitly contains implications for courses of action.

The board of directors has an investment account designated for the Minority Scholarship Award. This award was established in 1993. The purpose of this award is to increase the pool of minority social and behavioral scientists.

The respective board restricted current assets as of December 31, 1999 are as follows:

|                     | Erwin O.<br>Smigel<br>Fund | Lee<br>Founders<br>Fund | Alfred<br>McClung Lee<br>Support<br>Fund | Foreign<br>Scholars<br>Fund | C. Wright<br>Mills<br>Fund | Minority<br>Scholarship<br>Award | Total            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash                | \$3,249                    | \$ 5,108                | \$4,399                                  | \$1,516                     | \$2,289                    | \$ 0                             | \$ 16,561        |
| Investments         | 0                          | 12,157                  | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                          | 262,734                          | 274,891          |
| Accounts Receivable | 0                          | 0                       | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                          | 0                                | 0                |
| Accounts Payable    | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                | <u>0</u>                                 | <u>0</u>                    | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                         | <u>0</u>         |
| Board Restricted    |                            |                         |                                          |                             |                            |                                  |                  |
| Net Assets          | <u>\$3,249</u>             | <u>\$17,265</u>         | <u>\$4,399</u>                           | <u>\$1,516</u>              | <u>\$2,289</u>             | <u>\$262,734</u>                 | <u>\$291,452</u> |

The respective board restricted current assets as of December 31, 1998 are as follows:

|                     | Erwin O.<br>Smigel<br>Fund | Lee<br>Founders<br>Fund | Alfred<br>McClung Lee<br>Support<br>Fund | Foreign<br>Scholars<br>Fund | C. Wright<br>Mills<br>Fund | Minority<br>Scholarship<br>Award | Total            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash                | \$2,955                    | \$ 4,586                | \$4,014                                  | \$1,258                     | \$1,959                    | \$ 9,640                         | \$ 24,412        |
| Investments         | 0                          | 12,331                  | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                          | 216,425                          | 228,756          |
| Accounts Receivable | 0                          | 0                       | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                          | 0                                | 0                |
| Accounts Payable    | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                | <u>0</u>                                 | <u>0</u>                    | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                         | <u>0</u>         |
| Board Restricted    |                            |                         |                                          |                             |                            |                                  |                  |
| Net Assets          | <u>\$2,955</u>             | <u>\$16,917</u>         | <u>\$4,014</u>                           | <u>\$1,258</u>              | <u>\$1,959</u>             | <u>\$226,065</u>                 | <u>\$253,168</u> |

**ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE REPORT  
AUGUST 11, 2000**

Submitted by Lynn Schlesinger, Chair  
Plattsburgh State University of NY

This year's Accessibility Committee included Lynn Schlesinger (chair), Ron Hardert (chair-elect), Sharon Barnartt, Devva Kasnitz, and Barbara Robertson. We served as advisors to the Executive Office in reviewing the language for registration and the program, and for "advertising" the "comfort zone" room SSSP initiated last year.

Due to my misunderstanding I did not realize the Board had accepted my proposal for a disability session sponsored by the committee. By the time I realized my error I felt it would be better to focus on the session that was already being planned on disability (organized by Timothy Diamond).

Next year's committee will include Ron Hardert (chair), Shelly Habel (chair-elect) and Linda Morrison.

Two people attended the accessibility committee meeting today, Linda Morrison and Susan Fitzmaurice. Susan is also interested in working with the committee and I will forward her name to Ron. At the meeting we discussed the following:

1. Again requesting a committee sponsored session.
2. Using the SSSP web site to highlight sessions on next year's meeting program that may not have the word "disability" in the title but that are related to disability as a social problem.
3. Seeking better ways to emphasize to session chairs (and through them to session presenters) the importance of access during sessions (e.g., explaining overheads) and in being able to provide accessible versions of materials (e.g., bringing a couple of hand-outs in large-print; making it clear that material can be provided on disk).
4. In looking at hotel sites, being aware of long walks and whether or not there are resting places (chairs, a bench) along the way.

I will forward this report to next year's committee members.

Finally, I would like to thank the board for its forming of and support for this committee. I would especially like to thank Michele Koontz and Tom Hood for their help, initiative, patience and humor.

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**AL McCLUNG LEE FUND COMMITTEE**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Mindy Stombler, Chair

Date: August 1, 2000  
Re: Final Report

The Al McClung Lee Fund Committee received twenty applications this year. Of those who applied, we funded fifteen (two of whom planned to travel internationally to attend). We only funded fifteen out of twenty students because we did not accept late applications; this was due to the fact that the total amount of funds requested by the timely applicants far exceeded the \$4000 allocated to our committee.

The committee worked to create a fair funding formula that would not disadvantage either local or international students. We awarded a minimum of \$250 to all funded students since that was the minimum request (based on 3 nights in a shared room in the SSSP hotel and meal per diem of 3 days). Once we had awarded \$250 to all funded students we took the remaining money and provided each student with 6.8% of their individual unmet need beyond the \$250 (based on

their applications). Using an on-line travel service, we determined that all students had accurately estimated transportation costs.

While we were pleased to be able to provide some funding to the students who needed assistance, we did have some concerns.

Concerns:

1. The total of the travel fund requests was around \$8000 (not including those who missed the deadline) with students estimating their expenses quite conservatively. Our total budget of \$4000 was insufficient to cover the travel expenses of all but one applicant.
2. Seventy percent of the applications we received were from on-line applications; this was convenient since the information was delivered electronically to the chair's e-mail address. Yet although students were reminded on-line to send proof of their status as students, most students had to be verbally reminded (some multiple times) to send a copy of their student ID. Perhaps instead of simply listing this requirement in the on-line instructions we could also have students check an electronic box indicating they have sent their photocopy to the chair (as an interactive means to remind them and save the committee's time).

I would also like to take a moment to thank the members of my committee: Tracy Dietz (and her number crunching skills), Patti Adler, and Lloyd Klein for making this a simple and enjoyable committee assignment. I'd also like to thank Michele Smith Koontz for enthusiastically guiding me through the process of chairing this committee. It was a pleasurable experience.

cc: Tracy Dietz, Lloyd Klein, Patti Adler

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## BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

To: SSSP Board of Directors  
From: Mark Peyrot  
Chair, BFA Committee  
Re: Committee activities  
Date: July 19, 2000

The BFA Committee met during the annual meeting and again at SSSP Executive Offices, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, on May 19-20, 2000. The committee reviewed the financial status of the Society and its likely future direction in light of actual and projected revenues and expenditures. As the Treasurer's report (June 26, 2000) indicates, the Society's financial status is sound, ending the 1999 fiscal year with net assets of \$475,432. These assets are a function of diligent management by the Executive Officer and his staff, prudent superintendence by previous and current treasurers, and careful oversight by successive BFA committees, including the addition of a Society member with experience as a Financial Advisor.

The committee, however, identified a potential financial problem. Operating expenses were greater than revenues, resulting in an operational deficit of \$19,312 for FY 1999 and increasing in subsequent years. In the 1999 budget, the operational deficit was off-set by increases in the value of the Society's assets, primarily appreciation in the current value of stocks in mutual fund accounts. Moreover, approximately half of this increase is in restricted assets, which are not available to fund operating expenses. We must recognize that such increases are not guaranteed (in fact, are unlikely over the long run) and the value of assets may drop, perhaps substantially. Reliance on using the Society's assets to cover ongoing and growing operational deficits can jeopardize the Society's financial viability.

The committee's actions and recommendations are summarized here.

The committee revised the 2000 budget based on projected expenditures to date, known expenses for the year, and projected income from all sources, including the proposed dues increase. Concern was raised again on the deficit in holding the Annual Meeting, relative to the income it generates. An increase of \$1500 in the computer consultant's fee

and a \$1000 honorarium for the Graduate Research Assistants were recommended for increased work related to the website. Several requests to allow carryover of funds from 1999 to 2000 were rejected in order to maintain budgetary integrity.

As part of the change in dues structure, a new dues category was created, Life Membership. The Society receives a one-time \$1200 payment, and invests \$1100 of it in a revenue-generating account intended to off-set subsequent foregone income from that member's dues. Several members selected that option during its first year. After extensive consultation with the Society's auditors, it was determined that the projected and actual funds for Lifetime Memberships need to be recorded differently than in the original 2000 budget presented to the Board. The amended budget, which eliminated the Lifetime Membership funds received from membership revenue, has been submitted to the Board for approval. In the future, the budget will contain only the portion of the Lifetime Membership, which is used to pay membership for the year in question.

The auditors also suggested that the Society establish a set of policies for how Lifetime Memberships are to be handled, including what happens if the accounts in which the membership funds are deposited do not generate sufficient funds to pay the dues, what happens when the member dies, and other contingencies. The BFA Committee will be looking into these matters.

A set of recommendations by the BFA Committee focus on the journal *Social Problems*. The editors currently charge a \$50 processing fee but it was thought that this might be inadequate to cover the cost of processing a manuscript in a timely fashion. The Board of Directors directed the Editorial and Publication Committee to review this processing fee, and it determined that the fee is adequate. Therefore, the BFA recommendation is to retain the current fee.

The *Social Problems* editorial office at UC-Irvine requested a line item for the payment of graduate student fees by the Society to the University. None of the past agreements regarding the editorial office has included funds for this purpose and the new Editor was asked to request a tuition waiver as part of the contractual relationship between the Society and UC-Irvine. UC-Irvine apparently will not provide such a waiver. The BFA Committee recommends that the matter of tuition payment be considered explicitly by the Editorial and Publications Committee and that they recommend a formal position on the issue to the BFA. Committing to this type of expenditure is a policy decision and the BFA would like a clear directive by Board of Directors regarding this issue.

The BFA recommended that the Society accept the offer of Joseph Gittler to establish a \$50,000 endowment, to be governed by policies of the Society. A midyear vote of the Board was taken.

The BFA reviewed the relationship between the Society and the University of Tennessee in connection with housing the Executive Office at the University. This review consisted largely of reviewing the financial aspects of the arrangement and selected passages of the report of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, which reviewed the Executive Office. The BFA felt that the Society benefited from the relationship and did not note any problems in need of redress.

The BFA requested that Susan Carlson, Financial Advisor, prepare a brief statement on her advice regarding investing funds in community development banks. She will research other institutions that would be potential recipients of a new third account, or of one of our two existing accounts when they are available for transfer. Dr. Carlson was asked to consider candidates that would add to the diversity of community institutions receiving the Society's patronage.

Because the BFA makes recommendations to the Board regarding its own operating budget, it was felt that an independent review of these recommendations might be appropriate. Since the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee is now in operation, it would be appropriate that they review this portion of the budget and make an independent recommendation to the Board. The new BFA Committee will discuss this matter with the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee and report back to the Board.

