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Annual Meeting Survey Results

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SSSP 2016 Annual Meeting Survey Results Released

October 27, 2016

With **915 registrants** surveyed and **160 total responses**, we're happy to release the results of the 2016 Annual Meeting Survey on behalf of the SSSP Administrative Office. Thank you for taking time out to participate in our survey. Your responses are vital in helping SSSP to provide a valuable conference experience and to continue our mission as a social justice organization.

The survey ran for two weeks from September 6 through September 20 with an **18% participation rate**.

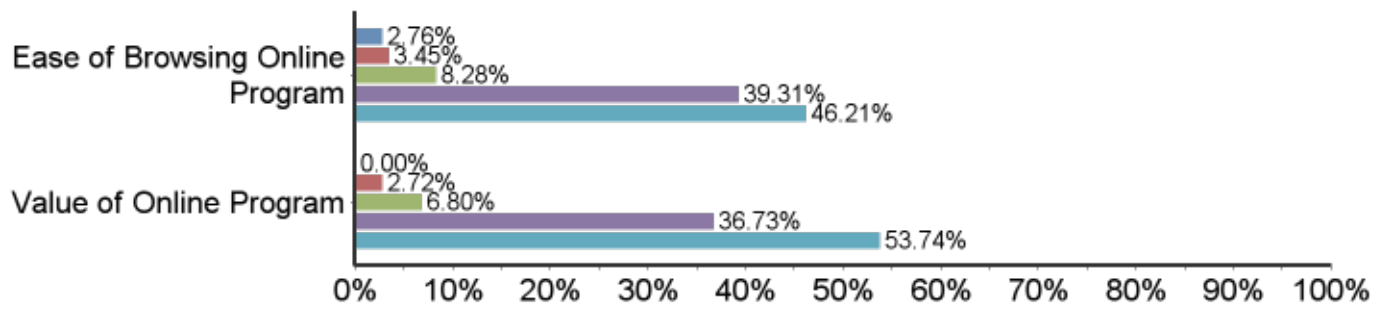
In this report, you'll see the survey questions, possible answers, summary of responses, graphs, and comments where applicable. The comments have not been edited and may contain misspellings and grammatical errors. Please note in the interest of keeping the survey short, we only asked for comments when a "fair" or "poor" is selected.

Thank you for your participation!

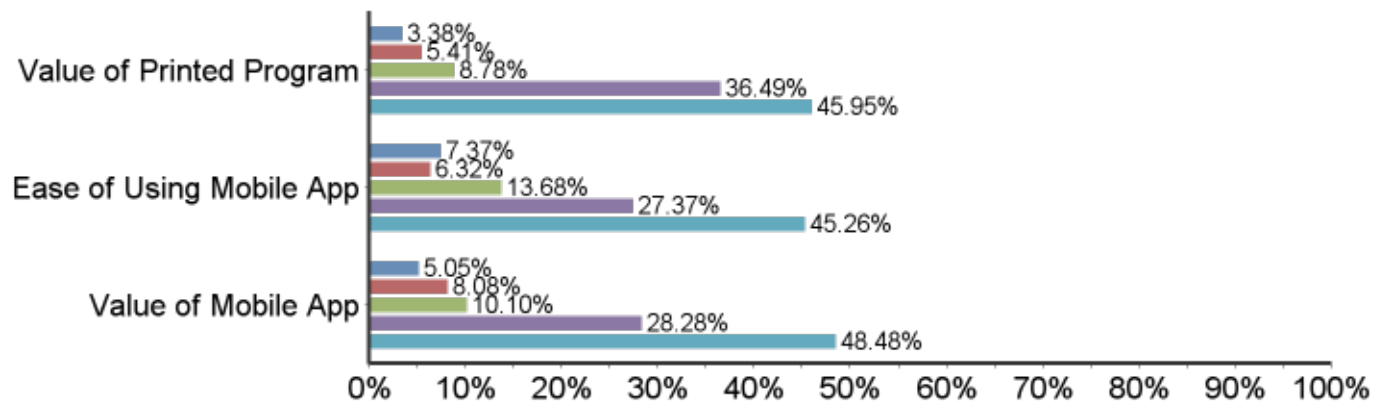
Most sincerely,
The Administrative Office

Based on your experience, please rate the following items.

■ Poor
 ■ Fair
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Good
 ■ Excellent



■ Poor
 ■ Fair
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Good
 ■ Excellent



Question	Poor	Fair	Neutral	Good	Excellent	Response	Average Value
Ease of browsing the online Annual Meeting program on the SSSP website	4	5	12	57	67	145	4.23
Value of the printed Annual Meeting program	5	8	13	54	68	148	4.16
Ease of using the Annual Meeting mobile app	7	6	13	26	43	95	3.97
Value of the Annual Meeting mobile app	5	8	10	28	48	99	4.07
Value of the online Annual Meeting program on the SSSP website	-	4	10	54	79	147	4.41

Statistic	Ease of browsing the online Annual Meeting program on the SSSP website	Value of the printed Annual Meeting program	Ease of using the Annual Meeting mobile app	Value of the Annual Meeting mobile app	Value of the online Annual Meeting program on the SSSP website
Min Value	1	1	1	1	2
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.23	4.16	3.97	4.07	4.41
Variance	0.89	1.05	1.52	1.37	0.55
Standard Deviation	0.94	1.02	1.23	1.17	0.74
Total Responses	145	148	95	99	147
Total Respondents	145	148	95	99	147

You said that you are dissatisfied with the printed Annual Meeting Program. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
I don't feel that we need it. The app is probably enough for most people. SSSP could save the cost and paper.
It would be nice if it was optional. It is useful, but because it is not a very big conference, I can find all of my sessions online or using the app.
quality could be improved.
The app is all we need.
It's less that I am dissatisfied, but it seems unnecessary with the app. In the future, perhaps SSSP can ask registrants if they want the paper version of the program or would just prefer to use the app. This might save on printing costs and cut down on waste.
I did not use the printed program. The app was all I needed.
I'm not dissatisfied with it, but I do not need it.
Did not use it. Too Large and unmanageable.
Unnecessary. I assessed the program entirely via digital means. Is it possible to have an option NOT to receive the printed version when someone signs up for their SSSP meeting registration? I.e. the default is you get one, but people can opt out? I think a lot of people would choose this option.
It's not that useful by the time you arrive at the meeting. I think it would be better to mail them out ahead of time, or not to have them.
I do not think we need to spend the money or waste the natural resources in printing the program. On line should suffice

Statistic	Value
Respondents	11

You said that you are dissatisfied with the Annual Meeting mobile app. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
Difficult to download to my phone and too cumbersome to use - I find it easier to look at the online and/or printed program.
Hard to connect
I was never able to download app after many attempts at multiple locations.
I don't want to use my phone....ever.
download issue
Too many steps to download, activate, etc.
Seemed a bit clunky and difficult to use -- it had a basic "favorites" function for saving sessions of interests, but required too much going back and forth within the app. Its easier just to have written down where/when sessions of interests were located.
The app navigation could be designed in a way that was more intuitive.
When I saved events, I could not find an easy way to find my full schedule per day, I could only see the next available session.
The Annual Meeting mobile app would not download properly, and thus I could not access the meeting information properly. That was frustrating.
I downloaded the app, but when I tried to use it, it required access to areas of my phone that didn't seem relevant. So I didn't go forward with it.
You couldn't tell what was going on simultaneously
The app was somewhat difficult to use. It would benefit from increased and improved search and filter functions and more thorough session descriptions.
was not able to get it to work after downloading it

