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EVERY VOTE COUNTS. Another excellent slate of candidates has been nominated and recruited to run. As we begin our second fifty years as an organization, we need leaders with vision, who will work consistently to make this organization an important force, encouraging scholarship of the highest quality on problems confronting communities, societies and the world. The pursuit of social justice through quality scholarship requires the best efforts of each member. READ THE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS. Choose the best person. Cast your vote when the ballot arrives.

When we think about how far we have progressed in the social science community compared to advances in knowledge in the biological and physical sciences in the last fifty years, we might feel that we are lagging behind in our theoretical development. Yet the dynamic quality of exchange, the sensitivity to the diversity of human social relationships, the understanding of cross-cultural similarities and differences has progressed far beyond the imagination of many. Apartheid has been abolished in South Africa. We have begun to understand the entrenched mechanisms of institutionalized racism in America through books like BLACK WEALTH/ WHITE WEALTH and AMERICAN APARTHEID. Social scientists have helped us understand the changing position of women in American society through books like SECOND SHIFT and BALANCING ACT. A host of other books have helped us understand the social organization and problems associated with labor, crime, medical care, drugs and the economy. Joel Best and others have made progress in revealing the process by which we come to identify some issues as problems deserving of our attention and working to address them. What topic, idea, issue, or problem tops your list as the matter which should engage the Society for the Study of Social Problems? We want to hear from you this year at our annual meeting in Anaheim. Come to Anaheim to tell us either through your scholarship or through the informal exchanges that makes the SSSP meetings an intellectual feast. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

Tom Hood, Ph.D. is Executive Officer of SSSP and Professor of Sociology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
Call for SSSP Nominations

This year we will be electing a President-Elect, a Vice-President Elect, regular and student members of the Board of Directors, Budget, Finance and Audit Committee, Editorial and Publications Committee and the Committee on Committees. Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these offices. The nominations committee will meet at the Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, so all nominations should be submitted to PJ McGann prior to August 1, 2001 at the following address:

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ATTENTION: MEETING PARTICIPANTS, STUDENTS AND NEW MEMBERS:

Never been to a SSSP meeting before? No worries! This year at the meetings, we will have a mentoring program for new members and graduate students. I am sure you know the scenario: sometimes you’ll meet someone at the meetings and wind up learning the ropes from them, but sometimes this can be awkward and difficult. Tempting as that awkwardness is, why not just get that out of the way and sign up for a meeting mentor? This person will help you find your way and introduce you to the people they know. You won’t be attached to them all weekend, they will just serve as a connector for the meetings. They are your very own “in” to the meetings!

If you are a meeting veteran, would you be willing to help a graduate student or new faculty member out at the meetings as a mentor? Remember those awkward days when you were trying to meet people? Sure, we all go to the meetings to catch up with old friends and chat and work. This is just adding a fresh perspective to some of those conversations, having a lunch with someone new, and showing off all your spectacular contacts and friends to someone new. Whether you a faculty member or a grad student, you always have something to offer to someone new!

Whether you are an old hat or a newcomer (however you want to define that), please email your contact information (name, affiliation, address, email, and interest areas) before June 30 to either Sarah Fischesser (fischess@yahoo.com) or Michele Koontz (mkoontz3@utk.edu). Please indicate whether you’re a newcomer or a returning SSSP member. See everyone in Anaheim!
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; 313/577-8806 (Office); 313/577-8770 (FAX); E-mail: 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.

UPCOMING SSSP CONFERENCES

AUGUST 17 - 19, 2001
WEST COAST ANAHEIM HOTEL, ANAHEIM, CA

August 15 - 17, 2002
CHICAGO, IL

August 15 - 17, 2003
ATLANTA, GA

August 13 - 15, 2004
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Presidential Series
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Evelyn Nakano Glenn

Steve Couch, the Editor of this Newsletter invited the three most recent SSSP Presidents to write short articles in which we would reflect on our experiences with the organization. He was kind enough to allow us to say whatever we wanted, and I found the preceding essay by John Galliher both fascinating and thought provoking.

I owe a great deal to SSSP for my professional development. I gave one of my first professional paper presentations at SSSP and I published my first refereed journal article in *Social Problems*. Most importantly I found a community of scholars and activists who were critical of injustice and shared a commitment to achieving a more egalitarian society.

I attended my first SSSP meeting in 1977. I was drawn into SSSP by an opportunity to give a paper in a session organized by the Labor Studies Division, which became an intellectual home for me. The publication of Harry Braverman’s Labor and Monopoly Capital in 1974 stimulated a generation of Marxist scholars to engage in case studies—historical and ethnographic—of the labor process and struggles on the shop floor. Braverman’s analysis of transformations in the work process through detailed division of labor and technology was supposedly “gender neutral,” but it assumed a traditional male worker. Nonetheless, his work was important to those of us doing Marxist feminist analysis because he pointed to the deskilling of clerical and other white collar occupations and service work, fields which were predominately female. The Labor Studies Division represented a large network of labor studies scholars and has been a primary venue for presentation of our research. There has been no equivalent section in the ASA up to now; only this year has there been an effort to organize one.

This is just one instance of SSSP being a venue that fosters newer work and critical perspectives that challenge conventional sociology. Over the years SSSP has been a site for launching fledgling alternative organizations. The Association of Black Sociologists met for several years in conjunction with Society meetings before establishing its conference at a separate meeting site. More recently, the International Coalition against Sexual Harassment has been holding a one-day conference during our annual meetings in space allotted by the Society.

I found the SSSP is a much easier meeting to “break into” than ASA. It’s small enough that after a couple of years, you feel you know people and people know you. When I first joined, Herb and Becky Aurbach and others were warmly welcoming. Tom Hood and Michele Koonz continue in that tradition. The best way to get integrated is to get involved in committees and other organizational activities and it is very easy to get involved. We have a decentralized Sections structure and many committees for an organization of our size. For example, within two or three years of attending my first meeting, I was recruited into committee service and soon moved on to elective office.

Over the years the ASA has instituted reforms to increase democratic participation, e.g. through an elected Committee on Committees. It has also placed greater emphasis on Sections that have their own newsletters, section meetings, and paper sessions. Participation by women and minorities has been encouraged; the Minority Fellowship Program has fostered the development of a new generation of minority sociologists. So, does SSSP still have a special mission? I would argue, yes. For those of us who are socially marginal by reason of race, gender, or culture - or academically marginal by reason of our research interests and methods, SSSP is a place where we can feel central, where our positions and viewpoints are widely shared. Our relatively small size makes for an organizational culture that is informal and dialogic. Many of us prefer the more interactive style of SSSP sessions. Unlike the ASA, presenters do not read their papers, but give brief talks and ample time is set aside for discussion. Attending sessions at SSSP is thus more enjoyable and presenting a paper is more fruitful. This is especially valuable for younger scholars or those at small institutions, as there is more feedback from the other presenters and the “audience.”

The SSSP itself has undergone change. The financial crisis of the mid 1980s that threatened the existence of the organization was a defining moment. At the time of the transition of the executive office from SUNY Buffalo to UC San Francisco, the SSSP had reserves somewhere in the vicinity of $100,000. Shortly before this, I was on the SSSP Board of Directors and recall that some members argued that having such a large reserve was shameful, a betrayal of the Society’s goals and values; a “radical” organization critical of social inequality ought to rid itself of its riches. Within a year such a devolution unexpectedly came to pass as the Board of Directors unwisely agreed to a prolonged transition period of over 6 months in which both the old and new offices would remain in operation. Maintenance of two offices.
as well as the higher costs associated with running an office in the San Francisco Bay area soon exhausted all reserves. The Board responded to the crisis by terminating the arrangement with UCSF and moving the Executive Office to the University of Tennessee, a lower cost location. Many feminist members of SSSP felt that the ouster of Elinor Lurie as the Executive Officer was unfair and that she had been made the scapegoat for missteps by the Board. A significant portion of SWS members withdrew from involvement in SSSP, so we lost a cohort of women who could have contributed a lot to the Society. However, the financial crisis also revitalized the organization in another way. The threat of imminent demise galvanized support from our members and leaders, who responded with renewed commitment and energy. The Board took hard steps to put the Society on a sound financial footing by trimming expenditures and raising contributions. No longer concerned about having too much in the way of money, the Board sought ways to “grow” our reserves. Almost miraculously, a young sociologist, Susan Carlson, emerged as someone with experience in investing funds. Under her stewardship the Society’s reserves have grown to $475,000 through investment in socially responsible companies and community oriented, minority owned banks.