The BFA Committee also prepared an initial projection for the 2001 budget, based on updated 2000 revenues and expenses. The committee recommends a 5% salary increase for the Administrative Officer and the Executive Officer. Projections for 2001 suggest a deficit in excess of that projected for 2000 unless additional revenues are generated or anticipated expenditures are reduced.

The BFA discussed a recommendation from the Minority Scholarship Committee that \$5,000 be awarded for 2 Honorable Mentions, in addition to the one existing \$10,000 award. The BFA believes that the Society should maintain its level of support for awardees at \$10,000 each because this amount has the potential to have a major impact on an awardee's career. Revenues from the account designated for this purpose should be sufficient to support either plan in 2001; this timing would allow the Society to properly advertise the availability of the awards. In light of these

considerations, the BFA recommends that the Board approve award of two \$10,000 Minority Scholarships for FY 2001 and direct the Minority Scholarship Committee to take appropriate action.

Florence Bonner was elected chair of the 2000-2001 BFA Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Peyrot  
2000 Chair  
Budget, Finance and Audit Committee

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### **2000 C. WRIGHT MILLS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The C. Wright Mills Committee received 65 nominations for the award. In the first-round of deliberations, each committee member reviewed approximately 13 books; three members of the committee read each book.

Based on these reviews, six finalists were selected:

1. Kevin Bales, *Disposable People*
2. Mitchell Duneier, *Sidewalk*
3. Rebecca Klatch, *A Generation Divided*
4. Robert Nelson and William Bridges, *Legalizing Gender Inequality*
5. Stephan Timmermans, *Sudden Death and the Myth of CPR*
6. Katherine Newman, *No Shame in my Game*

All members of the committee reviewed these six books. Two books emerged as our top choices for the 1999 C. Wright Mills Award. Katherine Newman's book, *No Shame in My Game*, was selected as an "honorable mention." Mitch Duneier's book, *Sidewalk*, was the clear winner.

The members of this year's committee should be commended for their work. They wrote careful reviews, met deadlines, and made my job as Chair much easier than it could have been. Committee members include: Norma Williams (Chair-Elect), Carol Brooks Gardner, John Lie, Eric Margolis, Douglas Maynard, Henry Pontell, Mary Ann Romano, Beth Schneider, and Wendy Simonds.

Thank you for the honor of serving as Chair of this important committee! It was a pleasure.

Submitted by:

Amy Wharton  
Chair, C. Wright Mills Committee

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### **REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISIONS**

During the past year, the Council of Division Chairpersons have been involved in their standing charges: organizing sessions for the meeting and generating a possible slate of candidates for SSSP offices.

At our meetings in Chicago in 1999, we addressed the problem of a few divisions that had not held elections for new chairpersons although the current terms have expired. We discussed ideas to generate interest and participation in division activities, and we approved a letter that the Executive Office would send to members of sections with overdue elections. The Executive Office was able to conduct elections in all but one of these divisions during this past year, so we now have chairs serving current terms in 17 of the 18 special problems divisions.

Mary Lou Wylie  
Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions  
August, 2000

## EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

To: SSSP Board of Directors  
From: Anna M. Santiago, Chair, Editorial and Publications Committee  
Re: Report for August 1999-August 2000  
Date: August 12, 2000

This report summarizes the activities of the Editorial and Publications Committee through the period of the Committee's meeting on Saturday, August 12 in Washington DC.

One of the tasks of the Committee this year was to work with the Executive Office and the University of California Press to ensure the incorporation of the changes in the *UC Press/SSSP Memorandum of Agreement* that were discussed at the Chicago meetings. These changes were adopted and the new *Memorandum of Agreement* with UC Press was executed on September 13, 1999.

The Committee also considered a request made in November 1999 by David Smith, Editor, *Social Problems*, regarding the inclusion of the UC-Irvine logo on the cover or masthead page of the journal. The Committee unanimously felt that this would not be in the best interests of the organization and recommended that this request be denied.

At the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Committee acted on the following matters:

The Committee discussed at length the status of the *Presidential Book Series* with UC Press. Committee members expressed concern regarding the delay in publication of the first two volumes of the series and the level of commitment that UC Press has for publishing this series. Therefore, the Editorial and Publications Committee passed the following motion:

*The E & P Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that they authorize Tom Hood, SSSP Executive Officer to formally contact US Press in order to:*

- a) verify the interest and commitment of UC Press to SSSP to public the Presidential Book Series; and*
- b) if UC Press is still interested, to establish a written contract with UC Press defining the parameters of this agreement including the number of volumes per year, the publication timetable, and the minimum press.*

In addition, the E & P Committee passed a second motion recommending to the Board of Directors that the Committee be given permission to explore other publication options for the Presidential Book Series.

After receiving the report made by David Smith, editor of *Social Problems*, regarding the year's activities and transition of the editorial office to UC-Irvine, the Committee considered a proposal by the editor requesting an additional \$800 in the 2000-01 budget to complete the redesign of the *Social Problems* database system. The Committee passed a motion recommending to the Board of Directors that these additional funds be allocated to the editorial office of the journal in order to complete this work.

Stephen Couch, editor of the *SSSP Newsletter*, presented the following proposals regarding the newsletter: a) consider changing the name of the newsletter to reflect the wide range of materials being disseminated in this publication; b) changes in the style and format of the newsletter; and c) changes in content by increasing the number of substantive articles published in the newsletter. The Committee advised Stephen to proceed with the proposed changes in style and content and recommended that he solicit input from the membership regarding the name change via an announcement/explanation in the newsletter.

The Committee considered a proposal made by Tom Hood regarding the publication of an on-line directory of SSSP members which would have the benefits of continuous updating as well as a substantial savings in printing costs. The Committee supports this request with the provisions that the information provided on such a directory have restrictions limiting access to downloadable forms of the database as well as providing SSSP members with the option to exclude all or part of their information from the on-line directory.

The major task for the Committee in the coming year will be to initiate the process of recruitment and selection of the new editors of *Social Problems* and the *SSSP Newsletter*. The primary goal will be to develop a set of bid specifications and organizational expectations during Fall 2000, announce these guidelines in the Fall issue of the *SSSP Newsletter*, identify a pool of finalists in Spring 2001, and interview them at the 2001 Meetings in Anaheim CA.

Finally, the Committee re-elected Anna Santiago as Chair and elected Peter Conrad as Chair-Elect for 2000-2001.

## THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

*August 10, 2000*

I am extremely happy to report that a long-standing wish has been fulfilled this year. The Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee conducted an evaluation of the performance of the Executive Office and discussed future directions for the Society. First, I'd like to thank the Society for making this possible by funding the visit of three members of the Committee to the Executive Officer for an unhurried visit and evaluation. Second, I'd like to thank the Committee for performing the task with good will and insight. The recommendations of the Committee deserve consideration by the Board of Directors.

**Action item #1. First let me add my recommendation that the Board endorse the amendments to the Bylaws proposed by the Committee.**

Second you have been supplied with a complete draft of an Operations Manual for the Committees, Divisions and Officers of the Society. The Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee has asked you to examine it and make suggestions for revisions. The goal is to have a final draft in print by February 28, 2001.

**Action item #2. Set a date by which all suggestions for revisions of the manual are due to the Executive Office. In the motion specify who particularly should read the manual, solicit additional comments and compile suggested revisions. The Executive Officer and Administrative Officer will be happy to prepare the final copy.**

Michele Koontz is suggesting that we move away from a Graduate Student Assistant to a part-time employee for the Society. She notes that during her employment as Administrative Officer she has worked with a large number of individuals. She desires that she be able to train and maintain employment of an individual who can learn the required skills and stay with the Society for a longer period of time. Past Executive Offices have used this model with some success although usually it has cost the Society more money. Given the trend in the budget this money would have to come from somewhere.

One possible source of funds is reducing the amount of compensation for the Executive Officer. I believe that you will agree that Michele Koontz has become increasingly knowledgeable about the purpose and nature of the Society. Each year her history with the Society increases and she grows in her ability to assist officers, divisions and committees. The Executive Officer has an important role as a knowledgeable professional in the field of social problems studies and as a ready source of information about historical events that shaped the organization. The supervisory and oversight role in the summer months could easily be reduced from 75% time to 50% time without a great loss to the Society. I believe this would accurately represent the time needed to devote to Society matters. Of course, if the Society were to expand the role of the Executive Officer by suggesting that a Board Workshop on different futures for the Society for the Study of Social Problems be planned for the 2001 Annual Meeting, then a reduction might not be appropriate. This suggestion harmonizes with a recommendation of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee. They suggest that the Board take an active role in writing job descriptions of the Executive Officer and the Administrative Officer. A Board review of the job descriptions is too time-consuming to be completed during an Annual Meeting session of the Board. The Board might consider giving specific tasks to one or both of these positions and/or the Board might designate members of the Board to work with the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee in reviewing and revising the current job descriptions.

**Action item #3 - Appoint two or three Board Members to work with the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee to develop job descriptions of the Executive Officer and Administrative Officers Positions to be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval not later than January 1, 2001. If approved these will become part of the Operations Manual, along with suggestions for how often the job descriptions should be reviewed.**

During the past summer, I had planned to accomplish the production of a complete detailed outline of a book that I am writing within my specialty. This outline was not completed. While some research for this book was funded and proceeded well, I felt at times that I was taking attention away from the Society. This feeling bothered me, because I want to continue to do good work for the Society in addition to doing what I hope will be regarded as a valuable contribution to the field of collective behavior and social movements. These conflicting feelings are another reason that I have suggested the cutback to a half-time position during the summer.

**Action item #4 - The auditors have requested that a motion be passed stating the following: Life Memberships cost \$1200. Of the \$1200, one hundred dollars is taken as a dues payment the year that the individual takes out a life**



membership. The remaining \$1100 is placed in an interest and dividend bearing account. Dividends and interest from this account are used to pay the dues of life members. The eleven hundred dollars placed in the account remains untouched and is not refundable nor capable of being passed on to another member through inheritance at time of death of the original member. If the Life Membership is paid in two payments over two years, the \$100 is taken out of the first payment.

This motion may be passed by the Board of Directors or by the Annual Business Meeting. My opinion is that since it regards dues it would be appropriate to present the motion to the Annual Meeting for its approval, but the motion should come as a motion passed by the Board of Directors.

I want to conclude my remarks by saying that the Society has had quite a good year. The transition of Editorial Offices has been accomplished. The University of California at Irvine has been able to give the Society tremendous support. The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee demonstrates continual understanding of the financial position of the Society and works hard to insure a balanced budget. Susan Carlson continues to offer sound financial advice. Stephen Couch has successfully picked up the mantle of Newsletter Editor. The President and the Program Committee have been diligent in their attention to the important matters of working toward a successful Annual Meeting and Anniversary celebration. As usual Michele Koontz and our Graduate Assistant Tamara Mix have been outstanding in taking care of day-to-day operations and the preparation for the Annual Meeting. Michele Koontz is a remarkably competent person who anticipates problems and makes them go away before they appear. Of course, we continue to appreciate generous support from the Department of Sociology, the College of Arts and Sciences and the University of Tennessee.