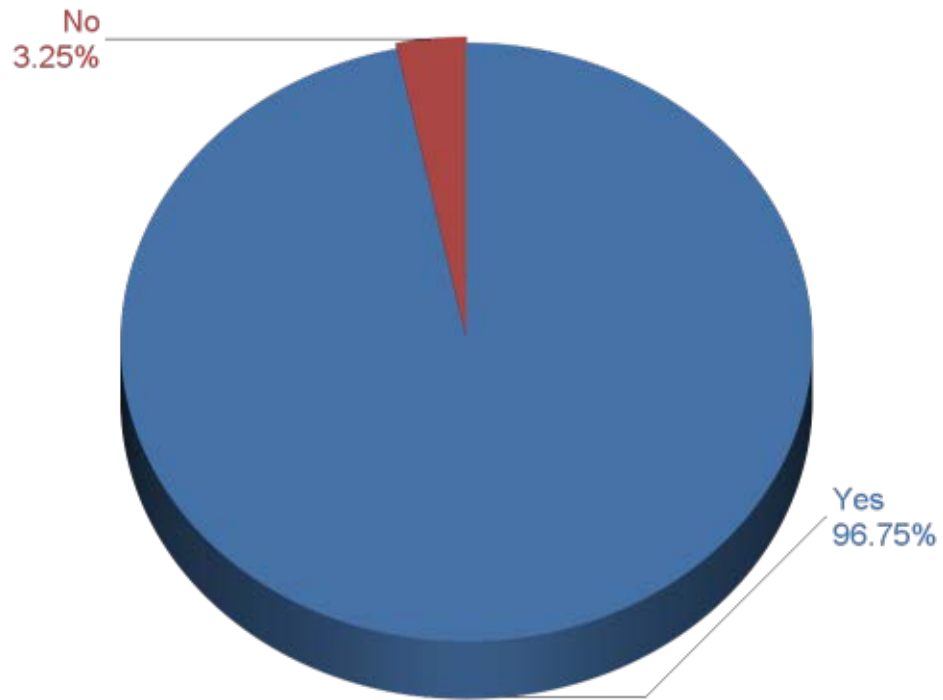
Statistic	Value
Respondents	14

You said that you are dissatisfied with the online Annual Meeting Program on the SSSP website. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
please have the convention earlier, so it does not jam us with starting school...coordinate that with asa
I must supply this to my university for travel purposes; I must copy pages to document my participation. Not easy to locate these. an index would help or an on line search much like app that you can download
too may pages to navigate through.
It's just hard to "browse" -- but if it would cost a lot to improve that, I understand not doing it...
Didn't really use it and was unsure where it was.
SSSP website cannot be accessed from other countries.
It could have better search features and options for organizing a personal schedule

Statistic	Value
Respondents	7

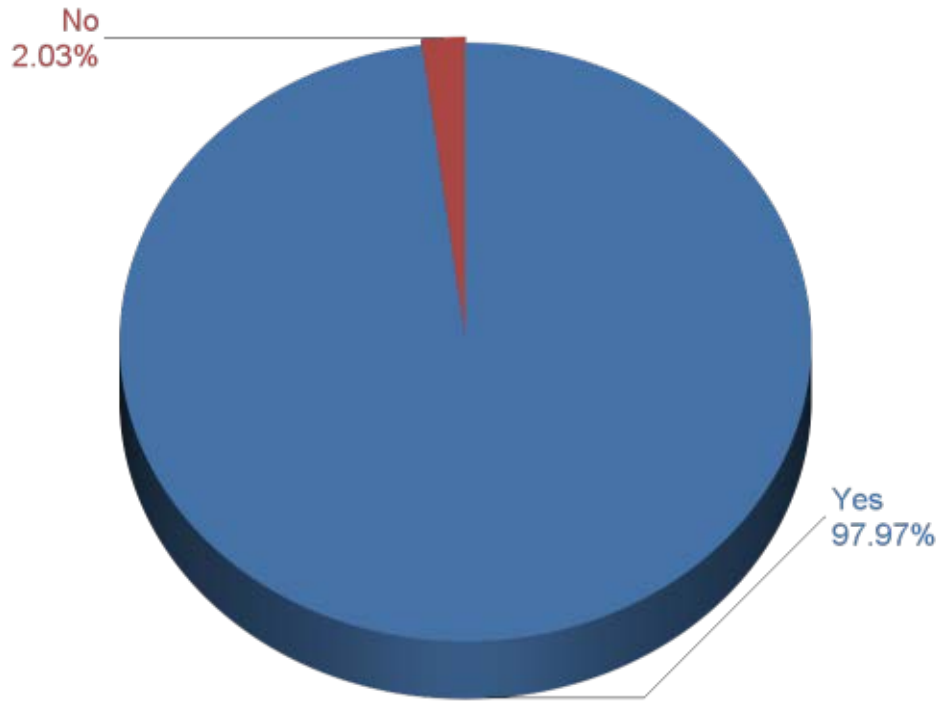
Did you pre-register for the Annual Meeting?



Answer	Bar	Response	%
Yes	<div style="width: 96.75%; height: 20px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	149	96.75%
No	<div style="width: 3.25%; height: 20px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	5	3.25%
Total		154	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	2	1.03	0.03	0.18	154	154

Was the online pre-registration process satisfactory?



Answer	Bar	Response	%
Yes	<div style="width: 97.97%; height: 20px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	145	97.97%
No	<div style="width: 2.03%; height: 20px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	3	2.03%
Total		148	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	2	1.02	0.02	0.14	148	148

You said that you are dissatisfied with the online pre-registration process. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry

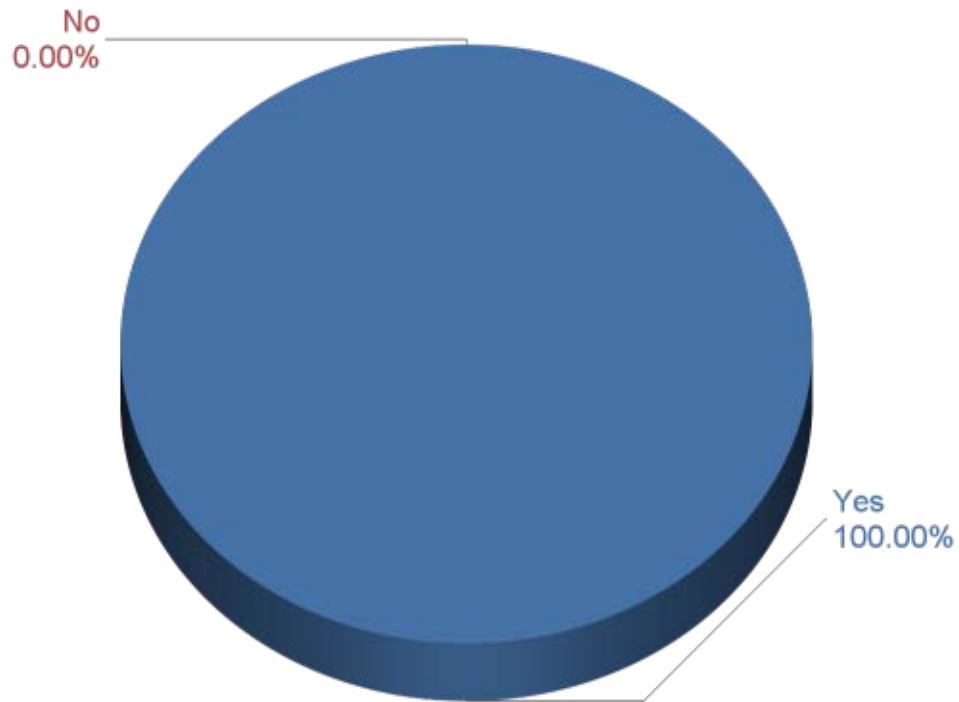
The receipt came up as something to print rather than being emailed.