When all is said and done, more than anything else, SSSP for me has been friendships. Over the years I’ve gotten to know wonderful people I would otherwise know only by reputation. These are a few of the SSSP faithful with whom I’ve enjoyed stimulating conversations, meals, and work year after year. Doris Wilkinson, the first African American women elected to the presidency of SSSP, invariably drew me out and often included me in various panels, committees and other activities. Pam Roby has been brave enough to be my roommate for many years. Joyce Chinen has always brought her special brand of aloha—and invariably offers a gift of my favorite tea or other token to remind me of Hawaii. Cheryl Gilkes, that most enthusiastic of meeting-goers, has been a delightful companion at many of our annual banquets (she was also one of the only bright lights at an otherwise dismal institution where we were once employed.). Jim Geschwender, a former President and one-time colleague at SUNY Binghamton, was an astute and supportive critic of my early research on women and work. Arlene Kaplan Daniels, also a former president and editor of Social Problems, ran the best and most fun meetings of anyone I’ve ever known. Myra Ferree let me impose on our friendship by agreeing to co-chair the Program Committee for the 1999 meetings and her introductory speech to my Presidential Address in 1998 went far beyond the bounds of even friendly praise. Three other former Presidents of the Society whom I’ve had wonderful interactions with over the years are Jim Orcutt, Barbara Katz Rothman, and Beth Hess. Each of them gave a brilliant Presidential Address that I still recall with awe. As I recite these names, and as I think of many other friends and colleagues whom I have not named, I realize there can be no substitute for interactions with colleagues who share one’s perspectives, in whose company one feels comfortable, and whose commitments have re-energized my own. For me at least, SSSP has represented a few crucial days each year where I know I am among comrades.

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 Meetings, the SSSP Board of Directors authorized a contest to rename the SSSP Newsletter. The contest is open to 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
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Candidate Biographies

PRESIDENT ELECT - 2001-2002
( President 2002-2003)
Nancy C. Jurik

Present Position: Professor and Associate Director, School of Justice Studies, Arizona State University.
Former Positions: Associate Director, Arizona State University, School of Justice Studies, 2000-2001; Professor, Arizona State University, School of Justice Studies, 1997-present; Associate Professor, Arizona State University, School of Justice Studies, 1988-1997; Assistant Professor, Arizona State University School of Justice Studies, 1981-1988.

Degrees: Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1980; MA Sociology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, 1975; BA Sociology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, 1973.


Honors and Professional Recognition: The Myers Center Book Award for the Study of Human Rights in North America, The Myers Center, Boston University for Doing Justice, Doing Gender (Sage, 1996), awarded 1997; Arizona State University Student Services Award for Involvement with Undergraduate Students, 1997; Faculty Achievement Award, School of Justice Studies, Arizona State University, 1997; Arizona State University Graduate Student Association Award for Outstanding Mentorship to Graduate Students, 1995.

SSSP Offices/Committees: SSSP Vice-President, 2000-2001; Member of SSSP Board of Directors, 1995-98; SSSP Crime and Delinquency Division Chair, 1993-1995; Chair Nominations Committee for SSSP Crime and Delinquency Division, 1990-1991; Member Awards Committee for SSSP Crime and Delinquency Division, 1986. Other Professional Affiliations: Sex and Gender Division Program Chair, American Society of Criminology, 1997; Program Committee Member, Pacific Sociological Association, 1996; Executive Board Member of the Division on Women and Crime in the American Society of Criminology, 1993-1995; Program Committee Member, American Society of Criminology, 1992-1993; Membership Committee Member, American Society of Criminology, 1991-1993.

Candidate’s Statement: I am honored to be nominated for the office of president of this society. My membership in SSSP began in graduate school in 1973; my first professional presentation was at the SSSP meetings in 1978. I found the society a welcome place for a sociological beginner, and was inspired by SSSP’s commitment to scholarship and social justice. SSSP serves as a supportive place for scholars like myself who are based in interdisciplinary programs. Over the past 14 years, I have had the privilege of serving the society as committee member, division chair, member of the board of directors, and most recently, as vice-president. These offices have given me the opportunity to work with past SSSP presidents, vice-presidents, other officers, board members, and staff. I have been consistently impressed with the integrity and commitment of these individuals. If elected president, I would work with the board and officers to continue this strong tradition of quality leadership, and to blend outstanding scholarship and social activism. I am concerned about the level of attendance at annual meetings and escalating meeting costs. These escalating costs are problematic both to program participants and for the society, which subsidizes the costs of each annual meeting. I would work with officers, board, and members to explore avenues for lowering meeting costs and increasing conference participation. I would aim to heighten the visibility of SSSP within the discipline of sociology, and in related interdisciplinary and activist organizations (e.g., Law & Society Association, Latin American Studies Association, Justice Studies Association). As part of this agenda, I would explore methods for increasing the number of sessions co-sponsored with the various organizations and specialty sections that meet concurrently with the SSSP and American Sociological Association (e.g., Association of Black Sociologists, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Sociologists for Women in Society, Sociologists’ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus). It is my hope that these links will further
enhance member recruitment, diversity, and meeting participation. I will also work with committees to maintain the integrity, quality, and circulation associated with society publications (i.e., *Social Problems* and the SSSP newsletter).

**Ray Michalowski**

**Present Position:** Professor and Chair of Criminal Justice, Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Northern Arizona University  
**Former Positions:** Professor of Sociology, UNC Charlotte, 1985-1990; Associate Professor of Sociology, 1979-1985; Assistant Professor of Sociology, UNC Charlotte, 1974-1979.  
**Degrees:** Ph.D., Ohio State University, Sociology, 1973; MA, Fordham University, Sociology, 1970; BA, Fordham University, 1968.  
**Honors and Professional Recognition:** Safe Working and Learning Environment Executive Committee - NAU President’s Award, 1998; Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Fraternity.  
**Other Professional Affiliations:** American Society of Criminology, member since 1974: Editorial Board, *Criminology* 1998-2000; Chair, Division on Critical Criminology 1995-1997; American Sociological Association, Member since 1974; Chair, Foreign Scholar Award, 1989.  
**Candidate’s Statement:** I find it hard to know how to write a candidate statement when I am running against someone who is a friend and an Arizona colleague. What I can say is that I have been dedicated to the SSSP for nearly a quarter century, and I believe deeply that there is a critical need in the academy for the kind of progressive voice the Society represents. Each year I find myself moved to tears when the Society presents its Social Action Award - not because we are giving the award, but because of the stories of street-level struggles our recipients tell us. As social analysts we must remain connected to the human consequences of a world where so many are deprived of so much, and where the contemporary forces of neoliberalism and globalization are now threatening to roll back even the limited gains made to improve the lives of the poor, women, and people of color, to protect the environment, and to counter militarism. The mission of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is to keep us connected and committed protecting the social justice victories of the past, and to striving for new ones. It is a mission I am willing to work for. Should I be chosen as president-elect of the SSSP, my goals would be to make the Society an even more welcoming place where social analysts and social activists come together, and, in doing so, to strengthen the Society’s connection to those on the front lines of the search for a just society.

**Vice-President Elect 2001-2002**  
(First-President 2002-2003)  
**Richard Dello Buono**

**Present Position:** Visiting Professor of Political Studies, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia.  
**Former Positions:** Associate Professor of Sociology, Dominican University, 1991; Director of International Studies, 1996-98; Visiting Professor of Political Studies and International Relations, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 1995-96; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dominican University, 1987-91; Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Colgate University, 1986-87; Instructor of Sociology, Framingham State College, 1982-84.  
**Degrees:** Ph.D., Sociology, Boston College, 1986; M.A., Sociology, University of Maryland, 1980; B.A., Sociology, West Chester University, 1978.  
**Major Publications:** "Sanciones en Haiti," in *Análisis Político* No. 38, IEPRI, UNC, 1999; "‘La McDonaldización’ y sus descontentos: Entre la racionalidad y la resistencia a la globalización," *Sociología*, Lima, Peru: Editorial UNC.