During the past year, we mourned the loss of Betty Briant Lee. We honor Betty and Al Lee annually when we give the Lee Founders' Award to individuals who have contributed much to the Society and the achievement of its purposes. The question arose this year as to whether or not we should further honor outstanding members at their passing by contributing to causes that they or their relatives have designated as source of memorials. Since I personally often do this I have wondered if the Society as an organization would wish to use its resources in this fashion. Different members have had different reactions to this proposal.

I enjoy and appreciate working for this professional Society because we can still remember those who have contributed much and yet welcome new students and new professionals into our ranks and into leadership positions with a cordiality and sincerity that encourages continued scholarship in pursuit of social justice. Thank you for trusting me with this important leadership position, during the last ten years. Thanks to each one of you who have given time, money and thought to the Society during the past year. We could not be The Society for the Study of Social Problems without each of you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas C. Hood  
Executive Officer

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## SMIGEL FUND ANNUAL REPORT

The Smigel Fund received three applications in the mail. A fourth application was sent by email but not recognized by me as an application. I did not open the e-mail and consequently expunged it. The application therefore was not considered for funding. Tom Hood and I discussed this unfortunate circumstance. We agreed that future online applications should be identified in an unambiguous manner. Hopefully, precluding being identified as "Spam." Three applicants were awarded \$500.

The funded applicants are:

1. P.J. McGann (underemployed) Harvard University.
2. Deirdre Mary Smith (unemployed) Toronto University.
3. Kari Lerum (underemployed) Seattle University.

Since I will not be attending this years meetings. It may be advisable to cancel the Smigel Fund Committee meeting.

All the best, R. Terry Furst, Ph.D.

## ANNUAL REPORT ON INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

To: Board of Directors  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
From: Susan M. Carlson, Investment Advisor  
Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee  
Date: July 31, 2000

### *Description of Investment Portfolio*

On December 31, 1999, the Society for the Study of Social Problems had an investment portfolio of \$525,210 at current market value. This portfolio comprised socially responsible investments of two types: (1) socially responsible mutual funds; and (2) certificates of deposit and money market account with community development banks and credit unions.

The Society had investments with three socially responsible mutual funds. The managers of each of these funds use a stringent set of financial and social criteria in selecting securities for inclusion in the fund's portfolio. They also seek out companies that are model corporate citizens, and attempt to positively influence corporate behavior on important social issues by having a direct dialogue with corporate managers, filing shareholder resolutions, and proxy voting. While the specific criteria used by fund managers vary across funds, there are strong similarities. For example, all funds use "exclusionary screens" that reject companies involved in the production, sale, or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and military weapons, and nuclear energy. They also avoid companies that pollute the environment, use animals to test products, have weak employee/labor relations, diversity, and human rights records, and produce or distribute unsafe products.

The Society's largest investment in socially responsible mutual funds is with the Pax World Fund (\$262,734). The Pax World Fund was established in 1970 and has a solid performance record. It is a balanced fund, which reduces risk to the Society. Morningstar gives the Pax World Fund a four-star rating (out of five) when it is compared with all other balanced funds (both socially responsible and non-socially responsible). The Board has restricted the dividend income from this investment be used to fund the minority scholarship. Capital gains are reinvested in the Fund.

The Society's second largest investment in socially responsible mutual funds is with the Domini Social Equity Fund (\$124,950). The primary investment objective of the Domini Social Equity Fund is growth, and thus is slightly higher risk. The overall performance of the Domini Fund has been excellent. In four of the past eight years it has outperformed the Standard & Poor 500. Morningstar gives the Domini Social Equity Fund a four-star rating.

The third investment was with the Calvert Managed Growth Fund (\$12,157). The Calvert Group manages ten socially responsible mutual funds. The Managed Growth Fund is a balanced fund, like the Pax World Fund. The Calvert group funds are among the poorest performing socially responsible mutual funds. For this reason, and with Board approval, the Society has moved these funds into a new Pax World Account. This mutual fund holding was a gift to the Society from Alfred and Betty Briant Lee. The Society withdraws \$1,000 each year for the Social Action Award.

The Society deposits most of its cash reserves with two community development banks and one community development credit union. The Society's money market account is with the South Shore Bank in Chicago, the oldest community development lending institution in the nation. Certificates of deposit are held with Self Help Credit Union in North Carolina (\$40,248) and the Community Bank of the Bay in Oakland, California (\$50,000).

The mission of community development banks and credit unions is to promote economic development in wealth disadvantaged communities by providing low interest small business loans, home mortgages, consumer loans, and banking services to people who otherwise would be denied these services and opportunities by conventional banking and credit institutions. Unlike conventional credit unions that are allowed only to accept deposits from a clearly defined group of clients, community development credit unions may accept deposits from individuals and institutions outside their client group (*see endnote*). This increases resources available for promoting economic development in the disadvantaged communities these credit unions served. Community development credit unions are democratically controlled, not-for-profit, insured and government regulated, and operated by voluntary boards of directors. The Society's investments in these community development institutions are used to provide the small business loans, home mortgages, and consumer loans that foster economic development within these communities. The money market account and certificates of deposit provide competitive rates of interest and are insured up to \$100,000 by the FDIC.

Consistent with the Society's board-approved investment policy, the Budget Finance and Audit Committee has divested the Society of the investments formerly held by Merrill Lynch, and moved these funds into the socially responsible investments described above. The final investment with Merrill Lynch was a U.S. Treasury Note (\$20,762) which matured on January 31, 2000. The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee is selecting a community development credit union or bank which serves a minority community in another area of the country to receive this investment. The Committee is also considering moving the Self-Help investment to a community development credit union or bank in another area of the country when it matures later this year.

#### *Financial Performance: Socially Responsible Mutual Funds*

The overall performance of the Society's socially responsible mutual funds in 1999 was very strong. The Pax World Fund yielded a total return of 17.2%. The Calvert Managed Growth fund, a balanced fund like Pax, recorded a loss of 14.2%. As would be expected of a higher risk growth fund, the Domini Social Equity Fund provided a total return of 22.6%.

In 1999, the Pax World Fund investment for the minority scholarship provided dividends and long-term capital gains of \$19,544—nearly enough to cover the cost of two minority scholarships. Interest and investment income for the remainder of the remainder of the Society's investments was \$10,635.

The *unrealized* (or "paper") net gain on the market value of the Society's investments was \$40,182. Were it not for the paper/unrealized gains on the Society's mutual fund investments, the Society would have had a budget deficit of \$19,312 in 1999.

This year, the Society may not see the returns on its mutual fund investments that it has enjoyed over the past several years. Thus far in 2000, the market has been more volatile, particularly in high-tech stocks. Most analysts see recent declines in the market as a necessary correction for overvaluation of many high-tech stocks. As of June 30, 2000, the Domini Social Equity Fund had a year-to-date loss of 2.7%, while the Pax Fund increased by 1.5%.

#### *Social Performance: Socially Responsible Mutual Funds*

The Society's investments in socially responsible mutual funds are not merely about financial gains and losses; they are also about doing social good. The Domini Social Equity Fund files, and encourages others to file, shareholder resolutions with companies designed to change socially irresponsible and/or undesirable corporate behavior. Most of Domini's current activism efforts focus on the sweatshop issue and issues related to the environment. During the current proxy voting year, Domini filed ten shareholder resolutions, taking the lead on four. Domini was the lead filer for resolutions asking McDonald's and Nordstrom to report on their efforts to deter sweatshop work place conditions at hundreds of their contract suppliers around the globe. Domini was a co-filer with other investors of similar resolutions at Cooper Industries, Sears Roebuck, and Wal-Mart. These resolutions are making an impact. Nearly ten percent of all shares voted for the resolution at Nordstrom (8.8 million shares). What is noteworthy about this result is that it occurred despite the fact that over one third of all shares are owned by company officers and board members. The resolutions at Sears and McDonald's were withdrawn after these companies agreed to an on-going dialogue over these issues with Domini representatives. McDonald's has now made a report concerning its efforts to monitor supplier compliance with its code of conduct. I would encourage Board members to visit the Domini website to see the full range of resolutions, proxy votes, and social activist initiatives by the Domini Fund ([www.domini.com](http://www.domini.com)). The Pax World Fund also promotes social activism and community development ([www.paxfund.com](http://www.paxfund.com)).

#### *Community Development Investments*

The Society's certificates of deposit with the Community Bank of the Bay and Self Help are at market-based rates of interest, as is the money market account at the South Shore Bank. What social good is being done through the use of the Society's funds in the disadvantaged communities served by these financial institutions?

Self Help Credit Union's mission is "to create ownership and economic opportunities for minorities, women, rural residents, and low-wealth families." Since 1980, Self Help has provided \$325 million to help finance over 5,500 small businesses, homebuyers, and nonprofit social service agencies. During 1998 alone, Self Help made \$7.8 million in home loans to 133 families. Of these families, 65% were minorities, 39% were rural, 47% were women-headed, 87% were first-time homebuyers, and 73% were low income. Without Self Help, many of these families would not now be homeowners. One such case is that of a mother of three children who was forced to move into public housing after the

death of her husband. Home ownership by this woman would not have been possible due to her low income, few economic assets and significant debt. The loan officer at Self Help put together a package including loans, subsidies, and other help which made home ownership a reality for this woman and her children. Self Help also specializes in making loans to businesses that are successful, but are deemed not "good credit risks" by local banking institutions. In 1998, Self Help made \$22 million in commercial loans throughout the state of North Carolina to 1,566 small businesses and nonprofit social service agencies. These loans were made to minority borrowers (45%), rural borrowers (41%) and women borrowers (49%). Through these loans, over 750 jobs were either saved, created, or improved. In short, Self Help is playing a key role in the economic empowerment of communities in North Carolina.

Community Bank of the Bay (CBB) serves low and moderate income communities in Oakland and the entire San Francisco Bay Area. CBB uses deposits such as the Society's to make community development loans for affordable housing, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations. Its mission is "to promote economic prosperity and self reliance in low and moderate income areas.... The Bank's lending activities are designed to improve capital access in credit-deprived Bay Area Neighborhoods, thus helping to revitalize those communities." CBB's target market is small businesses and entrepreneurs who have no background in business and are considered to be too high risk by traditional lending institutions.