It was a little bit unclear where/how to register

It was not easy to add the workshop to my registration after I had already registered.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	3

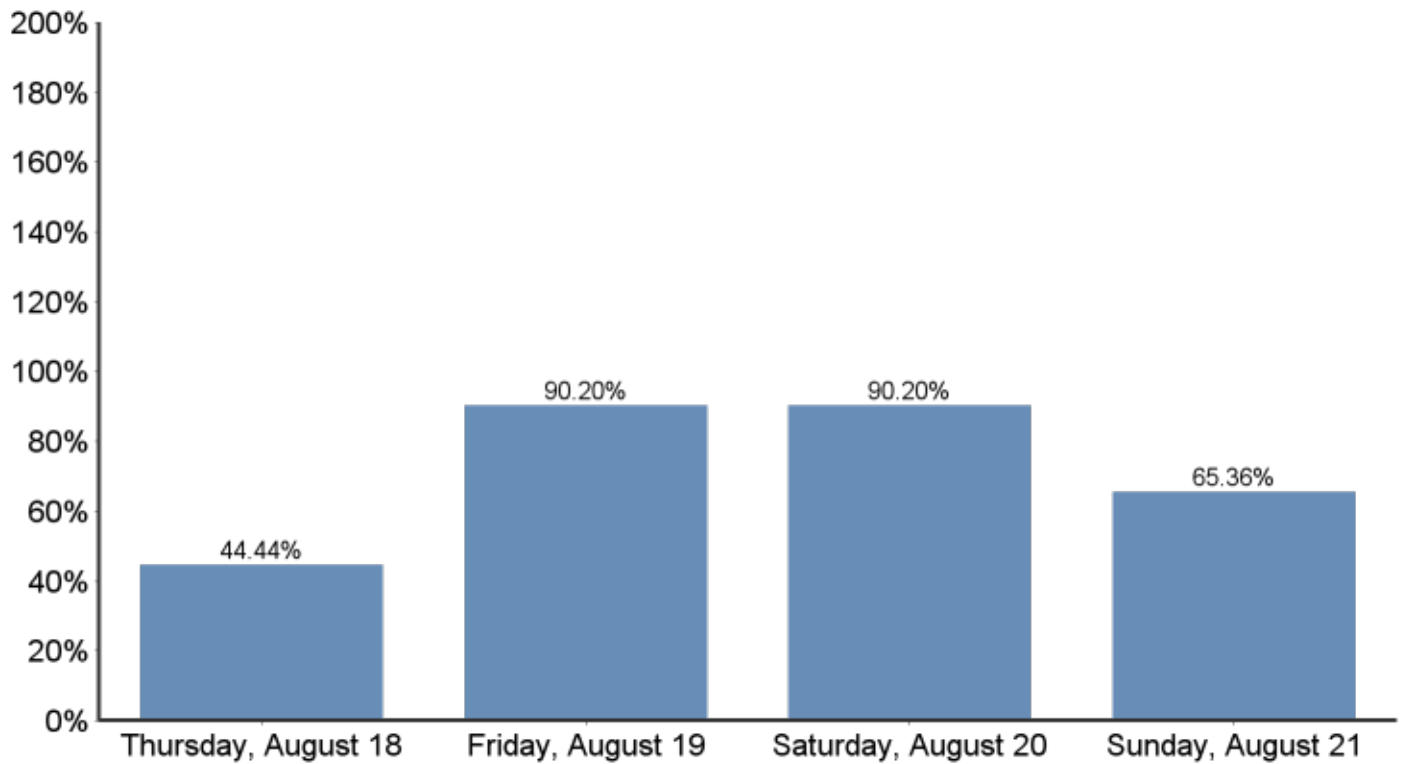
Was the on-site registration process satisfactory?



Answer	Bar	Response	%
Yes		5	100.00%
No		0	0.00%
Total		5	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	1	1.00	0.00	0.00	5	5

Please check the day(s) you attended the Annual Meeting.

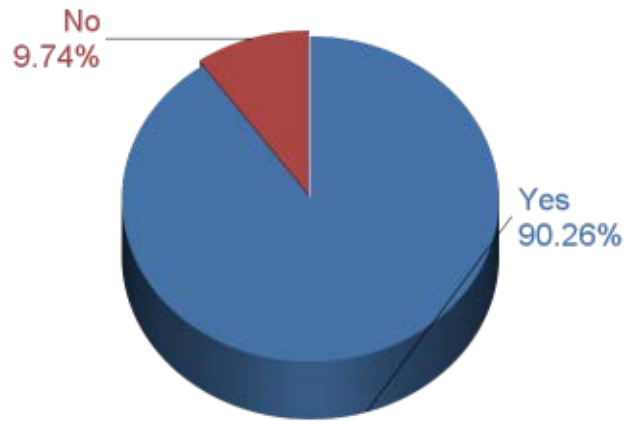


Answer	Bar	Response	%
Thursday, August 18		68	44.44%
Friday, August 19		138	90.20%
Saturday, August 20		138	90.20%
Sunday, August 21		100	65.36%
Total		444	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	4	2.61	1.00	1.00	444	153

Did you participate in the Annual Meeting as any of the roles listed below?














- **Presenter**
- **Organizer**
- **Presider**
- **Discussant**
- **Panelist**
- **Officer**
- **Division Chair**
- **Committee Chair**
- **Committee Member**
- **Board of Directors**
- *Social Problems* Editorial Staff
- *Social Problems* Associate Editor
- *Social Problems* Advisory Editor
- *Social Problems* Student Advisory Editor



Answer	Bar	Response	%
Yes	<div style="width: 90.26%; height: 20px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	139	90.26%
No	<div style="width: 9.74%; height: 20px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	15	9.74%
Total		154	100.00%