**James McCartney**


**Dean Knudsen**

**Present Position**: Professor of Sociology, Purdue University. **Former Positions**: Assistant Professor, Ohio State University, 1964-1969; Associate Professor, Purdue University; Professor, Purdue University. **Degrees**: Ph.D., University of North Carolina, 1964; M.S., University of Minnesota, 1961; B.A., University of Sioux Falls, 1954. **Major Publications**: Partial List:
TREASURER 2001-2002
Ronald Troyer


BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2001-2004
Jane Bock


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Qualifying Exams USC 1992; Women in Management Award USC 1990. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Chair, Family Division, 2000-2002, (Also have chaired 3 panels in the last two years.) Other **Professional Affiliations:** National Council on Family Relations, Local Arrangements Committee, 1998; American Sociological Association; Wisconsin Sociological Association; Pacific Sociological Association (panel organizer); Association for the Sociology of Religion; Southern California Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Board of Directors 1990-1991. **Candidate's Statement:** I have very much enjoyed my time as chair of the Family Division of SSSP, and wish to continue serving the organization as a member of the Board. My primary reason for feeling this way has to do with my appreciation for the organization and its mission. A second reason is more personal: I have recently chosen to leave academia to take a position as a program coordinator for a public school district. Although I like my new position very much and plan to stay here for quite a while, I miss the research focus of university life, and wish to maintain my professional affiliations in order to keep myself stimulated to continue my research agenda. Also, I have more free time now than I had at the university, so I can devote more energy to the broader mission of SSSP than I could before. I am excited about offering my time and energy to SSSP, and welcome your vote.

**Donald Cunnigen**


**Timothy Diamond**

**Present Position:** Associate Professor of Sociology, Western Michigan University. **Former Positions:** Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, California State, Los Angeles, 1988-89; Visiting **SSSP Newsletter**
Scholar, Institute for Health and Aging, University of California, San Francisco, 1997-99; Visiting Scholar, Program on Women, Northwestern University, 1980-88. Degrees: Ph.D., Ohio State University, 1977; M.A., Ohio State University, 1973; B.A., University of Waterloo, Ontario, 1969. Major Publications: Making Gray Gold: Narratives of Nursing Home Care, University of Chicago Press, 1992; "The Lived Experience Perspective on Health Care in Adulthood," (With Judith A. Levy) in: Handbook of Behavioral Medicine for Women, Blechman (Ed), Pergamon, 1988; "Social Policy and Everyday Life in Nursing Homes: A Critical Ethnography," Social Science and Medicine, 1986, 23:1287-1295; "Nursing Homes as Trouble," Urban Life, 1983, 12:269-286; "Elements of a Sociology for Nursing: Considerations on Caregiving and Capitalism," Mid-American Review of Sociology, 1984, 3-21; "Linking Capitalism and Patriarchy: Issues in Marxist Feminism," (with A. Mueller) Harvard Educational Review, 1980, Vol. 50:71-79. Honors and Professional Recognition: Finalist, C. Wright Mills Award, 1993, for Making Gray Gold; Canadian Studies Fellowship, Canadian Embassy, 1993; Annual Book Award, Association for Humanist Sociology, 1993. SSSP Offices/Committees: Co-Chair, Health, Health Policy, Health Services Division, 2000-2002; Recruitment/Membership Committee, 2000-2002; Co-Chair Youth, Aging, Life Course, 1996-2000; Advisory Board, Social Problems. Other Professional Affiliations: American Sociological Association, 1980-2000; Michigan Sociological Association (Board Member) 2000-2003. Candidate's Statement: If I were elected to the Board of Directors I would want to support three kinds of "expansions" for SSSP after consulting with Presidents and administrative officers. One is to internationalize the organization, in content and membership. I've consulted with some members in England, Canada, Greece and Cyprus, and they would like to support this effort. In addition, I think we could do more to support student membership and conference participation. We could generate a new campaign for student membership. Although SSSP is already supportive of student conference participation, whole new funding sources could be explored to bring students to the meeting as our guests. Finally, to call upon the roots of SSSP, I would like to help organize more political action at the meeting. Specifically, resolutions for the business meeting could be prepared in advance by committees and divisions so that when meetings begin we can already meet the press right after the business meeting... and perhaps bring back the rousing business meetings of the old days!!

James Holstein

Present Position: Professor of Sociology, Marquette University. Former Positions: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Marquette University, 1994-


Winter, 2001

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American Sociological Association; Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*, 1997-present; Associate Editor, *Sociological Inquiry, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*; Midwest Sociology Society; Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. **Candidate's Statement:** The SSSP is an eclectic organization, from its diverse membership, to the topical and methodological pluralism of *Social Problems*. I am committed to maintaining this diversity, while working to establish greater exchange and interplay between the academic and more applied segments of the organization. The continued preeminence of *Social Problems* is essential to the well-being of the SSSP, and the Board of Directors should do everything possible to ensure its continued success.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2001-2003**

**Student Representatives**

**Debbie Cross**

**Present Position:** MA Graduate Student, University of South Florida. **Degrees:** MA, University of South Florida, 2001; BA, George Mason University, 1979. **Honors and Professional Recognition:** Presenter, SSSP Annual Meeting, 2000. **Candidate's Statement:** With growing numbers of "30 (or 40 or 50) Something" students entering the Academy, I feel there is a need for representation of these graduate students. I would like to focus on bringing these underrepresented students and their concerns and issues into the SSSP, encouraging their participation and input. I feel my "life experience" as well as being the mother of two soon-to-be college bound children will afford me the opportunity to address the concerns and issues of younger graduate students from a more mature perspective.

**Erin Robinson**

**Present Position:** Graduate Research Assistant, part-time instructor, University at Buffalo. **Former Positions:** Graduate Teaching Assistant, University at Buffalo 1998 - Present; Graduate Research Assistant Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth, 1998-1999, University at Buffalo; Instructor Buffalo State College 1998-1999. **Degrees:** MA University of Tennessee, Knoxville 1995-1997; BA State University of New York, College at Geneseo, 1991-1995. **SSSP Offices/Committees:** Session Organizer, Environment and Technology General Session, 2000; Graduate Student Paper Award Competition Reviewer, 2000; Annual Meeting Registration Worker, 1999-2000. **Other Professional Affiliations:** American Sociological Association, 1999 to Present; Midwest Sociological Society, 1999 to Present; Eastern Sociological Society, 1998 to Present; Rural Sociological Society, 1999; Southern Sociological Association, 1996-1998. **Candidate's Statement:** In my experience with SSSP, I have realized the importance of graduate student involvement in professional organizations and annual meeting activities. Since my introduction to SSSP, as a Masters student, I have enjoyed participating in meeting activities and feel that my experience as a graduate student has been greatly enhanced by being a member of SSSP. One of my favorite things about SSSP is the comfortable yet professional atmosphere that it offers to participants at the annual meetings. I feel SSSP provides a unique setting for the exchange of ideas among professional scholars, graduate students, and non-academic activists and researchers. SSSP provided me with a encouraging setting to participate and present original research. It helped me become more comfortable with presenting ideas and receiving valuable comments and ideas in return. As a graduate student representative to the Board of Directors, I hope to encourage participation among graduate students and continue the goals and objectives of SSSP. I think that graduate students' interests and ideas can encourage and add to the success of this organization. I also hope to encourage the combination of scholars and social activists that has provided SSSP with a rich exchange of ideas on social and political aspects of society. It is this combination of perspectives that SSSP offers that I think is invaluable to SSSP and its members.

**BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 2001-2004**

**Kimberly Cook**


Arthur Greil


**Honors and Professional Recognition:** SSSP Office/Committees: Co-chair, Health, Health Policy and Health Services, 1994-96; Chair, HHPHS Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, 1996-1999. **Other Professional Affiliations:** American Sociological Association, 1977-present; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1978-present; Program Chair, 1989; Treasurer 1996-2000; Executive Officer 2000-2004. Sociologists for Women in Society, 1985-present; SWS Lectureship Committee, 1995-1998; Publications Committee, 1996-1999. Ferre Institute (Infertility Research and Education Organization); member, Board of Trustees, 1988-94. **Candidate's Statement:** I have been an active member of SSSP for over 20 years because I believe it is important for social scientists to make use of their special skills and special perspectives to help push society in the direction of fairness and justice. I feel that I am particularly well suited to serve the Society as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee because of my experience in administration and financial management. I served as Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Alfred University. I am currently serving as Chair of the Division of Social Sciences. For the past three years, I have been Treasurer for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. I have just stepped down from that position to begin a four-year term as Executive Officer. I believe that this experience will enable to serve SSSP well in a position that requires a knowledge of organizational procedure and financial practices.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES 2001-2004**

**Lloyd Klein**

Justice Anti-Drug Policies," New Frontiers in Drug Policy, Drug Policy Foundation, 1992; "Taking a Bite Out of Social Injustice: Crime Control Ideology and its Peacemaking Potential," Co-authored with Joan Luxenburg and John Gunther; Criminology as Peacemaking, Richard Quinney and Harold Pepinsky (eds.), Indiana University Press, 1991; "Perceived Neighborhood Crime and the Impact of Private Security, Co-authored with Joan Luxenburg and Marriana King, Crime and Delinquency, July 1989, Volume 35, No. 3; Co-editor of special issue of Crime and Delinquency, "Controlling Crime in the Community: Citizen-Based Efforts and Initiatives," July 1989, Volume 35, No. 3. SSSP Offices/Committees: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Chair, 1999-2001; Alfred McClung Lee Student Support Committee, 2000; Sexual Behavior Politics and Communities Division Chair, 1996-1998; Session organizer and Chair, many times. Other Professional Affiliations: American Sociological Association, American Society of Criminology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Midwest Sociological Society. Candidate's Statement: I have been active in SSSP since 1976. The SSSP has facilitated my professional development through contact with Al Lee and other esteemed scholars responsible for establishing and maintaining the organizational focus. Throughout the last quarter century, I have been impressed with the manner in which activist scholars formed working committees and accomplished the work of the organization. My perspective is further informed after serving as the chair for the Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities Division and the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Divisions. I have also served on the Lee Support Committee and presented numerous papers. The Committee on Committees is an important conduit in which qualified members are identified and subsequently become important catalysts within the organization. In essence, I have great respect for the SSSP and want to contribute to its growth through facilitating the inclusion of members committed toward strengthening the organization with active service and dedication.

Lynn Schlesinger

Aspects of Deafness Series, Washington, DC: Gallaudet College, Volume 6, pages 65-97, 1982. Honors and Professional Recognition: Nominated for the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Plattsburgh State University of NY, Spring 2000; Society for Disability Studies Emerging Scholar Award, 1994; Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Faculty Award, Plattsburgh State University of NY, 1994. SSSP Offices/Committees: Chair, Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee, 2000-2001; 2000-2001 Chair, Accessibility Committee, 1997-2000; Member, SSSP Board of Directors, 1995-1998; Co-chair, Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division, 1992-1994. Other Professional Affiliations: American Sociological Association Comm. On Society & Persons with Disabilities Member 1994-1996; Society for Disability Studies Board Member (1994-1997) and Treasurer (1995-1996).Candidate's Statement: As an active member of SSSP and other organizations I've learned through (sometimes hard) experience the importance of establishing committees composed of members who are enthusiastic and willing to contribute. I also recognize the need to infuse committees with new people and ideas, while at the same time trying to ensure some continuity and organizational memory. SSSP divisions and committees can be an excellent way to involve newer members and to use the skills and energy of all our members. I look forward to assisting the Committee on Committees.

Alan Spector


Candidate's Statement: The work of organizations like the SSSP does not just get done by itself. Members need to contribute in many ways to help it function well. Serving on committees such as this is one way to contribute to the health and mission of the SSSP and to help it to continue to grow especially during these times when sociology in service to the subordinated is being pushed aside by many in power. In particular, SSSP must redouble its efforts to involve more black and Latino social scientists.

Javier Trevino


Winter, 2001
EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 2001-2004
Margaret Andersen

Present Position: Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies, University of Delaware. Former Positions: Dean, College of Arts and Science, University of Delaware, 1997-1999; Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Delaware, 1990-1997; Visiting Professor, Stanford University Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, 1999-2000. Degrees: Ph.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1976; M.A., University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1973; B.A., Georgia State University, 1970. Major Publications: Race, Class, and Gender, 4th Edition (with Patricia Hill Collins), 2000; Thinking about Women, 5th ed., Allyn & Bacon, 2000; Sociology: Understanding a Diverse Society (with Howard F. Taylor), Wadsworth, 2000; Understanding Society: An Introductory Reader, Wadsworth (with Kim Logio and Howard F. Taylor), 2001; Sociology: The Essentials (with Howard Taylor), Wadsworth, 2001; Social Problems, 3rd ed. (with Frank Scarpitti and Laura L. O'Toole), Longman, 1997. Honors and Professional Recognition: E.A. Trabant Award for Women's Equity, University of Delaware, 1997. SSSP Offices/Committees: C. Wright Mills Award Committee, 1999. Other Professional Affiliations: Editorial Board, ASA Rose Monograph Series, 2000-present; Editorial Board, Race & Society, 1996-present; Eastern Sociological Society, President, 1998-1999; American Sociological Association, Council, 1993-1996; Editor, Gender & Society, 1990-1995; Editorial Board, Contemporary Sociology, 1991-1994; Editorial Board, Teaching Sociology, 1986-1988; Editorial Board, Women's Review of Books, 1983-present; Co-Director, ASA MOST Program, 1986-1991 (and founding member). Candidate's Statement: As a scholar/teacher, I believe our job as sociologists is both to produce new knowledge about the most pressing problems facing our society and to use that knowledge to educate our students about those problems. Social Problems has an important place in that mission, since it is one of the most accessible journals to students and provides the most current research and theory on social problems. Because of this, Social Problems is one of the two journals I cite most frequently both in teaching and research. I also believe it is important that the journal continue in its tradition of providing the best scholarship in the study of class, race, and gender.

Jane Hood


SSSP Newsletter
Verta Taylor


Peggy Thoits


Winter, 2001
CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION AND CHANGE DIVISION
Deadline: 5/1/01
There will be an award of $100, a student membership in SSSP, and annual meeting registration for the best paper by a graduate student. Second or honorable mention will receive a student membership in SSSP and annual meeting registration. The topic of the paper is open. Submit four copies of the paper (indicate graduate status) to: Chris Baker, Walters State Community College, Morristown, TN 37813.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DIVISION
Deadline: 2/15/01
The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division announces its 2001 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of criminology, including theoretical analysis, violence, gangs, white collar crime, and other relevant topics. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2000, and it may not be published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers which have been presented at a professional meeting or which have been submitted for presentation at a professional conference are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; they can be single-authored by the student, or co-authored by two students, but may not be co-authored by a student with a faculty member or other non-student. Papers must not exceed 25 pages including all notes, references, and tables. Send papers and a cover letter specifying the title of the paper to: Lloyd Klein, History and Social Sciences Department, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, One University Place, Shreveport, LA 71115. Please include a letter from your advisor certifying graduate student status and incorporating some comments about the research. The winner will be announced in Spring, 2001, and will receive a $300 stipend.

OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR AWARD
Deadline: 4/1/01
Each year the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division reviews published books in the field to determine if there is one whose merit deserves the Division’s award for Outstanding Scholarship. This award is given to an author whose work makes a significant contribution to the sociological understanding of crime and/or delinquency. If you know of a published work within the past year that you feel should be considered for this award, please mail or fax the information to: Lloyd Klein, History and Social Sciences Department, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, One University Place, Shreveport, LA 71115; Work: (318) 797-5123; Fax: (318) 795-5122. Please include the author(s), name(s), the title of the book, the publisher, the publication date, and a brief statement of why you believe this work deserves the Outstanding Scholarship Award.

