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To: SSSP Board of Directors

From: Marjorie DeVault, Chair, Lee Founders Award Committee

My committee has completed our review process, and I'm happy to inform you that the 2005 Lee Founders Award will go to Professor Robert Perrucci. I've notified Professor Perrucci, and he is planning to attend the Awards Banquet to receive the award.

Professor Perrucci was nominated for the award by his colleague JoAnn Miller, who also provided the names of several individuals who could support the nomination. I contacted those individuals and circulated the nomination materials and supporting endorsements to the committee members. Since we had just the one nomination this year, our task was to consider whether we wished to make the award, and we easily reached an enthusiastically unanimous positive decision.

Professor Perrucci has a distinguished record of scholarship focused on social inequalities in American society. He has written on the class background of engineers, the consciousness of scientists, plant closings and their impacts on workers, Japanese auto transplants, and class structure in contemporary U.S. society; and his current research explores the impact of shift work on workers and their families, promoting enhanced participation by workers in the design of work schedules. Perrucci's work has been driven by a strong commitment to social justice, and he has been involved in progressive community service work on his campus and in his community. He has been an active member of SSSP throughout his career, serving in several key roles over the years, most recently as president and an organizer of the Justice 21 Project, designed to put the nation's "social health" on our political agenda. Overall, his career exemplifies the pursuit of humanistically driven scholarship oriented toward just solutions to social problems.