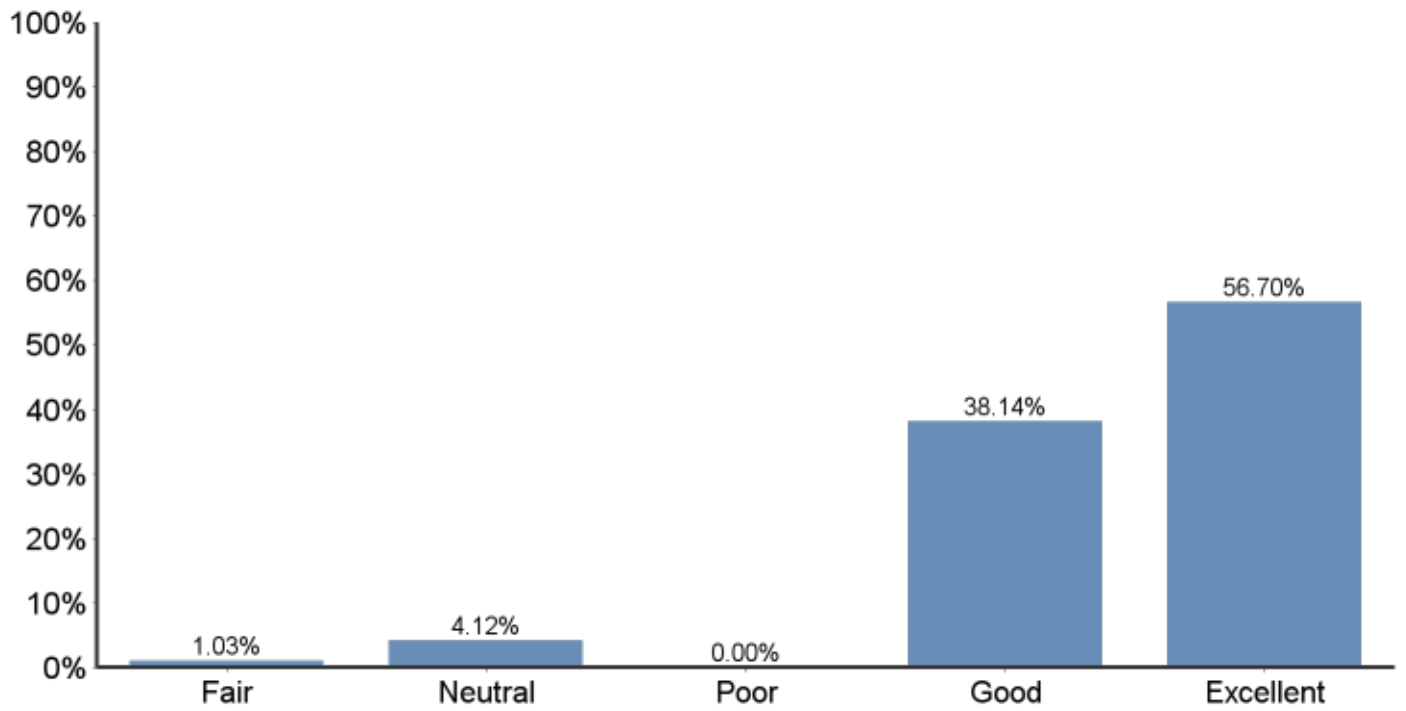
Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	2	1.10	0.09	0.30	154	154

Please indicate the roles you played at the Annual Meeting.

Answer	Bar	Response	%
Presenter		99	71.74%
Organizer		33	23.91%
Presider		32	23.19%
Discussant		16	11.59%
Panelist		21	15.22%
Division Chair		13	9.42%
Committee Chair		7	5.07%
Committee Member		19	13.77%
Officer		7	5.07%
Board of Directors		9	6.52%
<i>Social Problems</i> Advisory Editor		3	2.17%
<i>Social Problems</i> Student Advisory Editor		4	2.90%
<i>Social Problems</i> Editorial Staff		0	0.00%
<i>Social Problems</i> Associate Editor		1	0.72%
Total		264	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	18	3.76	11.67	3.42	264	138

Please rate your experience of the online Call for Papers submission process for the Annual Meeting.



Answer	Bar	Response	%
Fair		1	1.03%
Neutral		4	4.12%
Poor		0	0.00%
Good		37	38.14%
Excellent		55	56.70%
Total		97	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
2	5	4.51	0.40	0.63	97	97

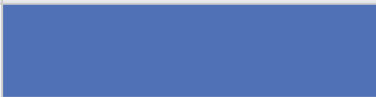




You said that you are dissatisfied with the online Call for Papers submission process. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry

I did not realize that I had applied for a roundtable. It was not clearly marked.






Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

How many sessions did you participate in at the Annual Meeting?

Answer	Bar	Response	%
1 session		86	62.32%
2 sessions		28	20.29%
3 sessions		10	7.25%
4 sessions		7	5.07%
5 or more sessions		7	5.07%
Total		138	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	6	2.08	2.40	1.55	138	138

Approximately how many sessions did you attend at the Annual Meeting, aside from those you participated in?

Answer	Bar	Response	%
0 sessions		15	10.79%
1 session		13	9.35%
2 sessions		29	20.86%
3 sessions		33	23.74%
4 or more sessions		49	35.25%
Total		139	100.00%




Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	5	3.63	1.78	1.34	139	139

Please specify reason for not attending more sessions, aside from those you participated in.

Text Entry
I was using the ASA employment services and did not have much time, but there are many I would have wanted to attend.
Too many activities between SSSP and ASA. Also spent a day going to Bainbridge Island.
My flight was delayed, so I was only available on the last day, when I was presenting and had meetings scheduled.
Two presentation at ASA conference.
Scheduling conflicts
Busy at two other conferences
Competition with sessions at ASA
Sessions aren't as valuable to me as meeting with people I wouldn't otherwise see in person
ASA, SSSI
Meetings for committees, chair duties, etc. Also, the sessions I wanted to attend conflicted with my required / elected duties.
I had other meetings that took up much of my time.
I didn't arrive until Thursday night so I missed the first day. The rest of the days had a pretty big overlap with ASA sessions I wanted or needed to attend.
I attend panels based on their topics, specifically, whether or not those topics match my research interests. Altogether, there were 3 sessions that matched my interests (I presented in two and attended the third). Schedule conflicts with ASA later in the weekend don't help.
Quick trip, committee meetings took time
I normally attend sessions, I was just booked bouncing between SSSP and ASA, as well as other individual meetings.
Time conflicts and not many in my field (immigration)
I was busy with other conferences and conference related activities (e.g. meetings, sessions, etc.)
Had limited time as I had to run over to ASA. Also, the low attendance deterred me from considering staying.
Time constraints
I participated in the Employment Services at ASA, so I had less time to attend any sessions at either conference.
I had many hours of meetings.
ASA commitments
Many are poorly organized around themes that make little sense

Statistic	Value
Respondents	23

Approximately how many sessions did you attend at the Annual Meeting?
 (This question was only asked to non-program participants.)

Answer	Bar	Response	%
0 sessions		0	0.00%
1 session		1	6.67%
2 sessions		0	0.00%
3 sessions		5	33.33%
4 or more sessions		9	60.00%
Total		15	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
2	5	4.47	0.70	0.83	15	15

Please specify reason for not attending more sessions.

(This question was only asked to non-program participants who attended less than 2 sessions.)