DRINKING AND DRUGS DIVISION
Deadline: 3/31/01
The Drinking and Drugs Division announces its 2001 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any topic around issues in drugs and/or alcohol. Theoretical issues and analysis are also included. All relevant topics around drugs and society are included. The winner will receive a stipend of $200. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2000, may not be published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers which have been presented at a professional meeting or which have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; they can be single-authored by the student, or co-authored by two students. Paper may not be co-authored by a student with a faculty member or other non-student. A page limit of 35 pages includes all notes, references, and tables. Submit four hard copies of the paper, along with certification by a faculty member, and a cover letter.

LABOR STUDIES DIVISION
Deadline: 3/1/01
One of the most important activities of the Labor Studies Division is to recognize the work of graduate students. As in the past, the Division is soliciting graduate student papers that build on the legacy of the late Harry Braverman. One of these papers will be selected to receive the 2001 Braverman Award. The Award consists of a $200 cash prize and recognition at the SSSP Banquet, held in conjunction with the annual meeting. The Braverman tradition includes work in a variety of areas, including (but not limited to): labor process studies, critical organization studies, research on the intersections of gender, race, and class at work, technical and organizational change and its impact on work culture and hierarchies, labor movements and resistance in the workplace, critical perspectives on labor market practices, and struggles for work transformation. Papers co-authored with faculty members will not be accepted. Single-authored papers by graduate students and papers co-authored by graduate students are welcome. Send three copies to: Committee Chair Jackie Krassas Rogers, Department of Labor Studies and Industrial Relations, Old Botany Building, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802; Email: JKR4@PSU.EDU.

LAW AND SOCIETY DIVISION
Deadline: 3/1/01
Any paper presented at the previous year’s SSSP meetings that is law-related is eligible for the Alfred R. Lindesmith Award if it is written by one or more untenured faculty and/or graduate student and has not been submitted for publication prior to presentation at the SSSP meeting. If you meet these criteria and wish to have your paper considered for the Award, please mail four hard copies to: Barbara Perry, Department of Criminal Justice, Box 15005, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011.

MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
Deadline: 3/30/01
The Mental Health Division announces its 2001 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers on any mental health related topic, empirical or theoretical, will be considered. To be eligible, the paper must have been written after April 1, 2000, and may not be published or accepted for publication at the time of submission. Co-authored papers are eligible for consideration if all of the co-authors are graduate students. Limit of 30 pages including notes, references, and tables. Submit three copies of the paper to: Sharon Schwartz, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, 630 West 168th Street, PH18 - 332, NY, NY 10032; Work: (212) 305-7789; Fax: (212) 305-5413; Email: SB55@COLUMBIA.EDU. The winning author will be awarded a $100 stipend, student membership in SSSP, and student registration for the conference. The award will be acknowledged at the Division Business Meeting.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES DIVISION
Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by 2/15/01
The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division announces its 2001 Graduate Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical and may deal with any aspect of the field of racial and ethnic minorities. The winner will receive a $100 prize. In addition, the Division will pay for his or her 2001 meeting registration and membership dues. To be eligible, the paper must have been written during the year 2000. It may not be published or accepted for publication. Papers must be authored by one or more students, but cannot include a faculty member among its authors. Papers must not exceed 30 pages including notes, tables, and references. Submit four copies of the paper together with certification by a faculty member to: José A. Cobas, Department of Sociology, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-2101.
specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Drinking and Drugs Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Tanmy Anderson, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Delaware, Rm 313, Smith Hall, Newark, DE 19716; Work: (302) 831-6232; Email: TAMMYA@UDEL.EDU.

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION Deadline: 2/15/01
The Environment and Technology Division will hold a 2001 Student Paper Competition. All interested students are encouraged to apply. Professors are encouraged to nominate student papers. They should relate to broad division interests and should not be more than 25 double-spaced pages in length including references. The title page should include the student’s name, address, telephone number, email and college or university affiliation. A prize of $125 will be awarded for the winning student paper and a $75 prize for the second place paper. Two copies of student papers should be sent to: Valerie Gunter, Department of Sociology, 365 L.A., University of New Orleans, New Orleans LA 70148. From there, the papers will be forwarded to two judges.

FAMILY DIVISION Deadline: 3/1/01
Paper Focus: An Important Theoretical Issue or Significant Empirical Problem in the Sociology of the Family. Guidelines: 1)The paper must be entirely student authored. 2)The paper can be no longer than 30 double-spaced pages. 3)Eligible students include master’s and pre-doctoral students currently enrolled in a graduate program or graduating no earlier than December 2000. 4)An abstract of 150 words (maximum) should accompany the paper. 5)Each page of the text should have a running head that is a shortened version of the paper title. Submissions must include: 1)Your name; 2)address; 3)telephone number(s); 4)email address and/or fax number; 5)institutional affiliation; 6)graduate student status: year in program and expected date of degree completion; 7)include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope to acknowledge receipt of your paper. Submit papers to: Carrie Yang Costello, Department of Sociology and Urban Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201; Work: (414) 229-6942; Fax: (414) 229-5266; Email: COSTELLO@UWM.EDU.

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION Deadline: 1/31/01
All graduate students submitting papers to the division are encouraged to apply for the 2001 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Students should submit a letter of intent and an abstract at the same time they submit these for consideration in the conference. January 30, 2001. Full papers must be received by May 15, 2001. Papers that are accepted for presentation will still be eligible for consideration without submission of the abstract by January 31, as long as completed papers are sent to the chair of the award committee with a letter of intent by May 15. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2001 SSPS annual meeting in Anaheim, CA. The recipient will also receive a monetary prize of $100, student membership in SSPS, and the cost of registration for the annual meeting. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received degrees after January 2000) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. (Please do not submit the thesis or dissertation itself). Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors are current graduate students. Double submissions to other SSPS award competitions will be disqualified. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages, and should be prepared for “blind review” (with the author specified on the title page but not referred to in other parts of the text). Letters of intent, abstracts, and four copies of final drafts of papers should be sent to: Wendy Simonds, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 30303; Work: (404) 651-1841; Fax: (404) 651-1712; Email: socwssx@panther.gsu.edu.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS AND COMMUNITIES DIVISION Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by 3/15/01
The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division announces its 2001 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, or sexual communities. The winner will receive a stipend of $100 plus payment of the winner’s SSPS membership fee for the 2001 SSPS meeting to help the winner attend the meeting. The winner will be offered an opportunity to present this paper at one of the SBPC sessions being held as part of the 2001 SSPS meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1)The paper must have been written between January 2000 and March 2001; 2)The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3)The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4)The paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5)The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student’s college or university nominating the paper for the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division Student Paper Competition. Students should send five copies of their paper, accompanied by a letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Kari Lerum, Department of Sociology, Seattle University, 900 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122; Email: LERUMK@SEATTLEU.EDU. The winner will be announced prior to the 2001 SSPS Convention.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by: 3/15/01
The Social Problems Theory Division invites papers for its annual Student Paper Competition. To be eligible, the paper must have relevance to social problems theories. Papers, no longer than 25 pages, may be authored or co-authored by currently enrolled students. (Papers co-authored with faculty, and papers already accepted for publication are not eligible.) Send four copies to: JoAnn Miller, Paper Award Committee Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Purdue University, 1365 Stone Hall, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1365.

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Levon Chorbajian  
University of Massachusetts Lowell

In this extraordinary book, Ward Churchill challenges three entrenched orthodoxies: 1) that genocide is necessarily a state crime, 2) that the only true genocide is the Holocaust of European Jews, and 3) that the experiences of Native peoples in the Western Hemisphere do not constitute a genocide. The book is organized in a series of essays, each with a distinct theme.