CBB really makes a difference in the communities it serves. For example, in a sector of East Oakland, where the average income is 54% of the Bay Area's median, CBB made several short-term loans to Gregory Truck, Body and Fire Apparatus Inc. which was the only African American owned truck body manufacturer in the nation. With the help of these loans, Gregory was able to increase employment from 2 to 20 employees thus providing more jobs. Loans provided for development or renovation of affordable housing also go a long way toward preventing homelessness in the communities served by CBB. Since its inception in 1996, CBB has made 101 loans worth \$18.6 million. In 1998 alone it made 57 loans totaling \$8.8 million. CBB provided working capital that created the opportunity for young people to gain valuable work experience and invested in a Youth Employment Partnership project that created 75 job-training positions and salvaged 800,000 board feet of old growth douglas fir and redwood lumber.

In sum, the Society's reserves that are deposited in community development banks and credit unions are being used to economically empower both urban and rural communities in different parts of the nation. The few examples noted above show just some of the good work these community development financial institutions are accomplishing.

#### *Endnote*

I urge members of the Society who are interested in making deposits with community development credit unions to consult the website of the national Federation of Community Development Credit Unions, [www.natfed.org](http://www.natfed.org). This website contains a list of all the member credit unions of NFCDCU. Unfortunately, they do not give addresses or contact information, but will do so if you contact them. Additional websites with excellent information on socially responsible investing include [www.goodmoney.com](http://www.goodmoney.com), [www.socialfunds.com](http://www.socialfunds.com), and [www.socialinvest.org](http://www.socialinvest.org).

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## REPORT OF THE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Phyllis A. Langton, Chair; William Chambliss; Walda Katz-Fishman; Dianne Kammerer

The committee worked together with the assistance of Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer, SSSP, and Thomas Hood, Executive Officer. Thanks to everyone for making this a fun and worthwhile experience. The following summarizes our activities and decisions.

### *MAYFLOWER HOTEL*

Tom and Michele had previously made contact with Meredith Grosser, Convention Service Manager. Plans were made for Michele, Bob Perrucci, President SSSP, and Phyllis to walk through the hotel in January 2000 to approve the assigned rooms and make any needed arrangements for August. However, Michele was the only person who made the visit in January since Phyllis was stranded in St. Thomas because of a snowstorm in DC. Bob was unable to attend because of department business. Michele handled the walk through very competently.

### *AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT*

I obtained competitive bidding from 7 companies. Only one was close in cost but still exceeded the Mayflower system after we received a discount from the Mayflower audio-visual department. This effort was very time consuming and hopefully Mr. Bowman will come through as promised.

### *ON-SITE REGISTRATION*

I ordered 450 copies of the restaurant guide through Janet Astner from ASA which will be delivered to my home. All books, other materials, and miscellaneous items are being mailed to my home. I will transport all materials to the Mayflower on Wednesday, August 9th. All boxes will be labeled and an inventory list provided to Michele to ensure the safe delivery of the materials. Michele will begin assembling the packets at 11:00pm on the 9th of August since a meeting is being held in the registration room until 10:00pm. This will be a long night for Michele. I have included 600 copies of the DC Metro Schedule and map.

### *PROGRAM*

I provided feedback to Michele Koontz after reading the preliminary program. I wrote a Welcome to Washington, D.C., message for the program.

### *BANQUET*

This was a time consuming task and involved many email exchanges, visits to various sites by Dianne Kammerer and me. We even considered the National Zoo! We experienced two major problems and one minor in our restaurant search. The major problems were: 1) room size-finding a restaurant that would serve a BUFFET for approximately 200 guests. A buffet takes space that could otherwise be used for seating. Many restaurants said they would do a sit down dinner but not a buffet, for example, The Women's National Democratic Club where we had the banquet five years ago; 2) the second major problem is finding restaurants in DC that are handicapped accessible. This was a major issue since many have not updated their facilities because the buildings are old, requiring considerable money to update. Many restaurants fell into this category, for example, several great Chinese restaurants. The one minor problem was cost. We were working with a budget and trying to hold the cost to \$40 for the banquet ticket (which also includes cost for music, transportation, etc.). After we provided Bob, Michele, and Tom the possible options, they chose the Mayflower Hotel Banquet Room. This selection makes it easier for everyone to attend the banquet and to attend the other receptions. The receptions will be catered by the hotel, as well as the banquet.

The Local Arrangements Committee donated \$300.00 from its expense budget (of \$500.00) to help defray the cost of the banquet ticket.

A jazz trio from The George Washington University will provide music. I called all the music departments in the Washington DC metropolitan area to find a group willing to play on August 12, 2000. The cost ranged from \$450.00 for GWU; \$900.00 for UDC; to \$1000.00 for Howard University. Since I am a faculty member at GWU, they will provide music for the receptions as well, from 6-10:00pm. Total cost is \$450.00 for the trio.

### *MEDIA*

Bob prepared a press release, which was distributed by the Office of Public Affairs, The George Washington University. They provided excellence assistance to SSSP.

### *BOARD OF DIRECTORS DINNER*

Again, we encountered the problem of restaurants that could meet our needs in terms of size and cost, but these restaurants were not handicapped accessible. This provided a real problem but we settled on Bertucci's, a pleasant restaurant at a reasonable cost. Their menu is diverse enough to fit all needs. This restaurant does not write formal contracts so I have called them frequently, and will go there on July 22 to ensure our arrangements. Follow up is so necessary.

### *HOUSING INQUIRY*

I called all universities in the Metropolitan area to locate student housing. None of the universities were able to provide housing on the dates of our meetings.

### *OTHER*

We spent time revisiting areas in Washington that would be good for all kinds of interests and transportation. We recommended strongly that people visit The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, which opened in 1997. It is the first memorial in Washington purposely designed to be totally wheelchair accessible.

It is a great privilege to work with Michele Koontz who is always professional, courteous, and warm in her relationships with everyone. She is a consummate manager.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis A. Langton, Chair Local Arrangements  
Professor Emeritus of Sociology  
The George Washington University  
Washington, D.C.

## 2000 PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to the Board of Directors  
The Society for the Study of Social Problems

The Program Committee sought to stiffen the spine and quicken the pulse of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual SSSP meeting. Collaborating with President Robert Perrucci, Administrative Officer Michele Smith Koontz, the 18 Division Chairs, and many creative SSSP members and special contributors, we crafted a spirited program to launch a new century of active scholarship in the pursuit of social justice consisting of seventy-seven (77) topical sessions plus many other special events, exhibitions, and features.

Prior to his election, President Perrucci pledged to focus on engaging new members as well as veterans in SSSP activities. At the 1999 Business Meeting, he announced "Inventing Social Justice: SSSP and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" as the 2000 meeting theme. These features of his leadership helped guide the Program Committee's identification of issues, special sessions, and activities that would reinforce the program theme and also facilitate the goal of inclusive, active engagement. Our efforts involved soliciting ideas, contributions, and participation from new as well as long-standing SSSP members. We also cultivated partnerships and collaborative ventures with non-members and external groups whose interests and concerns parallel those of the SSSP.

To help commemorate the SSSP's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, the Program Committee sponsored "Celebrating 50 Years of the SSSP," a Plenary session with fourteen distinguished SSSP panelists. In addition to this event, eleven (11) Thematic and fifteen (15) Special sessions emerged from the Program Committee's collaborative efforts with the Division chairs and other contributors.

The Thematic sessions focused on major public policies and social justice issues in areas such as health care, drugs, labor union, gender, race, teaching, and mental illness. Four of the Special sessions were organized for new members and graduate students: "Publishing for Different Audiences," "On the Job Market," "Laboring to Learn: The Collective Action of Graduate Employees," "Student Award Winning Papers: A Roundtable." One Thematic, two Special sessions, and an off-site reception were developed to promote joint ventures involving the SSSP and other organizations: "The Sociology of The Black Radical Congress" (co-sponsored by the SSSP Racial & Ethnic Minorities Division, the Association of Black Sociologists, and the ASA Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section), "Theory and Practice" (co-sponsored by the Program Committee and Unite 2000: the Sociological Practice Association and the Society for Applied Sociology), "Critical Sociology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: An Open Panel Discussion in the Spirit of C. Wright Mills" (co-sponsored by the Program Committee and the journal, *Critical Sociology*), "SSSP/ABS Reception" (co-sponsored by the SSSP and the Association of Black Sociologists). A notable Special session was the "1998 C. Wright Mills Award Winner" event organized as an "Author Meets Critics" panel to stimulate participation and discussion among a wide range of interested members.

We solicited contributions within the framework of paper submission guidelines per the practices of previous program committees. A series of winter meetings coordinated by President Perrucci helped frame the preliminary ordering of topics and events. Beginning in late 1999 and extending through the spring of 2000, a blizzard of memos, letters, papers, and email notes involving Division Chairs, contributors, organizers, and SSSP staffers nearly crushed our will to live. But we somehow survived. With the able assistance of Michele Smith Koontz, the 2000 Preliminary Program was delivered on time and under budget.

We thank Robert Perrucci for inviting us to serve as Program Co-Chairs. The soul-searching experiences tested our faith and made the SSSP Y2K transition a once-in-a-millennium event to remember. If suffering builds character, then we should stand at the head of the class for the next century. *res ipsa loquitur*

Respectfully submitted, August 10, 2000  
JoAnn Miller and Earl Wysong, SSSP Program Committee Co-Chairs 1999-2000

## MEETING MANAGER REPORT

To: Board of Directors  
From: Michele Smith Koontz  
Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager  
Date: July 17, 2000

### I. 2000 ANNUAL MEETING:

I am pleased to report that 417 members have pre-registered for the Annual Meeting. Of the 417 attendees, 21 or 5% are exempt from paying meeting registration. Last year at this time, we had 502 pre-registered. This is a decrease of 20%.

We have 75 sessions with 253 papers and 80 panelists scheduled over the next three days. The 8 films are sponsored by California Newsreel, Media Education Foundation, and Original Cinema.

This year, we introduced a complimentary service for spouses/guests of SSSP members. Each spouse/guest will receive a name badge only (name only, no affiliation). Any spouse/guest wanting full access to SSSP sessions or special events and a program packet must register individually and pay the full registration fee and membership dues. There were 55 people who took advantage of this service. Note, I did not include those 55 people in the total number of pre-registered members. Next year, there will be a \$10 charge for this service.

### II. PRE-REGISTRATION:

The problem of collecting pre-registration fees from program participants was faced again this year. After the initial mailing requesting payment of pre-registration fees, 167 participants had not paid. A second mailing was sent stating that they would be deleted from the final program if payment was not received by July 10. Sixty-nine failed to respond. After discussing this with Robert Perrucci, President, and JoAnn Miller and Earl Wysong, Program Committee Co-Chairs, we decided not to delete these participants from the final program.

The preliminary program and pre-registration information was made available at the SSSP website. This option helped decrease the number of non-paying program participants.

### III. ADVERTISING:

A letter was faxed to 112 publishing companies encouraging them to advertise in our final program. This year, \$1,775 in advertising was sold. This amount will offset the costs of printing and shipping the final programs.