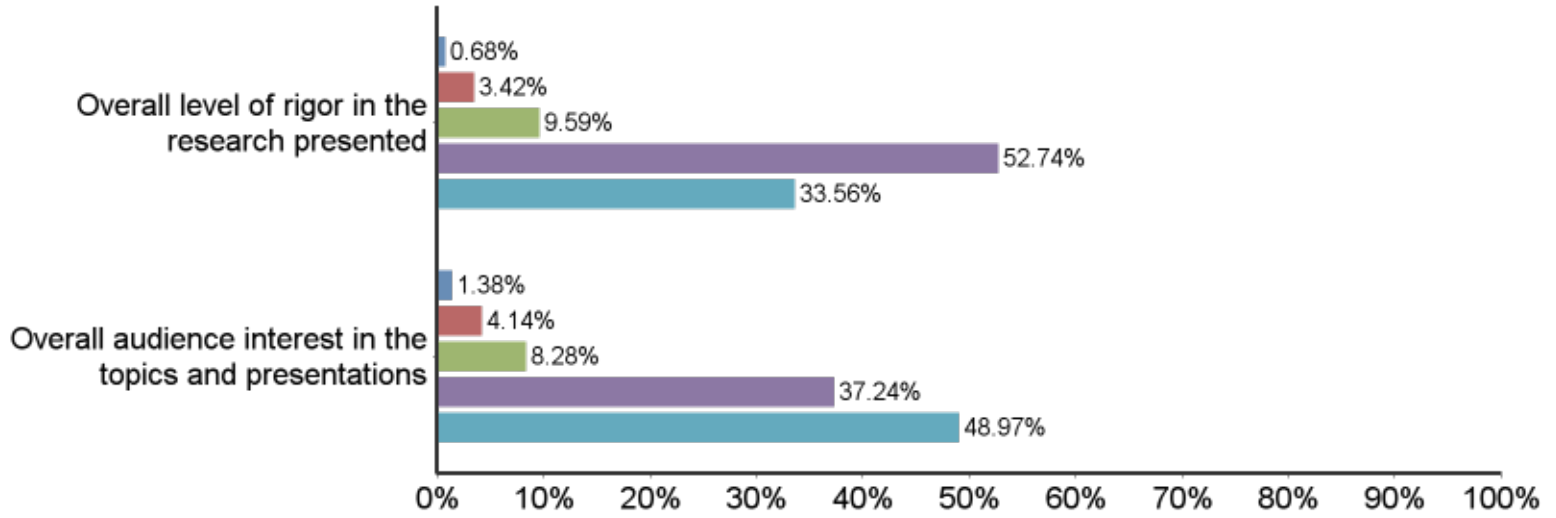
Text Entry

Honestly, there was nothing that interested me. I hoped for more teaching sessions.

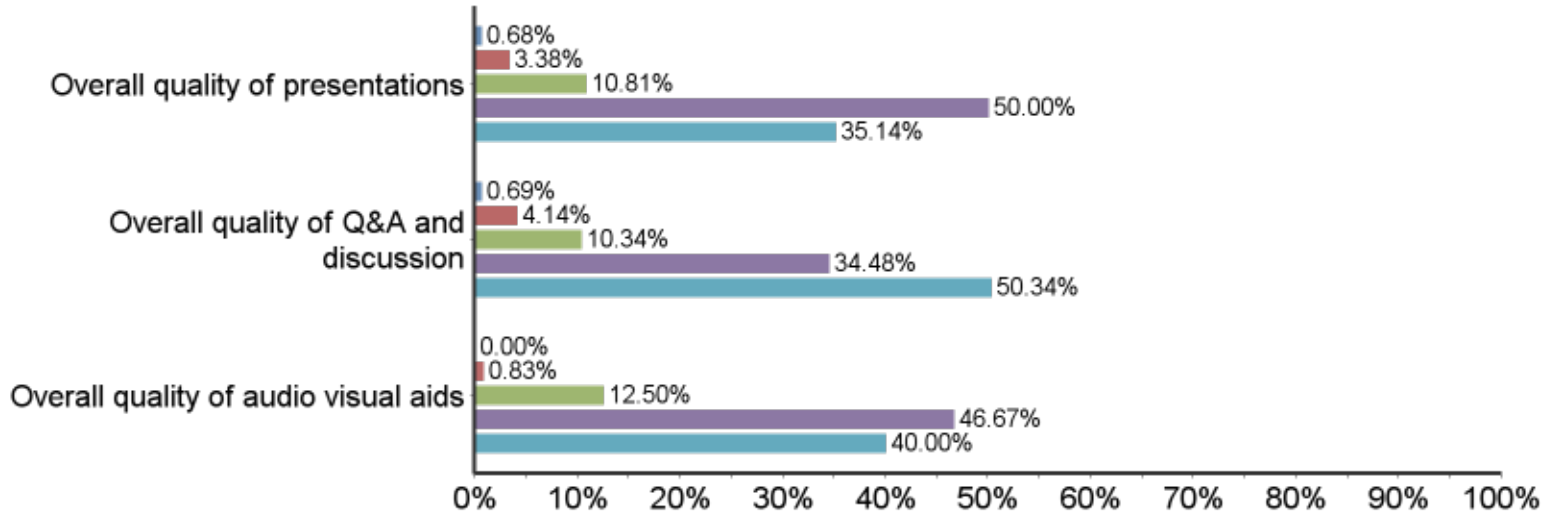
Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

Please rate your experience of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.
 (This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)

■ Poor ■ Fair ■ Neutral ■ Good ■ Excellent



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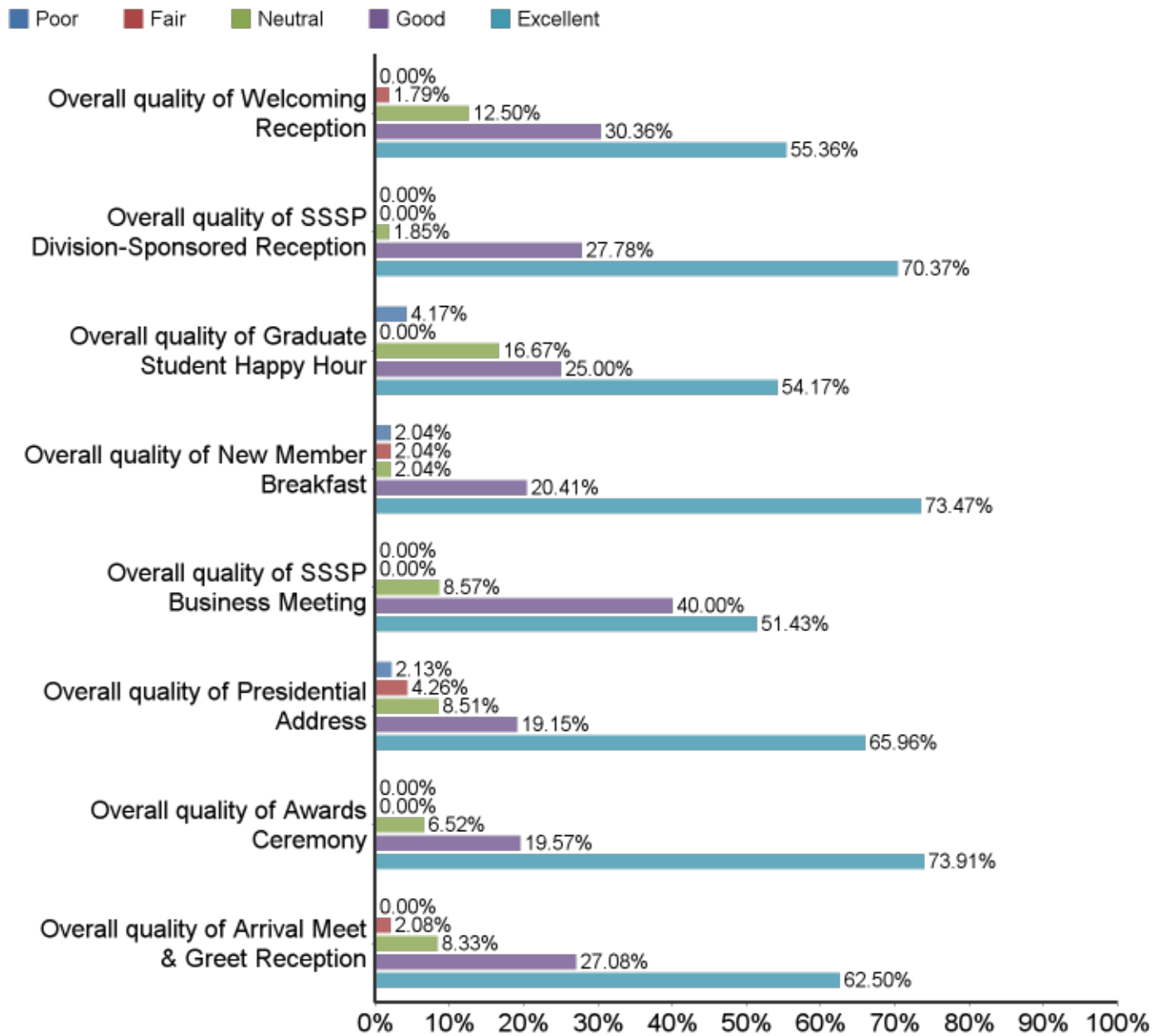