With few exceptions, perpetrators of genocides in modern times deny them. They call them something else (acts of war, natural disasters), they fudge the demographics (non-existent people need not be accounted for), or they blame the victim (they were disloyal, they rebelled, they had it coming to them). This is in contrast to earlier times when genocide perpetrators bragged about their exploits. Genghis Khan is a well-known case in point from the late 12th and early 13th centuries.

In his introduction Churchill takes up the issue of genocide denial as it applies to Native Americans. He argues that native peoples were consistently dehumanized and exterminated and that this dehumanization and extermination has been denied and concealed to the greatest extent possible. One form of denial has been to radically underestimate the size of native populations at the dawn of the 16th century—a process in which Churchill implicates the Smithsonian and large numbers of anthropologists, including the well-known Alfred Kroeber. Churchill provides a long list of deniers in and out of academia: a *Time* magazine columnist who wrote that what was built here matters, not what happened; a Secretary of Education who warned that “distortions of history” (the truth) would undermine “the Western cultural tradition which has made this great nation what it is today”; the Revolutionary Communist Party whose ideologues dismissed Native Americans as useless impediments to capitalist development; plus Christopher Hitchens in *The Nation* and Arthur Schlesinger in *The Atlantic*.

Left, right, and center, Churchill argues, there is a dominant pattern of denial of Native American history. Churchill is most critical of a group of writers that insists that the only true genocide is the Holocaust of European Jews. These writers are the subject of Churchill’s first two chapters, “Assaults on Truth and Memory: Holocaust Denial in Context” and “Lie for Lie: Linkages between Holocaust Deniers and Proponents of the Uniqueness of the Jewish Experience in World War II.” Churchill provides a brief history of Holocaust denial, a phenomenon he calls “…one of the most vicious and factually indefensible…” “…intellectual monstrosities…of the late twentieth century.” He employs Deborah Lipstadt’s book *Denying the Holocaust* to demonstrate that the deniers of denial are themselves engaged in major distortions of history. Churchill praises Lipstadt for carefully exposing Holocaust deniers and dismantling their “arguments.” He then attacks her for her insistence that the Holocaust was a unique event and one that cannot be compared to any other in history. Churchill brings together an impressive array of historical documentation to provide a surgically precise critique of Lipstadt and some of the biggest names in Holocaust Studies including Steven Katz, Yehuda Bauer, and Lucy Dawidowicz. He labels these writers who insist on the Holocaust as the unique genocidal phenomenon in history exclusivists and says that both Holocaust deniers and Holocaust exclusivists are guilty of intellectual dishonesty and intellectual bullying. He uses Lipstadt as an example because of her insistence that any who claim moral equivalency with the Holocaust for other events in history are guilty of anti-Semitism.

The third chapter addresses Columbus and his ravages in the Caribbean. Churchill uses Columbus’ diaries and other records to demonstrate that the native populations were dehumanized with the intent to extract wealth and to seize land with no concern for human life. This was in conjunction with a deliberate policy of extermination when the natives could not be employed for material ends. Churchill links Columbus to later outrages, “The Third Reich was, after all, never so much a deviation...as...a crystallization of the dominant themes—racial supremacy, conquest, genocide—of the culture Columbus so ably exemplifies.” In the subsequent chapter Churchill examines exploitation and
extermination policies in Mexico and Central and South America. He covers the entire period from the 16th century through the present, paying particular attention to governmental and corporate behavior in Central America, Paraguay, Brazil, Colombia and Chile.

Chapter 5, "Nits Make Lice: The Extermination of North American Indians, 1607-1996," is devoted to the U.S. and Canada. The chapter is 160 pages long and painstakingly documents each and every tribal grouping and its fate—most often total extermination—at the hands of explorers, settlers, missionaries, hunters, trappers, and the military. Churchill demonstrates genocidal intent by making use of the recorded statements of organizers, perpetrators, ideologists and celebrants of mass death. The statement of 17th century Virginia governor Francis Wyatt is typical, "It is infinitely better to have no heathen among us, who at best are thorns in our sides, than to be at peace and in league with them."

In chapter 6, "Cold War Impacts on Native North America: The Political Economy of Radioactive Colonization," Churchill carefully documents the unpublicized impacts of uranium mining and milling, nuclear weapons construction and testing, and radioactive waste disposal on Native American populations. Churchill argues that these activities have been carried out in places and on peoples considered expendable while efforts have been made to spare the white majority to the greatest extent possible (given the nature of these activities, that protection has been necessarily far from complete). I found the accounts in this chapter to be particularly riveting and chilling even in the context of this book. This is partly, perhaps, because of the continuing disregard for the health of Native American populations and partly because the society as a whole suffers the consequences of radioactive contamination. Churchill claims that radioactivity is the major cause of escalating cancer rates, and this cause remains largely hidden from public consciousness. He calls secondary smoke studies inconclusive and often shoddy, and he argues that tobacco evils are receiving great publicity because they serve to divert attention from this far larger radioactivity menace emanating from the core of the national security state.

Since 1948 genocide has been a crime under international law. The person most responsible for this was the Polish-Jewish émigré legal scholar Raphael Lemkin who wrote and successfully promoted the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. In his chapter "The United States and the Genocide Convention: A Half-Century of Obfuscation and Obstruction," Churchill shows how the United States government worked to water down Lemkin's broad definition of genocide and then refused to ratify the treaty for decades during which time over a hundred nations had done so. The U.S. government feared that provisions of the treaty could make it subject to formal charges regarding Native Americans, Afro-Americans, Asian Americans and even white immigrant groups, in the last case on the basis of the destruction of language capability and other elements of culture. The official shorthand for this is "impairing national sovereignty." Churchill documents this entire history including the final ratification of the treaty in the mid-1980's when officials in the Reagan administration thought passage would have public relations value and applications against enemy states. But even this delayed passage was tainted because the treaty was ratified with two officially lodged reservations and five understandings that effectively exempt the United States from any of the treaty's provisions.

Churchill's book challenges a number of powerful vested interests both in and out of government. It does so in a manner that is thoroughly researched, tightly argued, and superbly documented—the book contains over 1,500 footnotes. The history of books like this is that they are not reviewed or they are reviewed unfairly. In other words, efforts are made to push such books to the margins where they will be ineffective in promoting scholarly debate and educating the wider public. I have taken the time to review this book because it is one small step I can take to resist that outcome. I urge you to read the book and to use it in whatever way you can. Churchill's A Little Matter of Genocide has a great deal to teach us all.


Charles Koebel
Wichita State University

Imagine for a moment a supernatural conspiracy in which outer space aliens team up with the richest and most powerful human beings to secretly exploit the general population for vast amounts of wealth and power. To carry out this sinister plot, the co-conspirators control the mass media and use subliminal messages to brainwash the citizenry. They pacify the public by perpetuating a culture of consumerism. And, when encountering resistance, the villains rely on the coercive force of the police. Americans become blind and compliant to their subordination as they mindlessly consume, conform, and submit to authority. This scenario is portrayed in the 1988 John Carpenter science fiction film, "They Live." The film is one of the many interesting pop cultural references cleverly

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used to discuss social class in America in Robert Perrucci and Earl Wysong’s excellent book, *The New Class Society*. Of course, the film is not a realistic portrayal of American society. Perrucci and Wysong argue that in reality, the elite do not require conspiracy or the aid of outer space aliens to acquire wealth and power; more simply, they can rely on their social class position and the workings of the class system to maintain advantage.

The book’s early chapters introduce the theoretical and conceptual framework in which the authors situate their most interesting claim, that, contrary to popular belief, *there is no US middle class*. If one were to poll the public and ask them to describe a geometric shape that represents the American class structure, the most commonly drawn shape would resemble a single diamond, with a small proportion of the society at the top point possessing many resources, another small proportion at the bottom point possessing few resources, and most in the middle possessing moderate resources.

