July 15, 2015

To: SSSP Board of Directors
   Editorial Board and Publications Committee
   Associate Editors
From: Pamela Anne Quiroz
Re: 2015 Annual Report

I am pleased to submit the 2014-2015 report as Editor of Social Problems. I would also like to acknowledge the work of my colleague, Nilda Flores-González who, in May, decided to step down from her role as Co-editor. I would like to add that I have accepted the position of Director of the Center for Mexican American Studies and Professor of Sociology at the University of Houston. I want to assure the Board that the editorial process will continue to be uninterrupted as we transition the journal to the University of Houston. I also want to express my gratitude for the support that I have received and for the opportunity to serve as Editor of Social Problems. I would also like to thank Laura Bannon and her staff at Oxford University Press for their support.

This report documents the journal’s activities at the University of Illinois-Chicago from May 28, 2014-May 31, 2015. It also describes modest changes to the advisory board.

Editorial Office
The editorial process is truly a collective effort and I am exceptionally grateful for the assistance of such excellent staff members as, Lydia Hou, Deana Lewis, Amy Jo Woodruff, and Brandi Vigil. Though personal circumstance prevented Brandi from remaining in her position, Brandi trained Deana Lewis as Managing Editor and worked with the staff at OUP to assure a seamless transition. Lydia and Deana have been absolutely exceptional and they are wonderful persons. Production Editor, Amy Jo Woodruff, has continued to provide outstanding support and continuity for the journal. With the assistance of two advisory editors, Professor Flores-González provided Spanish translation of the online abstracts of published articles beginning with Volume 62, Number 2 of Social Problems. Maria Luna-Duarte and Mónica Segovia Pérez will provide the Spanish translations of online abstracts this coming year.

Deputy Editor
Given recent changes in the editorial role and my pending move to the University of Houston, I have revised roles of some advisory board members. I have also revised the editor’s stipend. Due to personal circumstances Nilda Flores-González has stepped down from her role as co-editor. Therefore, I have appointed my colleague at the University of Houston, Samantha Kwan, as Deputy Editor. Samantha’s areas of expertise are gender, health, and sexuality, and she brings knowledge of both qualitative and quantitative methods to this position. In addition to assisting me to allocate conflict of interest manuscripts to Associate Editors, Samantha will also be in charge of the student editorial board. Samantha will meet with the board every other week and she and I will meet regularly.

Associate Editors
In addition to my staff, there are 10 associate editors who provide substantive and methodological expertise. Professors Sharon Collins, Heather Dalmage, David Embrick, Roberto Gonzalez, Cedric Herring, Moon Kie Jung, and Rogelio Saenz will be joined by Amanda Baumle, Xavia Karner and Maria Monserud from the
University of Houston. These Associate Editors also provide quick reviews (i.e., occasionally needed when a reviewer fails to respond to three reminders) and address conflicts of interest and discrepancies in reviews.

Advisory Board
The advisory board includes 70 colleagues who provide expertise in a variety of areas of specialization and methodology significant to *Social Problems*. The board also includes 11 international scholars. Advisory board members have agreed to review four manuscripts per year, recommend potential reviewers, resolve discrepancies in reviews, and promote Social Problems through their social networks.

Student Advisory Board
The student advisory board consists of 28 graduate students with 22 students engaged in the review process and a Social Media Committee that consists of 6 graduate students. Kasey Henricks serves as Chair of the Social Media Committee. The student board now represents 13 universities that include Bowling Green State University, Brandeis University, Brown University, University of Connecticut, Duke University, Florida State University, Harvard University, University of Houston, University of Illinois-Chicago, Loyola University-Chicago, University of Nebraska, University of New Mexico, and Northwestern University. These students summarize the comments of external reviewers and help to recommend potential reviewers for manuscripts.

Summary of Submission Process

Impact factor
*Social Problems*’ Impact Factor increased from 1.360 in 2013 to 1.729 in 2014, placing it 15 out of 142 journals in Sociology.

Table 1: Total Manuscript Submissions

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<th>Quiroz</th>
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<td>Total</td>
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<td>73</td>
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Table 2: Total Initial Decisions

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<tr>
<th>Quiroz</th>
<th>May 28, 2014 to May 31, 2015</th>
<th>Decision</th>
<th>N</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td></td>
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<td>Revise and Resubmit</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Deflect</td>
<td>88</td>
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<td>Reject</td>
<td>143</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>306</td>
<td>87%</td>
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**The Acceptance rate for manuscripts from May 28, 2014 to May 31, 2015 was 5%.**
Manuscript Submission Rates by Month

This table presents the number of original and revised manuscripts submitted each month of the 2014-2015 year. The left side of the table presents these numbers for the 2013-2014 year.