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(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)**

Question	Poor	Fair	Neutral	Good	Excellent	Response	Average Value
Overall level of rigor in the research presented	1	5	14	77	49	146	4.15
Overall audience interest in the topics and presentations	2	6	12	54	71	145	4.28
Overall quality of presentations	1	5	16	74	52	148	4.16
Overall quality of Q&A and discussion	1	6	15	50	73	145	4.30
Overall quality of audio visual aids	-	1	15	56	48	120	4.26

Statistic	Overall level of rigor in the research presented	Overall audience interest in the topics and presentations	Overall quality of presentations	Overall quality of Q&A and discussion	Overall quality of audio visual aids
Min Value	1	1	1	1	2
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.15	4.28	4.16	4.3	4.26
Variance	0.61	0.79	0.64	0.75	0.5
Standard Deviation	0.78	0.89	0.8	0.87	0.7
Total Responses	146	145	148	145	120
Total Respondents	146	145	148	145	120

Please rate your experience of the reception(s) and special events you attended at the Annual Meeting.



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Question	Poor	Fair	Neutral	Good	Excellent	Response	Average Value
Overall quality of Welcoming Reception	-	1	7	17	31	56	4.39
Overall quality of SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception	-	-	1	15	38	54	4.69
Overall quality of Graduate Student Happy Hour	1	-	4	6	13	24	4.25
Overall quality of New Member Breakfast	1	1	1	10	36	49	4.61
Overall quality of SSSP Business Meeting	-	-	3	14	18	35	4.43
Overall quality of Presidential Address	1	2	4	9	31	47	4.43
Overall quality of Awards Ceremony	-	-	3	9	34	46	4.67
Overall quality of Arrival Meet & Greet Reception	-	1	4	13	30	48	4.50

Statistic	Overall quality of Welcoming Reception	Overall quality of SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception	Overall quality of Graduate Student Happy Hour	Overall quality of New Member Breakfast	Overall quality of SSSP Business Meeting	Overall quality of Presidential Address	Overall quality of Awards Ceremony	Overall quality of Arrival Meet & Greet Reception
Min Value	2	3	1	1	3	1	3	2
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.39	4.69	4.25	4.61	4.43	4.43	4.67	4.5
Variance	0.61	0.26	1.07	0.66	0.43	0.95	0.36	0.55
Standard Deviation	0.78	0.51	1.03	0.81	0.65	0.97	0.6	0.74
Total Responses	56	54	24	49	35	47	46	48
Total Respondents	56	54	24	49	35	47	46	48

You said that you are dissatisfied with some aspect of the session(s) you attended. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
Many people seemed unprepared for questions, could not discuss methods or broader picture. Some presenters did not even seem to have done research, just wanted to present ideas about research and research opinions.
I attended some of the roundtable presentations and the tables were not marked. Presenters and people interested in a session had to go around and ask people which table they were. There were signs from the previous roundtable presentations but they were not taken off or updated for the next session. There was a lot of confusion and session started about 10 minutes late.
Some of the sessions had poor attendance. There were also sessions in rooms of the hotel that were hard to find which may have impacted attendance.
Audience is sparse for many of the sessions.
Many of the papers I saw presented were not yet ready to be presented - for example, literature reviews with no research question, or case studies with no connection to a social justice question.
No attendance at roundtable session except for the presenters. One of the presenters was under-prepared for their talk.
I would have liked a discussant scheduled for the session in which I presented.
In my perspective, some papers presented did not contribute to a better understanding of the issue (particularly a quantitative research). it seemed more like an exercise.
some very young and inexperienced presenters with flat tone and lack if passion for their subjects spoke in the lowest possible tone as if they were ashamed of what they had to say
very poor attendance at meetings even though subjects were important. A presenter who had traveled miles and had to overcome many obstacles only had 4 persons attending the meeting. The venue - Seattle- was a deterrent.
Send like anyone was asked to present. I literally went to a session were the guy (a faculty member) was wearing shorts and a hat, used a legal pad, and had zero PowerPoint. Overall I just was not impressed with the scientific rigor of the work presented by multiple presenters.
Poor attendance

Statistic	Value
Respondents	11

You said that you are dissatisfied with some aspect of the reception(s) and special events you attended. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry

New member breakfast was about 7 in the morning, following a very late night "Student Happy Hour". While the happy hour wasn't too late by itself, the fact that many new members are graduate students and want to attend both events makes the 7am breakfast unfeasible. Change the timing of this in the future so you can have better turnout.

The Presidential Address was more like a class lecture than a real address.

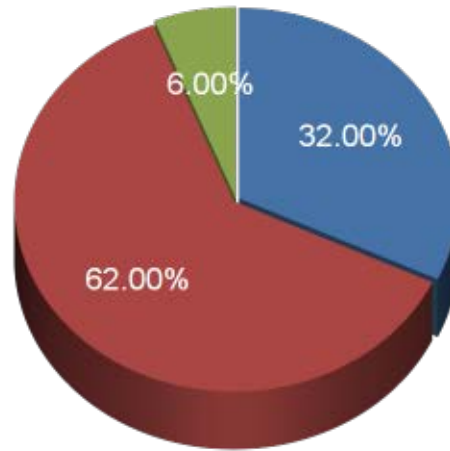
There should have been at least one free alcoholic beverage at the Welcome Reception. That way more people would have attended and stuck around for conversation. Some of the presentations were very poor (e.g. used inappropriate methodology). On the other hand, some presentations were excellent, so I gave an overall presentation score of neutral. The bags given as a gift were very cheap looking-absolutely not worth the money unless a better quality bag is given.

Catered food was of lower quality relative to previous receptions.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	4

In past annual meetings, registrants have received a registration bag with the program and other materials inside. Oxford University Press provides \$3,000 to cover virtually the entire cost of the bags. Because we are a social justice organization, the Board of Directors is considering requiring that the registration bags be made by unionized or fair trade workers, or dispensing with the bags completely. Please note that if we require the bags to be made by unionized or fair trade workers, the cost of the bags will at least double. The Board of Directors would like your opinion on this issue. Please select your preference below.