### IV. BOOK EXHIBIT:

Based on the feedback from the 1999 annual meeting evaluations, participants enjoyed the expanded book exhibit and felt it could be expanded even more. The Executive Office contracted with the Library of Social Science again this year. They will organize and manage the book exhibit without cost to the Society. More than 350 books from 33 publishing companies will be at the exhibit.

### V. REGISTRATION WORKERS AND LOW INCOME ACCOMMODATIONS:

Seven student members will be working at the registration desk. In exchange for working 12 hours, they will receive a complimentary shared hotel room for the nights of August 10, 11, and 12. Nine members received a reduced room rate of \$99 plus 14.5% occupancy tax per night.

Information about the roommate matching service was sent to program participants and included in the preliminary program. Eighteen members requested this service. On June 20, I sent a letter to them listing the names, addresses, numbers and email addresses of those willing to participate.

### VI. ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES:

SSSP has taken proactive steps toward meeting the special needs of our disabled members. I worked closely with Lynn Schlesinger, Accessibility Committee Chair to make our annual meeting more accessible. Written guidelines were distributed to all meeting participants to assist them in being increasingly creative in their inclusiveness. We requested that all attendees refrain from wearing any scented products and not to smoke in the meeting rooms. Smoking is only permitted in the hotel lobby and restaurants.

Last year, SSSP offered a "quiet place" where attendees coping with meeting fatigue, illness, or stress could escape from the noise and bustle of meeting activities. The Comfort Zone was a huge success. A hospitality suite has been reserved for the 2000 meetings. This space is provided in response to concerns brought to the Executive Office by the Accessibility Committee and SSSP members.

There was a section on accessibility services on the registration form. Registrants were able to request a sign language interpreter for program sessions or committee meetings, a sighted guide and/or reservation oversight. (After the participant makes their hotel reservation, I check with the hotel to ensure that their special requests were noted.) Four members requested these services.

### VII. INTERNATIONAL COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

I worked closely with James Gruber and Susan Fineran to plan ICASH's Ninth Annual Conference. SSSP allocated ICASH one meeting room on August 10 and two meeting rooms on August 11. Their program was printed in the Newsletter, the preliminary and final programs. I coordinated their audio-visual, catering and room set-up needs with the hotel. They will reimburse the Society for all charges related to their conference.

## **VIII. AUDIO-VISUAL:**

Last year, the Board of Directors voted to provide an overhead projector and screen in every meeting room. Any additional equipment had to be arranged by the presenter with the Renaissance Audio Visual Department. The cost of additional equipment was borne by the presenter. As a result of this policy, the Society saved \$870 in 1999.

After numerous attempts, Phyllis Langton, Local Arrangements Chair and I were able to negotiate a 25% discount on audio-visual equipment. Our hotel contract allows presenters to bring their own equipment to the session. In an effort to reduce audio-visual costs, California Newsreel, Media Education Foundation, and Original Cinema will share the costs associated with the film exhibit.

## **IX. CATERING:**

Bob Perrucci and I worked very closely to cut our catering costs. We will reduce our catering expenses by serving desserts, fruit, cheese and crudite platters versus heavy hors d'oeuvres.

The hotel was having a booking promotion when SSSP signed the hotel contract in the fall of 1996. SSSP will receive a 25% discount off all coffee by the gallon during the meeting. Last year, SSSP purchased 35 gallons of coffee/hot tea @ \$48 plus 18% gratuity and sales tax per gallon or \$2,101. This year, SSSP will pay \$39 plus 18% gratuity and sales tax per gallon.

In order to cut beverage costs at the Graduate Students, New Members, Al Lee Support & Activist & Foreign Scholar Awardees Reception, a complimentary drink coupon (up to a \$6 value) will be given to graduate students and new members attending the meeting. This will drastically cut our beverage costs. A cash bar will be available for everyone else attending the reception. Note, there is a three-hour minimum rate of \$180 for the cash bar. This fee pays the bartender and cashier.

## **X. RECEPTION HONORING PAST PRESIDENTS, THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND THE AWARDS BANQUET:**

The Reception Honoring Past Presidents, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Awards Banquet will be held at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel. In an effort to reduce catering costs, we are combining the Reception Honoring Past Presidents and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The joint reception is complimentary to all members. It will feature an anniversary cake, fruit tray and a cash bar.

The Awards Banquet will feature an Italian buffet. SSSP is charging \$40 per person for a banquet ticket. The actual cost of a banquet ticket is \$48 per person (\$35 food cost + 18% gratuity + 10% sales tax = \$45.43 plus \$450 music/175 attendees = \$2.57). This price is based on ticket sales of 175. Currently, we have sold 147 tickets. In an effort to reduce the cost of a banquet ticket to \$40, the Local Arrangements Committee and the Program Committee have donated money from their expense budgets to help defray the banquet. Also, Dr. John Galliher, Missouri University and Dr. Shelle Kelz, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University-Kokomo have made financial contributions to the Annual Meeting.

It is becoming more difficult to negotiate a contract with a local restaurant that has a handicap accessible entrance and washrooms, is walking distance from the hotel and will provide a buffet dinner for up to 200 guests for less than \$40 per person. I would encourage the Board of Directors to discuss the future of the SSSP Awards Banquet. The cost of holding a banquet is increasing (1997-\$30, 1998-\$40, 1999-\$36, and 2000-\$48). It is no longer feasible to expect to have a banquet in the annual meeting cities for less than \$50. The Society has several options: pass the actual cost onto the members, provide partial subsidization of the banquet or discontinue the banquet all together.

## **XI. MEETING MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

I worked very closely with Meredith Grosser, Senior Convention Services Manager, in planning the annual meeting. I provided her with details for 1) hospitality rooms; 2) VIP packages; 3) audio-visual requirements; 4) catering for more than 25 food functions; 5) meeting room set up; and 6) signage. I will review the master account before leaving the hotel. Meredith responded professionally and competently. It has been a true pleasure to work with her.

I spent endless hours reviewing the wants and needs of the membership. Upon compilation of the requirements of the membership, I set out to accomplish the following:

- 1) Attractive and functional preliminary and final program.  
(Note: Room/Day/Time Schedule as a convenient pull out section of the final program)
- 2) Negotiate a contract with a travel and rental car agency that will offer special rates for the membership. (Association Travel Concepts allows SSSP members to call the vendors directly or use their own agency. SSSP receives credit when members provided the SSSP ID# before purchasing their ticket. As a result of using ATC last year, SSSP received four complimentary airline tickets.)
- 3) Efficient registration area.  
I have recruited 7 graduate students to assist me during registration. I also compiled the following materials that are included in the registration bags. (Final Program, Business Meeting Agenda, Evaluation, City Map and ASA Restaurant Guide). In an effort to reduce costs, Sociological Abstracts will be available at the registration desk.

It is very time consuming to plan an annual meeting. There are so many details that must not be overlooked. I have been very fortunate to work with Bob Perrucci, JoAnn Miller, Earl Wysong, Phyllis Langton (again), Tom Hood, Tamara Mix and Meredith Grosser. I want to thank them for their guidance, knowledge, and support that was freely given me throughout the year.

I would like to thank you, the Board of Directors, for again giving me the opportunity to serve SSSP as meeting manager. I welcome the opportunity to continue this service next year in Anaheim, CA.



## FOREIGN SCHOLAR-ACTIVIST COMMITTEE

To: SSSP Board of Directors  
From: Allan Lummus, Chair Foreign Scholar-Activist Committee  
Date: July 11, 2000

The work of the committee was short and fairly straightforward. Three applications asking for total of 2500 dollars were received by the chair. One of the applicants was awarded another SSSP award and it thus disqualified the applicant from receiving any additional awards from the Organization. The remaining two were awarded their total amount requested. The two applicants were Christina Marouli and Dave Ramsaran. The committee awarded Ms. Marouli \$1417.00 and Mr. Ramsaran \$650.00. The total of the two awards is \$2067.00. The chair would like to thank the members for their input and participation in this very important committee.

### OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Lisa Avalos, Grinnell College  
Alfonso R. Latoni, University of Puerto Rico  
Richard Dello Buono, Dominican University  
Kathleen J. Fitzgerald, University of Missouri-Columbia  
John Haskins, Florida International University  
Laurel Holland, University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
Saskia Subramanian, University of California-Los Angeles  
Lori Sudderth, Village for Families and Children

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## REPORT FROM THE YEAR 2000 COMMITTEE COMMEMORATING THE SOCIETY'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Date: August 11, 2000

The Committee, consisting of John Galliher, Joe Gusfield and myself (as chair), met three times and otherwise communicated by email.

We are pleased with the Golden Anniversary program cover designed by Michele Koontz, with the 7-7:45 p.m. Saturday August 12th Reception that will celebrate SSSP's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well as honor our Past Presidents, and most especially with the Plenary Session (#53), "Celebrating 50 Years of the SSSP." The Plenary Session which John Galliher organized and will chair, is to be held from 5-6:45 p.m. Saturday August 12th just prior to the reception commemorating the Society's 50th anniversary. John has gathered a stellar group of panelists representing diverse aspects of the Society's history: Rodolfo Álvarez, Wayne Brekus, Troy Duster, James Galliher, David Keys, James McCartney, JoAnn Miller, S.M. Miller, Frances Fox Piven, Ellen Reese, Barbara Katz Rothman, Gideon Sjoberg, and Doris Wilkinson.

We hope that you will all join us at these events celebrating SSSP's 50 years!

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Roby, Chair  
Year 2000 Committee Commemorating SSSP's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## SOCIAL ACTION AND AWARD COMMITTEE

To: SSSP Social Action & Award Committee  
SSSP Board  
From: Walda Katz-Fishman, Committee Chair  
Date: July 6, 2000

Hi SSSP Social Action & Award Committee Members. Hope you're having a good summer. Forgive the formal nature of this – it is doubling as my report to you & the SSSP Board.

First thanks to all committee members for getting your ballots back to me on time. We do have a winner – the Council of Latino Agencies!

The results are as follows:

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place - Council of Latino Agencies (CLA):          | 5 - 1 <sup>st</sup> rankings & score - 21 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place - Stand Tall in the Community Sense (STICS): | 4 - 1 <sup>st</sup> rankings & score - 19 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Food & Friends (F&F):                      | 0 - 1 <sup>st</sup> rankings & score - 11 |

Clearly the CLA is the award winner of the \$1000 award. BUT because STICS was so close in score and received almost as many 1<sup>st</sup> place rankings, I took the “privilege of the chair” to ask the SSSP office if it was possible to make a “token” award of about \$250 and invite representatives to attend the banquet. The preliminary answer is “yes,” but we will have to wait for final confirmation.

The meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Friday, August 11, 2000, 3:00pm-4:45pm in the hotel “boardroom.” Unfortunately I have a session at ABS (Association of Black Sociologists) at that time and **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE MEETING**. Hopefully Pat Morgan, the incoming chair can be there to deal with any business. From my perspective our work is done!