Table 3: Manuscript Submissions by Month

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<td>Original</td>
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<td>May 28-31, 2013</td>
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<td>June 2013</td>
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<td>July 2013</td>
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<td>18</td>
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<td>May 1-27, 2014</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>340</td>
<td>85</td>
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*As of June 30, 2015, there are 30 new submissions and 13 revised manuscripts for a total of 477 manuscripts submitted from May 28, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Average Time to Revise and Resubmit

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<th>Pettit</th>
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<td>137 days</td>
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Average Time to Deflect

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Average Time to Reject

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<td>120 days</td>
<td>130 days</td>
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Co-editor Decisions
The following table provides the number of decisions made by each co-editor this past year.

Table 4: Decisions Made by Co-editors, May 28, 2014 – May 31, 2015

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<th>Pamela Anne Quiroz</th>
<th>Nilda Flores-González</th>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>117</td>
<td>348</td>
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Table 5: Accepted and Conditionally Accepted Decisions of Manuscripts by Co-editor

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pamela Anne Quiroz, Accepted Manuscripts, Total N=13</th>
<th>Nilda Flores-González, Accepted Manuscripts, Total N=12</th>
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<tr>
<td>#2014-025.R2: Liminal Men: Incarceration and Relationship Dissolution, November 2015 issue</td>
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<td>#2014-051.R2: Threat, Competition, and Mobilizing Structures: Motivational and Organizational Contingencies of the Civil Rights-Era Ku Klux Klan, November 2015 issue</td>
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<td>#2014-068.R2: Taking the Law into Their Own Hands: Do Local Anti-immigrant Ordinances Increase Gun Sales, August 2015 issue</td>
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<td>#2014-125.R2: Chilling Effects: Diminished political participation among partners of formerly incarcerated men, November 2015 issue</td>
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Conditionally Accepted Manuscripts

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<th>Pamela Anne Quiroz, Conditionally Accepted Manuscripts</th>
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Total Submissions by Subject Area, May 28, 2014-May 31, 2015

Original submissions were coded into 31 subject areas.
The average is based on the number of reviewers who have been invited to review manuscripts divided by the total number of manuscripts submitted for review between May 28, 2014 and May 31, 2015.

### Average Number of Reviewer Invitations

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<th>Date Range</th>
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### Average Time to Send for External Review

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*Average is calculated based on date of submission to the day the first reviewer agrees. Data only reflects original submissions.

### Average Length of Time for Review

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<td>May 28, 2014 to May 31, 2015</td>
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*Average is calculated based on timespan from date reviewer agrees to review to the date the reviewer completes the review.

### Types of Manuscript Submissions (as of 5/31/15)

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<th>Method</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Qualitative</td>
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<td>Quantitative or Mixed Methods</td>
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### Social Media

The Social Media committee has created accounts on the following sites along with vodcasts (video interviews posted on social media sites) that are featured on YouTube, our Facebook site, and the Oxford Publishers website. As the report created by Kasey Henricks and the social media committee indicates, the growth of our use and reach of social media is substantial and has resulted in press attention to Social Problems authors. This committee will continue its work to broaden our reach and promote the research published in Social Problems. The committee will also work to develop a set of templates for the user guide for subsequent editors.

***The Social Media report has been provided to each Board member via email. This report provides detail on our board’s efforts to expand our presence in academic and the public.

- Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/socprobsjournal](https://www.facebook.com/socprobsjournal) 1,118 Likes
- Twitter - [https://twitter.com/socprobsjournal](https://twitter.com/socprobsjournal) 872 “follows”
- Academia.edu - [https://uic.academia.edu/SocialProblems](https://uic.academia.edu/SocialProblems) 23 “follows”
- YouTube – [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLy4FC_WNN4rz3hnp28RXPQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLy4FC_WNN4rz3hnp28RXPQ) 1,008 “views”
- tumblr. - socprobsjournal.tumblr.com
- Google+ - [https://plus.google.com/u/0/113525223211171932683](https://plus.google.com/u/0/113525223211171932683)
Budget

We are currently 18 pages under budget. There are 182 pages remaining for the year. OUP does not count frontmatter and backmatter (TOC, ads, etc) toward the budget, only the actual article pages. The page budget is 164pp/issue, 656 total for the year.

Breakdown by issue:

62-1 – 162pp
62-2 – 167pp
62-3 – 145pp

Total: 474pp

Summary
I am looking forward to another successful year as Editor of Social Problems. With an exceptional staff and our associate, advisory, and student editors, I’m confident that Social Problems will continue to reflect its high standard of scholarly excellence.
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*Denotes member of Social Problems Social Media Committee

NM = not a member of SSSP