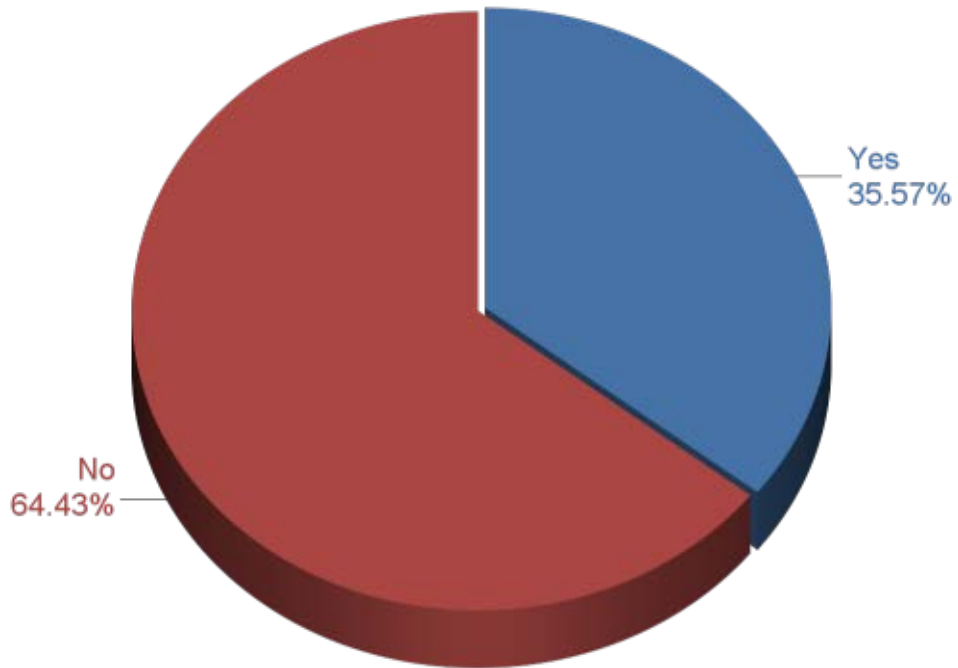
- Continue providing the registration bags, with the requirement that they be purchased from a unionized or fair trade supplier.
- Registration bags are not necessary. Administrative Office should provide the Board of Directors with an alternative to the bags.
- Continue our current practice of providing registration bags without requiring that they be produced by unionized or fair trade workers.



Answer	Bar	Response	%
Continue providing the registration bags, with the requirement that they be purchased from a unionized or fair trade supplier. The Society will absorb the additional expense of \$3,000-\$4,000.	<div style="width: 32%; height: 20px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	48	32.00%
Registration bags are not necessary. Instead, charge the Administrative Office with the task of providing the Board of Directors with an alternative to the bags that does not exceed the amount that we currently spend.	<div style="width: 62%; height: 20px; background-color: #A52A2A;"></div>	93	62.00%
Continue our current practice of providing registration bags without requiring that they be produced by unionized or fair trade workers.	<div style="width: 6%; height: 20px; background-color: #9ACD32;"></div>	9	6.00%
Total		150	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	3	1.74	0.31	0.56	150	150

Did you stay at the Westin Seattle Hotel?



Answer	Bar	Response	%
Yes	<div style="width: 35.57%; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	53	35.57%
No	<div style="width: 64.43%; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	96	64.43%
Total		149	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	2	1.64	0.23	0.48	149	149

What was the main reason you did not stay at the conference hotel?

Text Entry

It was too expensive for a grad student budget!

Rooming with ASA attendents

More fun (and overall cheaper) to AirBnb with colleagues.

price

high price

Too expensive

Rooms were unavailable at the time I attempted to make a reservation.

Cost

It was completely booked by the time I made my arrangements

Cost

cost

TOO EXPENSIVE AND OUT OF ROOMS

Way too expensive. However, as a venue for the conference it was lovely.

Booked too quickly.

also attending ASA and SWS

The price!

expenses

I am a new mom and needed a kitchen.

I stayed at the ASA hotel.

Too expensive, no SSSP rate rooms available when making registration

over booked and over priced

It was too expensive for my university to approve staying there.

It was booked by the time I made my reservations.

What was the main reason you did not stay at the conference hotel?

Text Entry

money

The cost was excessive for the travel funds provided by my institution.

Too expensive

I am living in Seattle, which is the only reason I could afford to attend the conference. If SSSP wants to engage graduate students, they need to organize less expensive alternatives to make the conference accessible (i.e. travel scholarships, prorated tickets for individual days of the conference, couch surfing options, etc.)

Way too expensive

Had more commitments at ASA, so stayed at their hotel

Too expensive

Cost

Cost

Price

There were no rooms available.

No rooms were available so we had to stay at the ASA hotel (Sheraton).

cost

too expensive

Expense

I stayed at another conference hotel. The Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Cost

Too expensive for a student

Affordable rooms were unavailable many months in advance of the advertised reservation deadline. I was unable to meet that price at any hotel in a walking distance from the conference. (Under \$250 per night for a single.) Would have not attended conference at this point except that non refundable airline tickets had been purchased. Stayed at hostel with no air conditioning. Not ideal.

I don't like staying in meeting hotels.

i can't support the hotel industry

rooms were booked

What was the main reason you did not stay at the conference hotel?

Text Entry

Cost. I'm a graduate student and it is expensive to stay in Seattle for the time I was required to be there.

Cost-- I am a graduate student so I am on a limited budget.

Price

Too expensive

too expensive

Not available

Way too expensive

there was no room by the time i tried to register

It was booked up by the time I was registering.

rooms were no longer available when I was making conference travel preparations

Too expensive for my student budget.

It is ironic that social problems conference is held in such fancy places that grad students cannot afford to stay in.

Cost prohibitive for grad students

It was booked already

too expensive shared an apartment instead

Cost

Stayed with someone in a different neighborhood

I stayed at the ASA conference hotel.

For the past 5 years I have stayed in an ASA hotel due to the preferences of my 15 year roommate.

Too expensive if you were not part of SSSP group (which filled very quickly) Cost quoted was \$295 per night.with raise to \$700 on Saturday.

