

TO: Board of Directors, SSSP  
FROM: Justice 21 Committee: (Kathleen Ferraro, Robert Perrucci, Chair, Jo Ann Miller, Glenn Muschert)  
RE: Progress Report  
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The Justice 21 Committee sent a call-for-papers announcement of the 2008 Agenda for Social Justice Project to all Division Chairs for transmission to all members of SSSP. An announcement of the project also appeared in the *SSSP Newsletter*. Interested parties were asked to submit a 1-2 page proposal to the Committee.

The Committee received 22 proposals. The authors of 12 proposals were invited to submit complete manuscripts, and were sent guidelines for contributors. Eleven manuscripts were received by the Committee and they were reviewed and returned to authors with suggestions for revision. Each Committee member had lead responsibility as editor for several manuscripts, and all editor comments were circulated among the Committee until a consensus was reached on the final draft. Authors received the edited final draft for their approval of proposed changes in format and content.

Guided by an innovative proposal from Glenn Muschert, the Committee decided to produce two versions of a project report that could be accessed on the SSSP web page. The full report (*Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2008*), and an executive summary consisting of 11 one-page "briefs" that summarized the content of each chapter, were put on the SSSP web page. Sharon Shumaker in the Executive Office expanded the website so that the entire booklet, individual chapters, and briefs are available for free public download. In addition, 1,500 copies of the briefs were printed for national distribution to all members of Congress, Governors, Mayors of large cities, media, policy groups, and social action organizations. The briefs contained instructions for downloading individual chapters or the full report from the SSSP web page. Information about the Agenda project was also sent to academic networks beyond SSSP through requesting listings on international, national, regional, and state professional association newsletters and websites. A small number of full reports were printed for distribution to authors of chapters, SSSP Board members and officers, and Division Chairs.

We believe that this approach to production and distribution of the *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2008* allowed us raise the profile of SSSP and its efforts in expanding public sociology. Equally important is the fact that this approach allowed SSSP to reduce costs of printing and provided easier access to the report from interested parties who received the briefs.

The Justice 21 Committee thanks the Board for its support of this project and recommends that the project be continued for a 2012 version of SSSP's Agenda for Social Justice.