According to Perrucci and Wysong, this is not an accurate geometrical representation. Rather, the contemporary class structure is shaped like a double diamond, with the bottom point of one much smaller diamond resting atop the point of a second much larger diamond. The top diamond represents those who occupy the “privileged class” (about 20 percent of the population). The privileged class is subdivided into a tiny “super class” (1-2 percent of the population) at the top level and a larger “credentialed class” (about 17-19 percent of the population) located just below. The super class consists of owners and employers who make their living from investments or from ownership (e.g., Bill Gates). The credentialed class consists of highly educated and highly paid upper-level managers and professionals who act as “junior partners” to the super class.

The bottom diamond of the class structure consists of 80 percent of the population, who occupy different segments of the “new working class.” At the top level of the working class is “the comfort class” (About 10 percent of the population). The comfort class consists of many types of professionals (e.g., nurses and teachers) and skilled blue-collar workers (e.g., carpenters and machinists). Although typically thought of as middle class, Perrucci and Wysong argue that members of the comfort class are not in fact, “middle class.” Wage earners in the comfort class may earn enough money to purchase luxury goods and services, but they have little money invested and may live virtually paycheck to paycheck only a short “distance” from financial hardship. Wage earners in “the contingent class” occupy the largest segment of the new working class (about 50 percent of the population). The contingent class consists of lower skilled blue-collar workers as well as the many individuals who occupy lower-wage jobs in the burgeoning service industries. Although many members of the contingent class possess college educations, they typically struggle to make ends meet. Their jobs are increasingly characterized by insecurity and uncertainty experienced by so called “contingent” workers, who perform temporary and contract work. At the bottom of the class structure are those in the excluded class (about 10-15 percent of the population), sporadically employed in marginal jobs.

The double diamond shaped class structure is derived from a theoretical model that both builds upon and departs from previous production oriented models (e.g., E.O. Wright) and functionalist models (e.g., Gilbert and Kahl) of class structure. Perrucci and Wysong label their model, a “distributional model” of class structure. The model posits that the class system is organizationally based. “Large organizations—through various levels and groups of “gatekeepers” within them—direct, channel, and legitimate the distribution of resources to individuals and groups” (p.8).

Within an organizational context, individuals are placed or excluded from various class segments according to the quantity and quality of resources they possess. Perrucci and Wysong categorize these important resources into four types of “generative capital”: 1) consumption capital, 2) investment capital, 3) skill capital, and 4) social capital. As in production models, one’s job (or relation to the means of production) is an important determinant of access to resources. However, unlike production models, the organization in which the job is performed is more important, as those with similar occupations may receive different types and amounts of generative capital by virtue of the wealth, size and power of the organization in which they work. As in functionalist models, resources such as education, prestige, wealth and income all influence one’s class position. However, unlike functionalist models, these resources are not meritocratically acquired by individuals, but selectively distributed by those who own and control organizations.

After laying out the theoretical and conceptual framework of their argument, the middle chapters of the book specify organization-based mechanisms that distribute the various types of generative capital and (re) produce the social polarization that characterizes the new class society. These mechanisms include: 1) the global economy, 2) social networks, 3) the information industry, and 4) the education system. Much theory in these chapters extends from classic social science research on corresponding topics. For example, the third chapter describes how those in the privileged class use the global economy to hoard...
investment and consumption capital. The privileged class extracts profit from the many low-wage workers that characterize the new international division of labor. The global economy also provides the business logic, a form of ideology, by which members of the privileged class use threats of global competition to elicit the consent of workers to lower wages and harder work. These ideas build upon the neo-Marxian critique of globalization as exemplified by researchers like David Gordon. The fourth chapter describes a “hidden class empire” that describes the workings of exclusive social networks of ruling elites. This chapter rests on William Domhoff’s classic description of “who rules America.”

In the fifth chapter, Perrucci and Wysong discuss how the content of mass media obfuscates the perception of class in America. It is reminiscent of Noam Chomsky’s research on the information industry that describes how corporate owned and controlled mass media “manufacture consent” of the public to class inequality. Chapter six describes the distribution of skills capital through the workings of the education system. The authors describe many of the types of “savage inequalities” of American schools so vividly portrayed by Jonathon Kozol. The chapter also extends ideas found in the work of Samuel Bowles and Herb Gintis, who demonstrate how education perpetuates and reproduces class inequality through various policies and practices such as “tracking.”

Although the classics provide a solid theoretical foundation and background, the authors do not simply repackage the work of others; they introduce many new and interesting ideas, concepts, and propositions. Moreover, each chapter provides the most recent empirical information. For admirers of any of the classic works mentioned above, you will no doubt enjoy the extended and updated treatment of each chapter’s topic. For those with little background knowledge of the subject matter, each of the chapters will constitute an “eye-opening” experience.

Having described what is seemingly a disparate and unalterable class system in which the small number of rich get richer to the detriment of the majority of the population, the reader is left wondering if anything can be done to create a more socially just society. The last two chapters of the book provide a mixed and contradictory answer. On the one hand, and not unlike the citizenry portrayed in the movie, “They Live,” most Americans are politically passive. Their work keeps them busy. The culture industry bombards them with information that is largely free of class-related content. Social and political issues are trivialized, subjected to what the authors refer to as “Oprahification” in which the media “contributes to the demise of critical thinking about current and past social, culture and political events and issues” (p. 232).

When Americans do think critically, it is often about problems (e.g., illegal drug use and sales) that can be easily blamed on deviant individuals rather than systematic social inequality. To reinforce this point, the authors use the example of the “War on Drugs” and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. According to Perrucci and Wysong, “DARE promotes the acceptance of individual-level explanations for and solutions to social problems” (p. 225). It also “encourages a continuing public focus on drug-war issues while distracting public attention from class-inequalities as sources of social problems” (p. 225).

On the other hand, not everyone is passive. Perrucci and Wysong provide an informative discussion of activists groups that represent successful or potentially successful efforts to organize for positive social and economic change. These groups include: 1) organized labor, 2) United for a Fair Economy, 3) Program of Corporations, Law and Democracy, 4) Fairness in Accuracy and in Reporting 5) Third Party Challenges and 6) The New Party.

The New Class Society is a must read for anyone interested in social class in the United States. At a length of 279 pages the book is suitable for use as the main text in courses on class structure or class-based stratification and inequality. It may also be used in social problems or social inequality courses in tandem with literature on other forms of social inequality (e.g., race or gender). Moreover, many of the book’s chapters—for example, chapters on the global economy, elite social networks, the information industry, the education system—could be used selectively or as stand-alone supplemental course readings.

If there is any drawback to the text, it is perhaps its length. According to the authors, the discussion is meant "for travelers, not tourists" (p. 36). However, there are many useful devices that provide periodic breaks from the length and rigor of the text, rendering it more “reader friendly” for both academics and laypersons. Many satirical cartoons cleverly illustrate the main ideas of the text. Interesting references to pop culture serve as take-off points for explanation of complex ideas. The movie messages of “Forrest Gump,” the lyrics of “Smashing Pumpkins,” and the plot of “They Live” all help the authors to relate valuable lessons about our class system, thus helping the reader to more effectively develop and use a “sociological imagination.” The New Class Society represents a valuable contribution to the sociological study of class in the United States. At the book’s conclusion the reader is not left blind and ignorant to social inequality, like the characters in “They Live,” but rather, is provided with a close-up view of our vastly disparate society.
Search for
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; 313/577-8806 (Office); 313/577-8770 (FAX); E-mail: 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.

GRADUATION PLEDGE ALLIANCE

Humboldt State University (California) initiated the Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility. It states, "I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which I work." (Students define what being "responsible" means to themselves). Dozens of colleges and universities have enacted the pledge at some level, at schools that range in size from Earlham, to Harvard, to University of Kansas. Graduates who voluntarily signed the pledge have turned down jobs they did not feel morally comfortable with and have worked to make changes once on the job. For example, they have promoted recycling at their organization, removed racist language from a training manual, worked for gender parity in high school athletics, and in one case, helped to convince an employer to refuse a chemical weapons contract.

