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Report on The Scholar's Choice book exhibit for the 2013 annual meeting of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 9-11 at the Westin New York City.

Introduction

The Scholar's Choice is an academic book exhibit company which provides marketing services for university and scholarly publishers. We offer combined book displays at academic conferences, where publishers have an opportunity to introduce professors, graduate students, and independent scholars to recently-published titles in their field of study.

Each year, we handle more than 150 book exhibits across the U.S., in Canada, and overseas. Most of these are meetings in the humanities, our company's marketing specialty. We display books appropriate to the subject matter of each meeting.

The people who staff The Scholar's Choice exhibits are carefully selected for their ability to work within an academic environment and for their interest in books. Many of our exhibitors return year after year to staff conferences for the same academic societies. Often they have a personal interest in the subject matter of the conferences they work. Therefore we get to know the scholars and their research interests well.

Our ability to successfully display, market, and sell books has fueled our growth. Today we are a fully-incorporated company located in Rochester, New York with a staff of five full-time professionals. In addition, a dozen part-time exhibitors located throughout the country staff meetings for us.

The Scholar's Choice displays books for more than 200 publishers each academic year. Over 50 publishers display with us on a regular basis. This allows us to provide conference attendees with an extensive list of titles relevant to their fields of study.

Book Exhibit Information Given to Membership

A paragraph in the preliminary program and the newsletter provided information on how members could get their book included in The Scholar's Choice display. Anyone interested in having their book on display was instructed to contact their publisher directly. The publisher, if interested, was then to contact The Scholar's Choice to arrange for the display of the book(s). The Scholar's Choice has been accepting reservations from any publisher who has contacted them.

C. Wright Mills Award Finalists

The Scholar's Choice sent award nominee notifications to publishers whose books are 2012 C. Wright Mills Award finalists. Those publishers are: University of Chicago Press, University of Minnesota Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, and Stanford University Press. The Scholar's Choice will donate one copy of the winning book to SSSP.

Publishers Who Will Be Included in the 2013 Display

Cornell University Press Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

Duke University Press Rutgers University Press

Harvard University Press Stanford University Press

iDebate Press Syracuse University Press

Indiana University Press Temple University Press

International Specialized Book Services Univ. of Alabama Press

Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group Univ. of Chicago Press

Lynne Rienner Publishers Univ. of Pennsylvania Press

McGill-Queen's University Press Univ. of Pennsylvania Press - Journals

Oxford U Press-Journals Univ. of Washington Press

Oxford University Press Univ. of Wisconsin Press

Peter Lang Publishing Univ. Press of New England

Princeton University Press White Tiger Press

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The Scholar's Choice provided contact information for these publishers to Michele Koontz so that SSSP could approach them individually about advertising in the convention program.

Exhibit Set-Up, Display Times, and Sales of Books

The Scholar's Choice display will consist of 7 tables located in the New York Atrium on the 9th floor of the Westin hotel. The tables will be provided by SSSP & the hotel at no cost to The Scholar's Choice. Their staff person will be Nancy Howe. She will be responsible for setting up the display and will staff the exhibit for the duration of the meeting. Set up will take place on Thursday, August 8th from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and the exhibit will officially open on Thursday at 2 p.m. Nancy will take down the exhibit no later than 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 11th.

All books on display will be available for purchase by attendees throughout the conference. Since publishers provide only a single display copy to The Scholar's Choice, the display copies may be purchased early on but must remain on the table until Sunday afternoon for display purposes. The purchaser will return to claim their book(s) on the last day between the hours designated on their receipt by Nancy. Books may also be ordered and will be shipped to the customer by the individual publishers from whom they've ordered.

In conclusion, The Scholar's Choice would like to express its appreciation to SSSP for the opportunity to participate again at the annual conference. We value our relationship and fully expect the 2013 meeting to be another successful partnership between our organizations.

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