Again, thanks to all for your service to the Committee & SSSP. See you in August!

For SSSP Office - Contact information for the nominees:

Council of Latino Agencies, 2437 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC 20009;  
tel: 202.328.9451; fax: 202.667.6135; Contact: Jessica Alvarez; Director: Arnaldo Ramos

Stand Tall in the Community Sense (STICS), 3023 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW #901, Washington, DC 20009; tel: 202.986.6530;  
Contact: Clark McKnight; Coordinators: Clark McKnight, Laura Acuna; Adrienne Edwards

Food & Friends, 58 L St. SE, Washington, DC 20003; tel: 202.488.8278; Contact & Director: Craig Scniderman

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### 2000 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Javier Treviño, Chair, 1999-2000  
Claire Renzetti, Chair-Elect  
Joya Misra, Past Chair  
David Akubuwe  
Craig Little  
Boyd Littrell  
Dorothy Pawluch  
Jeffrey Rickert  
Cynthia Wright

During the past year the Committee worked to increase SSSP membership by implementing several strategies. Although these strategies had been employed in previously years, what changed this time around were some the organizations targeted for recruitment into the Society. We are extremely grateful to Tom Hood, Michele Smith Koontz, and Tamara

Mix for their exceptional efficiency and hard work in aiding the Membership Committee. All of the mailings and membership figures were processed by the SSSP Executive Office, which made our work significantly easier.

The majority of SSSP members are renewing members. Given that the SSSP President prepares the membership renewal letters, the Membership Committee is therefore chiefly concerned with recruiting new members. Several strategies were utilized including the following:

- (1) Revising and having new brochures printed (this involved, among other things, changing the membership dues amounts).
- (2) Sending a letter and brochures to 1,882 SSSP members asking them to recruit new members.
- (3) Sending a letter and brochures to 147 department heads of Ph.D. granting departments about departmental memberships.
- (4) Having brochures displayed at several regional association meetings including the Eastern Sociological Society and the Midwest Sociological Society.
- (5) Sending a letter and brochure to 9,829 people from a Sage Publication list.
- (6) Sending a letter and brochure to 3,117 ASA section members in Alcohol & Drugs; Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Sociology of Law; Environment and Technology; Peace, War, and Social Conflict; Medical Sociology; Sociology of Mental Health; Community and Urban Sociology.
- (7) Sending a letter and brochure to 4,349 members of the New England Sociological Association, the Pacific Sociological Association, SPSSI, subscribers of *Social Service Review*, and the Sociologists for Women in Society.
- (8) All in all the 2000 Membership Campaign targeted 19,324 potential new members.

Despite the various attempts to raise membership, the campaign was not successful. Membership decreased from 1,717 (as of 6/30/99) to 1,624 (as of 6/30/00).

By the end of June, membership had decreased by 93 members from a year ago. It should be noted that membership revenue increased by \$765.00. The table below describes these figures:

| <b>Dues Category*</b>                     | <b>6/99</b>     | <b>6/00</b>     | <b>% Change</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| \$20 (Student)                            | 568             | 500             | -12.0%          |
| \$20 (Unemployed)                         | 39              | 43              | 10.3%           |
| \$35 (New Emeriti)                        | 61              | 57              | -6.6%           |
| \$35 (1 <sup>st</sup> -time prof. member) | 79              | 67              | -15.2%          |
| \$35 (1 <sup>st</sup> year after Ph.D.)   | 60              | 57              | -5.0%           |
| \$50 (<\$24,999)                          | 58              | 53              | -8.6%           |
| \$65 (\$25,000-34,999)                    | 100             | 84              | -16.0%          |
| \$75 (\$35,000-44,999)                    | 204             | 201             | -1.5%           |
| \$90 (45,000-54,999)                      | 185             | 158             | -14.6%          |
| \$105 (\$55,000-64,999)                   | 297             | (107)           |                 |
| \$120 (\$65,000-\$74,999)                 | NA              | (80)            |                 |
| \$135 (>75,000)                           | NA              | (115) (302)     | (1.7%)†         |
| \$1,200 (Life Membership)                 | NA              | 10              |                 |
| \$60 (Departmental)                       | 26              | 34              | 30.8%           |
| \$0 (Emeriti)                             | 40              | 58              | 45.0%           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                             | <b>1717</b>     | <b>1624</b>     | <b>-5.4%</b>    |
| <b>REVENUE GENERATED</b>                  | <b>\$93,235</b> | <b>\$94,000</b> | <b>\$765</b>    |

\* Dues categories reflect 2000 changes.

† Includes totals for those making \$55,000 or more.

Membership increased for the unemployed, those earning \$55,000 or more, departments, and Emeriti. The biggest success was among the Emeriti. A large drop occurred with those making less than \$54,999, as well as with first time professional members and those who had recently obtained their Ph.D. This is disappointing given that these members make up most of the membership categories. Thus, it appears that the Campaign was successful at maintaining members who are better paid. In 2000, the Life Membership category was added to maintain regular members.

| Source Name                     | #Mailed       | Members Received | Revenue Generated | Net              |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| American Soc. Assoc.            | 3117          | 24               | \$895.00          | \$-1,134.44      |
| New England Soc. Assoc.         | 149           | 1                | \$90.00           | \$10.62          |
| Dept. Heads Ph.D. Depts.        | 147           | 7                | \$420.00          | \$342.20         |
| Pacific Soc. Assoc.             | 1217          | 8                | \$345.00          | \$190.28         |
| SAGE Publications               | 9829          | 51               | \$2,385.00        | \$255.88         |
| SPSSI                           | 2029          | 19               | \$780.00          | \$314.52         |
| SSSP—99&00 Members<br>(US only) | 1882          | 0                | \$0.00            | \$-416.31        |
| Social Science Review           | 443           | 3                | \$100.00          | \$-29.87         |
| SWS                             | 364           | 4                | \$180.00          | \$-168.03        |
| SWS/SSSP                        | 147           | 0                | \$0.00            |                  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>              | <b>19,324</b> | <b>117</b>       | <b>\$5,195.00</b> | <b>\$-635.15</b> |

Although the campaign earned SSSP \$5,195.00 of revenue, because of rental/processing fees and postage costs, the drive actually cost SSSP \$635.15. This table suggests that certain drives be discontinued, and others focused on. We recommend that next year the Committee focus primarily on ASA, Department Heads of Ph.D.-granting institutions, and the Sage mailing. We recommend that the Committee target members of the Association of Black Sociologists (ABS) through a direct mail campaign since this organization shares close ties with SSSP and may yield additional members.

| Divisions                            | 6/30/99 | 6/30/00 | # Increase/Decrease |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| A) Community Research & Devel.       | 256     | 277     | 21                  |
| B) Crime & Juvenile Delinquency      | 349     | 327     | -22                 |
| C) Drinking & Drugs                  | 173     | 146     | -27                 |
| D) Racial & Ethnic Minorities        | 454     | 461     | 7                   |
| E) Conflict, Social Action & Change  | 390     | 371     | -19                 |
| F) The Family                        | 274     | 285     | 11                  |
| G) Poverty, Class & Inequality       | 614     | 594     | -20                 |
| H) Mental Health                     | 217     | 199     | -18                 |
| I) Social Problems Theory            | 429     | 425     | -4                  |
| J) Sociology & Social Welfare        | 185     | 167     | -18                 |
| K) Youth, Aging & Life Course        | 172     | 158     | -14                 |
| L) Educational Problems              | 134     | 144     | 10                  |
| M) Environment & Technology          | 152     | 163     | 11                  |
| N) Labor Studies                     | 242     | 232     | -10                 |
| O) Sexual Behavior, Politics & Com.  | 256     | 241     | -15                 |
| P) Hlth, Hlth Policy, & Hlth Service | 311     | 285     | -26                 |
| Q) Law & Society                     | 270     | 257     | -13                 |
| R) Teaching Social Problems          | 194     | 247     | 53                  |

It is recommended that next year's Committee work closely with the division chairpersons in order to target potential members with interests in the various divisions. For example, a mailing to the members of the Law and Society Association along with a targeted letter from the chair of the Law & Society division may be particularly effective. During the renewal campaign, it may also be worthwhile to include letters from division chairs encouraging their members to renew.

Overall, the Membership Committee cannot claim great successes for the year. Having learned from previous membership drives we hope that the recommendations we make in this report are helpful to next year's committee, and to the long-term health and success of SSSP.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Javier Treviño  
Chair, 1999-2000

## PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

To: SSSP Board of Directors  
From: Peter Kivisto, Chair  
Re: Annual Report  
Date: August 8, 2000

During the past two years, the Committee has worked on clarifying job descriptions of the paid staff of the Society as well as arriving at a clearer understanding of the relationship of the staff to the volunteer members. This work was done as a prelude to a site inspection of the Executive Office in Knoxville by a subcommittee consisting of Ken Bailey, Kimberly Cook, and me. The visit took place on February 3-6, 2000. A report of our conclusions was submitted to the Board the following month.

I will let the report stand for itself-as an addendum to this report-noting simply that we came away with a very favorable view of the work of both Executive Officer Tom Hood and Administrative Officer Michele Koontz. We also identified a number of issues and concerns and engaged in sustained discussions with Tom and Michele about them. At the end of our visit, both staff and subcommittee members agreed about the value of such a meeting. We believe it is important from the Committee's point of view because it offers insights into the day-to-day operations of the Society that are not always evident even to the most attentive person. The staff sometimes feels that it operates in a bubble and the opportunity to engage in a sustained dialogue with members of the Committee helps to burst the bubble. Thus, one of the things we would like the Board to consider is the allocation of travel funds to make an annual site inspection possible. We feel that just as the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee understands the importance of a site visit in performing their work, this Committee needs to institutionalize such a visit. The idea of sending a subcommittee consisting of the Chair of the Committee and two other members chosen by the Committee at-large is very attractive, and thus our specific request is for the Board to allocate sufficient funds to make such a visit possible.

Second, we would like the Board to act on our proposals from the report to make three changes to the by-laws. For full details and rationales, refer to the report. In summary, the three amendments call for: (1) specifying that two Special Problems Divisions memberships are included in annual membership fee; (2) requiring the Board to develop and update appropriate job descriptions for the Executive Officer and the Administrative Officer; and (3) requiring the Council of Special Problems Divisions to formulate an operational definition of what it means for a division to be "active."

This Committee believes that with its work during the past two years, we have laid the groundwork that will establish routines allowing it to perform its oversight responsibilities credibly. These duties include surveying the overall functioning of the Society, reviewing record keeping and operating procedures, and serving as the personnel committee for the Society. While refinement and elaboration of these routines is in order, we think considerable progress has been made in meeting this part of the Committee's charge. In the upcoming year, we need to begin to develop ways in which we can begin to fulfill our responsibilities to promote and engage in strategic planning activities.