Manchester College now coordinates the campaign effort, which has taken different forms at different institutions. At Manchester, it is a community-wide event coordinated by a diverse committee. Typically, fifty percent of students sign and keep a wallet-size card stating the pledge, while students and supportive faculty wear green ribbons at commencement and the pledge is printed in the formal commencement program. Depending upon the school, it might take several years to reach this level of institutionalization. If one can just get a few groups/departments involved, and get some media attention on (and off) campus, it will get others interested and build for the future. The project has been covered in newspapers around the country (e.g., Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, and Boston Globe), as well as being covered on national radio networks and local T.V. stations. The pledge helps educate and motivate one to contribute to a better world. Think of the impact if even a significant minority of the one million college graduates each year signed and carried out the Pledge. Contact NJWollman@Manchester.edu for information/questions/comments; or write GPA, MC Box 135, Manchester College, 604 E. College Ave., North Manchester, IN 46962. The Campaign also has a web site, at http://ARES.manchester.edu/department/peaceStudies/gpa.html. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY Pledge EFFORTS YOU UNDERTAKE, AS WE TRY TO MONITOR WHAT IS HAPPENING, AND PROVIDE PERIODIC UPDATES ON THE NATIONAL EFFORT.
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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 FORM
(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:
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Home: (510) 843-3106; Fax: (510) 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:

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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:

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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.)

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

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

Please indicate how you plan to travel to the meeting;
SSSP will support estimated air coach fare; auto travel at $.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.

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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.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
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 humanistic 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

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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

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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:

   Ellen Reese, Chair
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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.
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

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SSSP, 906 McClung Tower, Univ of TN, Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
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SSSP Newsletter
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: ____________________________

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

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

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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: ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
(include area code)  (Home)  (Work)

Email: ____________________________  ____________________________

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

Please indicate how you plan to travel to the meeting:
SSSP will support estimated air coach fare; auto travel at $.18/mile; and travel by bus or train ONLY.

Please provide a breakdown of your anticipated costs to attend the meeting. Registration fees will be funded. 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. Persons unable to attend the meetings MUST return all monies to SSSP.

Travel Cost: ____________________________  ____________________________

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: ____________________________  ____________________________

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.

Winter, 2001
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

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* Discounts apply: 8/13/01–8/22/01

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**NEW WEBSITE** www.assntravel.com
2001 SSSP Annual Meeting Registration Form

Last Name: ___________________________ First/Middle Name: ___________________________

Work Affiliation(s) for badge: _______________________________________________________

Preferred Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________

Work Phone: ___________ Home Phone: ___________ Email: ____________________________

*MEETING REGISTRATION (in US DOLLARS):

☐ SSSP/SPA Member Registration Including Banquet
   $115 through June 15
   $125 June 16-July 15
   $140 On-Site

☐ SSSP/SPA Member Registration Only
   $75
   $85
   $100

☐ SSSP/SPA Student/Unemployed Member Registration Including Banquet
   $60
   $70
   $80

☐ SSSP/SPA Student/Unemployed Member Registration Only
   $20
   $30
   $40

☐ Non-Member Registration (for non-exempt presenters who do not wish to become members)
   $125
   $125
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☐ Non-Member Student Registration (for non-exempt student presenters who do not wish to become members)
   $70
   $70
   $70

Students must provide a photocopy of their current student ID.

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

☐ Spouse/Guest (name badge only)
   $10
   $10
   $10

Spouse/Guest Badge: ___________________________ Last Name ___________ First Name

SUBTOTAL

ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKETS: Saturday, August 18, 8:00PM - 10:00PM, tickets $40 each

SPECIAL EVENT:
AIDS FUNDRAISER and ART SILENT AUCTION, Friday, August 17, 9:00PM - 10:30PM, tickets $10 each
Students will receive a complimentary ticket.

SUBTOTAL

*MEMBERSHIP DUES: You must be a current member to attend the Annual Meeting. If you are already a 2001 member, skip this section.

☐ Life Members, Emeriti, before 1989
   $0
   $25,000-$34,999
   $65

☐ "New" Emeriti, beginning in 1989
   $35
   $35,000-$44,999
   $75

☐ Students
   $20
   $45,000-$54,999
   $90

☐ Unemployed
   $20
   $55,000-$64,999
   $105

☐ First Year Employment after Ph.D.
   $35
   $65,000-$74,999
   $120

☐ First Time Professional Member
   $35
   $75,000 & up
   $135

☐ $24,999 and under
   $50
   Life Membership
   $1,200

SUBTOTAL

GRAND TOTAL

Winter, 2001
Make check or money order payable, in US DOLLARS to SSSP or provide credit card authorization below.

Credit Card Type:  □ Mastercard  □ Visa

Credit Card Number ____________________________ Exp. Date __________ Signature (Mandatory)

Office Use Only: Date __________ Initials ______ Authorization #: __________________________

DEADLINE: Forms and payments must be postmarked/faxed no later than June 15 to be eligible for the early registration discount. Registrations postmarked/faxed after June 16-July 15 are ineligible for the discount and will be processed at the higher rate. Preregistration ends on July 15. Any forms received after July 15 will be processed at the on-site rate.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS: All program participants are required to preregister by May 31 in order to have their names printed in the Final Program.

REFUND POLICY: Registration fees will be refunded to persons who notify us prior to July 1. Once the final program is printed and participant packets have been prepared, the cost of processing the participant has occurred!

ROOMMATE MATCHING SERVICE: Do you want to be in the roommate matching database? SSSP will send you a list of those who are interested in sharing a room no later than June 15. Please indicate your smoking preference.

____________________ YES  __________________ NO  __________________ NON-SMOKING  ________________ SMOKING

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES: Registrants with disabilities may request accessibility services to ensure their full participation. Please identify the service(s) below that will be of assistance to you. Only advanced requests will be granted. The Administrative Officer will confirm service arrangements 3-4 weeks before the meeting.

☐ Sign language interpreter for program sessions/committee meetings

☐ Sighted Guide

☐ Reservation Oversight: After you have made your hotel reservation, the Administrative Officer will verify that your request for accessible accommodations will be honored.

☐ Other (please specify): ______________________________________________________________________

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

By Mail:  SSSP
University of Tennessee
906 McClung Tower
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490

By Fax:  (865) 974-7013
Credit Card Payments Only
Fill out registration form and credit card information and fax to the above number.
Do NOT mail a duplicate copy.

Online:  http://www.it.utk.edu/sssp
Credit Card Payments Only

GENERAL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer
SSSP, University of Tennessee
906 McClung Tower
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
Work:(865) 974-3620; Fax:(865) 974-7013
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*Requests for exemption from meeting registration and membership dues must be approved by: Lionel Maldonado, Program Chair and John Galliher, President (lmalon2@exchange.calstatela.edu and galliherj@missouri.edu).
Thank you for requesting reservations at the WESTCOAST ANAHEIM HOTEL. Our entire staff would like to extend a warm welcome to you during your upcoming event.

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DATE: AUGUST 13 – 22, 2001

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Reservations must be received or called in by July 25, 2001 to guarantee your negotiated group rate. Reservations received after that date or if the room block is filled prior to that date, are subject to availability and rate increase.

Please complete the information below to reserve your accommodations:

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Smoking ☐ Non-Smoking ☐
Accommodations: (Please circle preferred rate below) Rate:
Single $123.00
Double (request 1 bed ☐ 2 beds ☐) $123.00
Triple/Quad $123.00
Rates are subject to prevailing city bed tax and assessments, currently at 15.7%.

Payment Method:
A deposit for the first night’s room and tax is required to confirm your reservation. You may use your American Express, VISA, MC, Discover, En Route or Diners Club credit card to guarantee your reservation. Card #: ____________ Signature ____________
Expiration Date ___________________________ (Refundable if reservation is canceled 72 hours prior to arrival)
If paying by check, please make your check payable to the WestCoast Anaheim Hotel.
Total enclosed including 15.7% tax. __________________

Please Note: Deposit is refundable only if Hotel is notified 72 hours prior to arrival. A cancellation number must be issued by the Hotel for refund or release of guarantee. An early departure fee of $50 will be charged to any guest checking out prior to stated departure date. Departure date may be changed at check-in without resulting in a fee.

To make reservation by phone, please call (714) 750-1811 or fax to (714) 971-2485

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