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From: Becky Pettit, Editor, *Social Problems*
Re: 2010-11 Annual Report
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This report documents the activities of the editorial offices and staff at the University of Washington from June 1, 2011-July 8, 2011. I want to begin by thanking you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as Editor of *Social Problems*. I am honored and privileged to have been selected for this position. I am thoroughly enjoying my duties thus far and I look forward to the opportunities (and challenges) that the next 3 years will bring.

Editorial Office

Thanks to Ted Chiricos and his excellent staff, the transition of editorial responsibilities to the University of Washington has been seamless. Particularly helpful in that transition was a visit I took in March 2011 to the FSU offices in the company of Erin Powers, our incoming managing editor.

Several things further contributed to the ease of the transition. First has been the exceptional capabilities and effort of our managing editor, Erin Powers and additional support provided by the University of Washington for an extremely qualified editorial assistant, Sarah Diefendorf. In addition to the training Erin and I received during our visit to FSU, Erin and Sarah have received training on the submission and manuscript processing software (MsCentral) from the University of California Press. I am also delighted to report that Amy Jo Woodruff has agreed to continue as the production editor. I feel privileged to have such an extraordinary team and I deeply appreciate the support of the SSSP and the University of Washington which has enabled me to recruit and retain such talented staff.

The editorial office has already benefited from the expertise of our five associate editors: Kenneth (Andy) Andrews, Alexes Harris, Jennifer Jordan, Zaid Munson, and Abigail Saguy. I have invited 40 sociologists to serve as advisory editors (listed below). Advisory editors have agreed to review 2-3 papers per year, to provide reviews quickly when necessary, and help to resolve discrepancies in reviews. I have also selected 14 student editors (listed below) from the University of Washington, Washington State University, and the University of British Columbia to assist in the editorial process. I meet with student editors approximately every two weeks to discuss incoming manuscripts and reviews. Student editors have been instrumental in helping to select reviewers and summarizing the comments of external reviewers. They are a vital part of the editorial team.

Budget

The journal is operating within budget at this time.

Manuscript Submissions and Processing

Since June 1, we have received 54 manuscripts. We inherited 24 manuscripts from FSU for which reviewers were already solicited. Thirteen of those papers have already received three or more reviews. Of the 13 papers with sufficient reviews, we have invited authors to revise and resubmit 6 papers and we have rejected 7 papers.

Decisions on 11 additional inherited manuscripts are pending additional reviews. We have received 30 new submissions. Of those, we have deflected 5, solicited reviewers for 11, and 14 are still in process. Although our numbers are small, thus far our deflection rate (31.5%) is in line with previous years.

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