# Social Problems

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Annual Report 1999-2000  
Submitted August, 2000

The editorial office of *Social Problems* moved to the University of California, Irvine, late last spring (officially opening on June 1, 1999), when the editorship official was transferred from Joel Best and Southern Illinois University. The past year has been challenging and exciting.

## TRANSITIONAL CHANGES

### Manuscript processing and review

*Initial processing:* We are now operating with our "editorial team" model (in which the Editor is advised by four UCI Associate Editors and we have regular meetings to make collective decisions on manuscripts) and have instituted a

number of new procedures, in an effort to make the processing of manuscripts more efficient and thorough. When a submission arrives one copy of it is immediately passed along to an Associate Editor (usually based on the Editor's effort to match the paper's topic and the Associate Editor's area of expertise). The paper is then "scanned" by the Associate Editor and the Editor - to determine if it is appropriate to send out to external reviewers. If the Associate Editor thinks the paper should go out for review, she nominates six potential referees.

*Reviewer solicitation process:* The Editor and Editorial Assistant (Dennis Downey) then contact all of these people and ask them if they are willing to read and evaluate the manuscript for the journal - we only send the paper out by mail with the appropriate review forms if the contacted scholars respond (otherwise we continue to "search" for referees). This is a time-consuming, labor-intensive process (it involves searching for electronic and mailing addresses). As of this summer we had sent out more than 1500 solicitations to line up sufficient reviewers for each manuscript. We try to line up four reviewers for every paper. While this process increases the editorial office workload substantially, it helps us to get enough reviews in an expeditious manner to facilitate informed decision-making.

*Editorial decisions:* The office keeps record on each submitted paper - we rarely make a decision until after the "due date" for all the reviewer's evaluations. Unless the evaluations are unambiguously strong or weak, we generally wait until we have at least three reports (and, when in doubt, wait for the fourth). While this may "slow" the process a little, it insures that our decisions are well-informed. Decisions are made via consultations between the Editor and Associate Editors - when the reviews are "in," the copies of all reports and the manuscript are distributed to an appropriate Associate Editor. If the decision seems "clear cut" the Editor often simply follows the advice of the Associate Editor. But in most cases, the entire group meets and discusses the strengths and weaknesses of each paper and makes a collective decision to reject, accept or allow/encourage a "revise and resubmit." While the Associate Editors are involved in decision-making, the Editor (David Smith) writes all the letters to the authors, which usually go out within a few days of the editorial meetings.

### Manuscript preparation for publication

The Managing Editor (Cheryl Larsson) is a word-processing expert with graphic design experience. As soon as a paper is accepted for publication she begins to format it in conformance with the requirements of the printers used by the University of California Press. Although authors send papers, tables and figures to us produced in a variety of programs, Ms. Larsson translates them into a common format. She transmits entire issue of the journal to the printers together, since this reduces the workload and turnaround time at later stages of the process. The Managing Editor also does a round of proofreading, coordinates copyright permission forms, and collects publication fees from authors. She stays in close touch (via phone and e-mail) with the printers in Vermont and the UC Press in Berkeley.

### Database development

When the editorial offices opened in Irvine last spring, we inherited an old database program that was very cumbersome and outdated. Editorial assistant Dennis Downey found the program difficult and unwieldy - so he took on the job of learning the ACCESS program, creating a new database structure for *Social Problems* using ACCESS, and transferring a massive amount of data from the old system to a new one. This put a tremendous demand for time on Mr. Downey, who frequently worked 40 hour weeks, while only being paid for 20 hours! However, this new ACCESS database now enables us to efficiently track all manuscripts, email solicitations and reviews, and contains contact information for thousands of SP reviewers. It also has the capability to produce summary data and reports that allows us to efficiently process manuscripts and reach editorial decisions, and facilitates correspondence with our many reviewers. We are now in the process of redesigning the "front-end" of this database to make it more "user-friendly" (the SSSP Executive Office allocated \$1000 for additional consulting to aid this effort). When this upgrade is finished this will be a "state of the art" program with impressive capabilities - we look forward to passing a database on to our successors which greatly enhances the efficiency of day-to-day journal operations!

## SUBMISSIONS AND PROCESSING DATA

### Submissions

Over the course of our first year, *Social Problems* received 286 submissions - a slightly higher number than in any of the previous three years. Through the first six months of the 2000 calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>) we received 151 submissions - if that inflow rate continues we will receive just over 300 papers during the year 2000. We are not sure how to explain the increased submissions - but we suspect that 1) our outreach efforts to various "specialty areas"

facilitated by Associate Editor travel to conferences was helpful (several cover letters explicit mentioned that the authors were responding to invitations they had seen or been told about at meetings), and 2) the “call for papers” for the special issue on “globalization and social problems” generated between 15 and 20 submissions (and probably at least some that might not have otherwise sent to the journal). Of the 286 total, 243 were original submissions and 43 were revised submissions. (Additionally, we processed and made decisions on 18 manuscripts that were originally submitted to the previous editorial team at Southern Illinois University.)

#### Decisions:

As of August 8<sup>th</sup>, we have made decisions on all but 2 of the manuscripts submitted between June 1, 1999, and May 31, 2000. We have been extremely selective, accepting under 5% of submitted manuscripts. At the same time (perhaps due to our inexperience) we have “deflected” fewer papers (52-18.2%) - so over 80% of submissions have gone out to external evaluators. Of those we have rejected 116 (a little over 40%) and either encouraged or allowed 90 (31.5%) to revise. This “R&R” rate may seem a bit high -however, we have decided that it makes sense to “allow revision” in many cases, with the proviso that the Editor’s letter makes it rather clear that the manuscript will need “fundamental” changes, and that we are not convinced that it will ultimately be accepted. We are “encouraging” a much smaller number of authors to resubmit - and the letter text makes it clear that we are more optimistic about their chances for publication. On resubmitted “R&Rs” we are rejecting a little under a third (14 papers), accepting about a quarter (10 papers), and offering an additional chance to resubmit to just over 40% (18 papers). For “R&R” letters, the Editor has tried to write fairly detailed letters that provide authors with some concrete guidance about how to interpret the reviewers comments and what changes are most important. We believe that this will ultimately improve the quality of revised manuscripts which are resubmitted (and already has in a number of cases).

#### Turnaround time:

While the new editorial team structure sometimes slows the decision-making process a little, we have tried to keep our turnaround time as low as possible. Over our first year, the overall average turnaround time was 68.2 days; in 72% of the manuscripts sent out for review a decision was made within three months. We are generally pleased with that but are still working to make it more efficient. For the first six months of this year average time from submission to decision has been closer to 60 days. The turnaround times vary depending on the decision - we tend to “deflect” papers within two weeks - when papers go out to external evaluators the process takes longer but still averages under three months. (One great frustration is some papers that have been long delayed by multiple very late referees - our slowest decision was about seven and one half months, but his was a “statistical outlier.”)

#### Feedback:

While turnaround time is an essential standard of professionalism for journals generally, we also consider the extent of the feedback that we give to authors to be an important strength of our review process. *Social Problems* can play an important role in serving the SSSP mission to provide professional development opportunities to scholars from a variety of backgrounds and institutions by providing explicit detailed feedback in the review process to all authors (and reviewers as well). Over the course of our first year, the mean number of reviews for manuscripts has been approximately 3.3, which means that authors can expect to have three reviews returned along with the decision letter, and often four. As mentioned above, the current Editor tries to provide detailed comments in letters. For some deflection letters - particular if the author(s) are junior scholars - we have invited resubmission, if key improvements are made.

### PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The final issue edited by Joel Best and Rhys Williams from Southern Illinois University was dated November 1999 but didn’t actually reach subscribers until February 2000. In an effort to avoid accepting papers that we would then be compelled to publish in our issues, Professor Best decided not to build up a backlog of manuscripts awaiting publication. (The sole exception was a paper accepted by the SIU team rather late and (ironically) authored by Dennis Downey, our Editorial Assistant. This article was the only one that appeared in our first issue that had been passed along to us by Professors Best and Williams).

We have made a major effort to try to bring the journal back onto the suggested publication schedule - our goal is for subscribers to receive the issue during the month listed on the cover. We have made progress in this regard: the February 2000 issue appeared in April, the May issue right at the end of June (the August issue will probably appear in

late September or early October, and we are hoping that November 2000 will be mailed before the end of this calendar year). But this has been difficult. It took us a while to set up a new office, institute new procedures, etc. (in other words, in terms of formatting and processing accepted manuscripts - once they are passed along to the Managing Editor we rarely experience any additional delays). Now the main problem is the lack of backlog - so very three months when issue deadlines bear down, we find ourselves under some pressure to accept enough articles to round out a complete issue. Since Professor John Galliher will be editing the special anniversary issue of the journal soon, publishing papers that he is gathering outside of our normal editorial review process, we will soon have a six month "lag" between regular issues - and hope to get completely "caught up" at that time (and ideally, would like to build up a small "backlog" of accepted papers).

## BUDGET ISSUES

The cost of producing *Social Problems* is a bit higher at UC-Irvine than at some of the other institutions that recently hosted the editorial office because of the higher salaries and cost of living in southern California. However, we are pleased to report that we have been staying within budget on most of our line items. We are very pleased with the successful "recruiting" of papers (reflected in the high number of submissions) that has resulted from the small allocation of travel funds for the Associate Editors to attend conferences in their specialty areas.

There was a misunderstanding between the SSSP Executive Office and Board of Directors and the UCI editorial and accounting offices about the payment of the graduate student tuition and fees. This has now been settled, with the School of Social Sciences agreeing to pay at a rate of over \$5000 per year for 2000, 2001, and the beginning of 2002. We are very grateful for this funding - it was *not* a cost that was included in our proposed budgets or that the School anticipated paying. We have also experienced some miscommunication about financial reports to the SSSP Executive Office - the confusion has been cleared up and UCI Social Science Accounting will now be filing monthly statements.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Editorial Assistant Dennis Downey and Managing Editor Cheryl Larsson for their dedicated work on the journal. Mr. Downey has rather consistently worked "overtime" and Ms. Larsson has also performed above and beyond the call of duty! The five faculty Associate Editors (Hector Delgado, Valerie Jenness, Nancy Naples, Belinda Robnett, and Judy Stepan-Norris) have also worked very hard and put in many hours of labor - despite sharing a small stipend and some travel money, their work and expertise is essentially provided to the journal for "free." Thanks also to Tom Hood, Michele Koontz and the SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee for support and words of encouragement.

