2015 APPROVED RESOLUTIONS
THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

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1. “Call for SSSP to stand in solidarity with colleagues who have suffered extreme attacks from known White supremacist and other hate groups seeking to silence the voices of activist scholars as members of civil society and campus communities.”
   Submitted by Jay Borchert and Lori Sexton, Chair and Vice-Chair Law and Society Division.

2. “Expression of Gratitude”

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Whereas 2015 has seen a relentless string of attacks upon the value of activist scholars to civil society and the campus community; and

Whereas these attacks have been perpetrated against scholars of color, LGBT scholars, women, and scholars with marginalized identities, such as the extreme examples of Saida Grundy and Zandria Robinson; and

Whereas this opposition to the inherent value of activist scholars has come from mainstream sources such as CNN, Fox News; and

Whereas further opposition and threat has come from fringe and hate groups such as the National Youth Front; and

Whereas the Southern Poverty Law Center recognizes the National Youth Front as a White supremacist organization and a hate group; and

Whereas such attacks place our colleagues at immediate risk by threatening safety and security, to include the ability to earn a living; and

Whereas these are public and directed attacks upon faculty members and credentialed scholars within academic institutions; and

Whereas attacks of this manner are an affront to academic researchers and scholars in their service to society; and

Whereas a unified, supportive response to counter this trend has been sorely lacking from our professional organizations and universities alike; and
Whereas the Society for the Study of Social Problems stands in firm solidarity with our colleagues who have experienced and who are now experiencing these broad-based assaults; and

Whereas the Society for the Study of Social Problems views these attacks as attempts to limit the scope of our research, practice, teaching, civic and campus engagement; and

Whereas the value of activist scholars can be seen in the expanding landscape of rights and citizenship for people of color, LGBT citizens, citizens with disabilities, and women; and

Whereas academia requires a diversity of perspectives and voices to include women, scholars of color, LGBT scholars, disabled scholars, and those with marginal identities;

Be it resolved that the Executive Officer of the Society for the Study of Social Problems will pen a letter to the editor of The New York Times, with duplicates sent to the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, and the San Francisco Chronicle, declaring our solidarity with scholars in the U.S. and abroad who are attacked by hate groups; and

Be it resolved that the Executive Officer of the Society for the Study of Social Problems will pen a letter to the university presidents and department chairs at the institutions of Saida Grundy and Zandria Robinson, declaring our solidarity with scholars who have been attacked by hate groups; and

Be it resolved that the Society for the Study of Social Problems will communicate our support and solidarity to known targets of the recent attacks of Saida Grundy and Zandria Robinson; and

Be it resolved that the Society for the Study of Social Problems reiterates its steadfast support for activist scholarship in service to the discipline and society.
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RESOLUTION 2: Expression of Gratitude

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