David A. Smith  
Editor

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## 2000 MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Social Problems

From: Marino A. Bruce, Chair  
2000 Minority Scholarship Fund Committee

Members:

Donald Cunnigen (Chair-Elect), University of Rhode Island  
John R. Cross, Oklahoma State University  
Catherine Fobes, Alma College  
Valerie Jenness, University of California-Irvine  
Bruce D. Johnson, National Development and Research Institutes  
Nelson Kofie, Goucher College

Date: August 11, 2000

Through the efforts of Michele Smith Koontz, the Call for Applications was distributed to a variety of regional and national social science associations. The result of this effort was the submission of twenty applications. The candidate pool was ethnically, racially, and geographically diverse. The Minority Scholarship Committee worked diligently to read and evaluate the applications. This was not an easy task given the high degree of quality among the applicants.



However, the committee was able to reach a consensus on the scholarship award winner and the honorable mention designee.

The Committee selected **Andreas Smith**, of University of California-Santa Cruz, as the 2000 recipient of the \$10,000 Minority Scholarship Award. **Colette Sims** of the University of Arizona was selected as an Honorable Mention Scholar. Ms. Koontz was notified of the outcome before the July 1 deadline and letters were mailed to all applicants during the following week, informing each of the results.

This year's experience comes with an observation and recommendations from the Committee that I, as Chairperson, present to the Board of Directors for consideration:

There may be cause for concern as the applicant pool decreased considerably in the past year. Comparing the 1999 applicant pool (35) to the 2000 pool (20), one finds that pool size decreased by approximately 43 percent. The overwhelming majority of this drop can be linked to a substantial decline in African-American and Asian applications. The racial ethnic distribution of applicants is listed below (last year's distribution is in parentheses).

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| African American | 5 (16)  |
| Latino/Hispanic  | 11 (11) |
| American Indian  | 3 (0)   |
| Asian            | 1 (7)   |
| Other            | 0 (1)   |

Given that the number of Asian and African-American applications decreased by approximately 86 and 69 percent respectively, we recommend that the board of Directors monitor this situation closely over time to determine whether this change is part of an ongoing trend, the beginning of trend, or a statistical artifact.

We also recommend that the Board of Directors provide the chair and chair/elect of the Minority Scholarship Committee with a packet of information and evaluation materials at the start of her/his appointment. This packet would include a call for applications, the board report from the previous year, the Board of Directors' response to the report (if applicable), a template of evaluation materials, and a list of resources provided by SSSP. Providing these materials to the chair and chair/elect would make the evaluation process less ambiguous and more efficient.

We would also like to reiterate two recommendations raised by the 1999 Minority Scholarship Committee. We ask that the Board of Directors consider and stipulate where students should be in their programs to receive this award. The Call for Applications form indicates that students should submit a letter of intent, which includes their research agenda. Clear, well-planned research agendas are most commonly found among advanced graduate students. Consequently, the selection process is biased toward advanced graduate students. With a clearer, more direct Call for Applications, new graduate students would be less likely to submit applications that are often not competitive, making them vulnerable an outcome that could discourage them from applying later in their graduate career.

Finally, we ask that the Minority Scholarship application be modified in a manner that allows applicants to indicate their U.S. citizenship status.

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## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To: SSSP Board of Directors  
From: Ron Troyer, Treasurer  
Date: June 26, 2000  
Subject: 1999 Revenue and Expenses, Financial Condition of SSSP

SSSP is in excellent financial position.

The auditor's report shows that the net assets of the Society increased by \$20,870 during 1999. SSSP ended the year with \$475,432 in net assets, an amount that slightly exceeds one year's expenses. The growth in the Society's net assets is due to the astute management of the Executive Officer, wise decisions by the Board, and careful oversight by the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee.

The table below presents a summary of the 1999 projected and actual revenue and expenditures. The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee estimates of expenses and revenue were remarkably close to the final numbers. In the Treasurer's opinion, the BFA did an excellent job.

### 1999 Projected Versus Actual Revenue and Expenditures

#### MAJOR BUDGET CATEGORIES

| <b>Revenue</b>                                                             | <b>Projected</b> | <b>Actual</b>              | <b>Difference</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Membership Dues                                                            | \$ 78,060        | \$ 77,845.00               | - 215.00          |
| Journal & Publications                                                     | 246,000          | 251,184.50                 | +5,184.50         |
| Annual Meeting                                                             | 34,985           | 35,520.00                  | +535.00           |
| Other Income                                                               | 14,528           | 12,041.55                  | -2,486.45         |
| Board Restricted Fund Income                                               | 13,900           | 21,141.51                  | +7,241.51         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                               | <b>\$387,473</b> | <b>\$397,732.56</b>        | <b>+10,259.56</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                            |                  |                            |                   |
| Executive Office                                                           | \$ 109,005       | \$ 104,486.36              | -4,518.64         |
| Journal & Publications                                                     | 215,861          | 219,289.89                 | +3,428.89         |
| Annual Meeting                                                             | 61,886           | 7,529.39                   | -4,356.61         |
| Committees & Divisions                                                     | 19,670           | 16,453.47                  | -3,216.53         |
| Board Restricted Fund Expenses                                             | 21,600           | 19,286.00                  | -2,314.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                               | <b>\$428,022</b> | <b>\$417,054.11</b>        | <b>-10,976.89</b> |
| <b>EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE<br/>BEFORE OTHER UNBUDGETED REVENUE</b> |                  | <b>&lt;\$19,312.55&gt;</b> |                   |
| <b>OTHER UNBUDGETED REVENUE<br/>NET UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS</b>     |                  | <b>\$40,181.75</b>         |                   |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>                                     |                  | <b>\$20,869.20</b>         |                   |

While the Society is in excellent position, note that expenses exceeded revenue by \$19,312 during 1999 (excluding the net unrealized gain on investments). This was expected and was discussed at last year's Board meeting. With the new dues taking effect for the 2000 calendar year, much of this difference should be erased. It is important, however, that careful attention be paid to the 2000 year. Will the increase in dues produce the revenue needed to cover annual expenses? Will our investment earnings continue to exceed expectations? If the answer to these questions is no, then we risk depleting our reserves. At present, the reserves are sufficient to cover one year's expenses. It is important to retain healthy reserves to not only fund the minority scholarship but be prepared for contingencies such as the one faced by the Society in the mid 1980s.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

##### **International Seminar on Segregation in the City Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts**

In July 2001, the Lincoln Institute will convene an international seminar on urban spatial segregation for a group of researchers and policy analysts from around the world. We are interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the forces that contribute to spatial segregation, the consequences of segregation, and the possible policy responses. Paper proposals are due December 31, 2000; selected participants will be notified by February 1, 2001; completed papers must be submitted by June 1, 2001. For a full announcement and more information please check the Lincoln Institute web site ([www.lincolnst.edu](http://www.lincolnst.edu)).

##### **Hawaii Sociological Association-22nd Annual Meeting Feb. 17, 2001, Honolulu, HI.**

The theme of the meeting is "Empowerment: Affiliation in an Age of Alienation." Papers and proposals on all topics will be considered. Send papers or abstracts before Dec. 10, 2000. Send correspondence via e-mail to: Andrew Ovenden at [ovenden@hawaii.edu](mailto:ovenden@hawaii.edu) or [barbaraj@hawaii.edu](mailto:barbaraj@hawaii.edu). Postal address is: Hawaii Sociological Association, c/o Sociology Dept., Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa, 2424 Maile Way Rm. 247, Honolulu, HI 96822. (808) 956-7291.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Penn State Capital College, Harrisburg Campus seeks an Associate or Assistant Professor of Community Psychology and Social Change to begin in August of 2000. For advanced applicants, an earned doctorate in Community Psychology, Sociology, Applied Sociology or a related field, teaching experience at the College level and research/publication records befitting the rank of Associate Professor are required. Advanced ABDs will be considered for the Assistant Professor position. Teaching experience, a record of (or potential for) scholarly productivity and a commitment to interdisciplinary education are required of all applicants. Successful candidates will be expected to teach core courses in the unit's undergraduate and graduate programs and to develop new courses in their own area of specialization. The undergraduate program includes majors in Sociology, Applied Behavioral Sciences, and Secondary Education Social Studies. The graduate program offers a Master of Arts degree in Community Psychology and Social Change with concentrations in Children, Youth and Family and in Environmental Issues. Our interdisciplinary faculty shares an interest in the application of qualitative and participatory methodologies to the theoretical understanding and community-based resolution of social problems. Applicants should be able to contribute to the program's existing strengths in these areas. Area of specialization is open, however, applications from those with a focus in one of the following areas are especially encouraged: action research; children, youth and family; critical race theory; environmental concerns; feminist theory/women's studies; Frankfurt School critical theory; queer theory/lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered studies; social change and/or urban/rural community problems. Additional responsibilities include advising undergraduate and graduate students as well as serving on and chairing Master's committees. Tenured and tenure-track faculty are expected to pursue scholarly research and publications, to participate in curriculum development, and to engage in University, public, and professional service activities.

There are two Centers associated with the program: the Center for Community Action and Research (C-CAR), and the Center for Environment and Community (CEC). C-CAR has historically provided program evaluations of community interventions, conducted applied research in the areas of children, youth and families, developed training programs and assisted human service agencies with needs assessments. There is ongoing funding within C-CAR for program evaluation and research initiatives relating to children, youth and families through Pennsylvania's Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) and with the University's Consortium on Children, Youth and Families (CYF).

Applicants for an Associate Professorship may wish to explore negotiating for a leadership position with C-CAR.

Review of applications will begin November 15, 2000 and continue until the position is filled. Please submit a letter of interest and vita to:

Chair, CMPSY Search Committee, C/O Ms.  
Dorothy Guy, Manager of Human  
Resources, Penn State Harrisburg, Dept. HB, 777  
W. Harrisburg Pike,  
Middletown, PA 17057-4898.

Penn State Capitol College is a multi-campus college of Penn State University serving about 4,500 students with campuses in suburban and downtown Harrisburg and 60 miles north in rural Schuylkill Haven, PA. Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity and the diversity of its workforce.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NOAM CHOMSKY AWARD**

The Justice Studies Association invites nominations for the Noam Chomsky Award, to be presented at the 2001 Annual Meetings. The Chomsky Award recognizes (1) outstanding scholarly/intellectual contributions to the area of justice studies; (2) involvement in activism to promote peace and justice; (3) simplicity of lifestyle. Individuals nominated must meet at least two of the aforementioned criteria. In submitting your nominations, please provide the following supporting materials: a letter evaluating a nominee's contribution and its relevance to the Award, and the nominee's c.v. (short version preferred) by March 1, 2001 to A. Javier Trevino, Department of Sociology, Wheaton, MA 02766.

### **SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SYMBOLIC INTERACTION**

Each year, the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction confers the George Herbert Mead Award in recognition of lifetime achievement in the field of symbolic interaction. The members of the 2001 George Herbert Mead Award Committee are Patricia Adler, Eugene W. Halton, Douglas Harper, Sherryl Kleinman, and:

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