Stayed out of town at a far cheaper place

Expensive; stayed with friends at an AirBnB instead

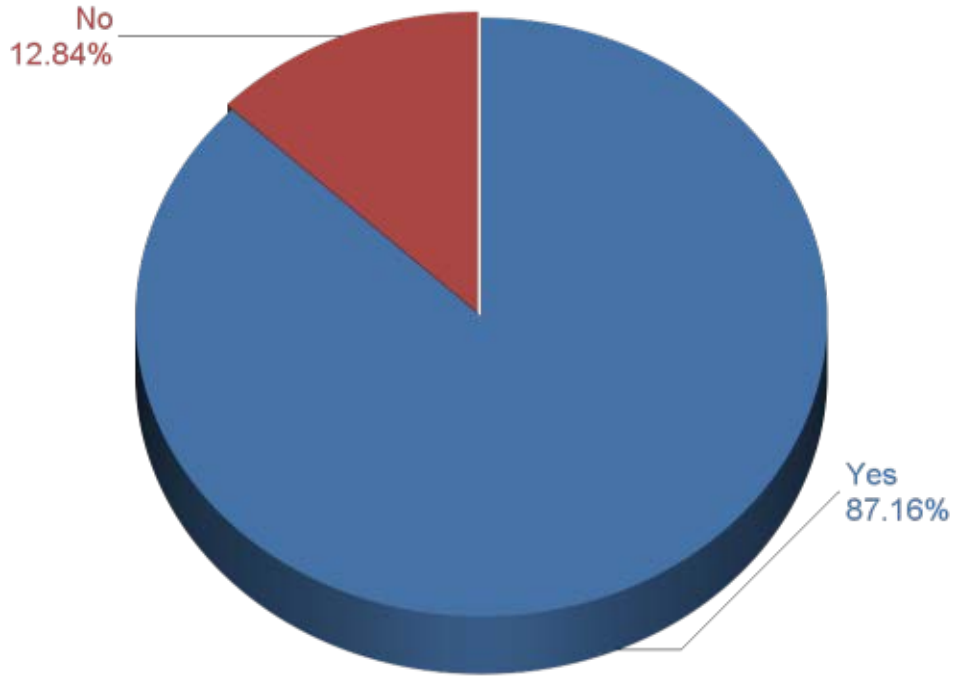
Expense. Chose Air BnB instead, which is widely available in Seattle and much cheaper.

What was the main reason you did not stay at the conference hotel?

Text Entry	
Cost	
I cannot afford it. My university does not provide enough funding.	
expense	
It is too stressful and overwhelming to be in the same hotel as the conference. Moreover, I like to discover the city a bit more.	
It was full.	
Full when I tried to book.	
Because I was also attending ASA, and because my usual room mate did not attend the meetings this year, the number of nights I had to stay in Seattle made the conference hotels prohibitively expensive (I stayed at a much cheaper hotel).	
It's way too expensive. Assistants and other precarious laborers cannot afford to stay anywhere near the luxury hotels organizers continue to insist upon. It's inexplicable that a social-justice oriented conference continues to be priced well beyond the reach of any but the most highly-paid senior members of our profession.	
Cost. I stayed with a friend who lives in Seattle instead.	
I stayed with good friends who live in the area.	
All the rooms were booked by the time I registered for the meeting.	
Rooms at conference rate were booked, and the regular rate is too high.	
They ran out of rooms at the negotiated rate. Free market rates were ridiculously expensive, even for a conference.	
first block sold out, second block was too expensive	
Cost and location	
It was too expensive.	
It was already booked. I stayed at another union hotel	
too expensive	
Live in Seattle	
Waited too long to book a room.	
I stayed with friends (cheaper + fun).	
Stayed with friends for free	
Friends in town	
Too expensive.	

Statistic	Value
Respondents	93

Are you likely to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting in Montreal, Québec, Canada?



Answer	Bar	Response	%
Yes		129	87.16%
No		19	12.84%
Total		148	100.00%

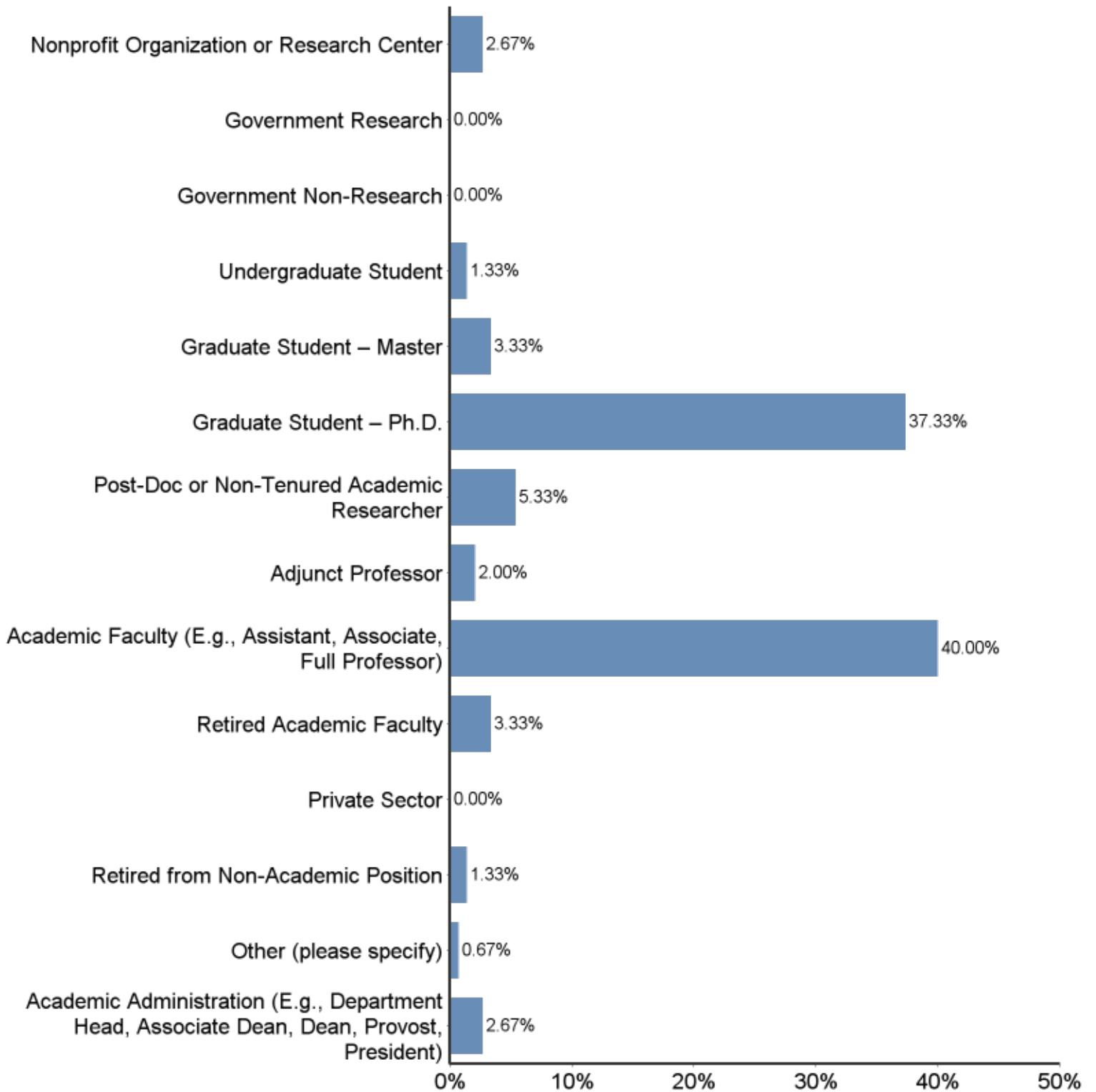
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1	2	1.13	0.11	0.34	148	148

What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting in Montreal, Québec, Canada?

Text Entry
There were not enough sessions that covered diverse topics that interested me.
international travel is too complicated and expensive to arrange through my university
I am an international student and in need of Visa to enter Canada. Application fees are high.
Will attend ASA instead
Timing and travel
SSSP isn't my thing
Immigration status and the conference should take place in the US.
expense
I will not be ready to submit for another presentation until the 2018 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
Distance
Funding cuts at my institution will make this conference too expensive to attend.
scheduling conflict
Time constraints
distance and passport needed
i will be attending other meetings instead
Cost
Retired and too far. May attend Chicago and New York.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	17

What is your primary employment type or affiliation?

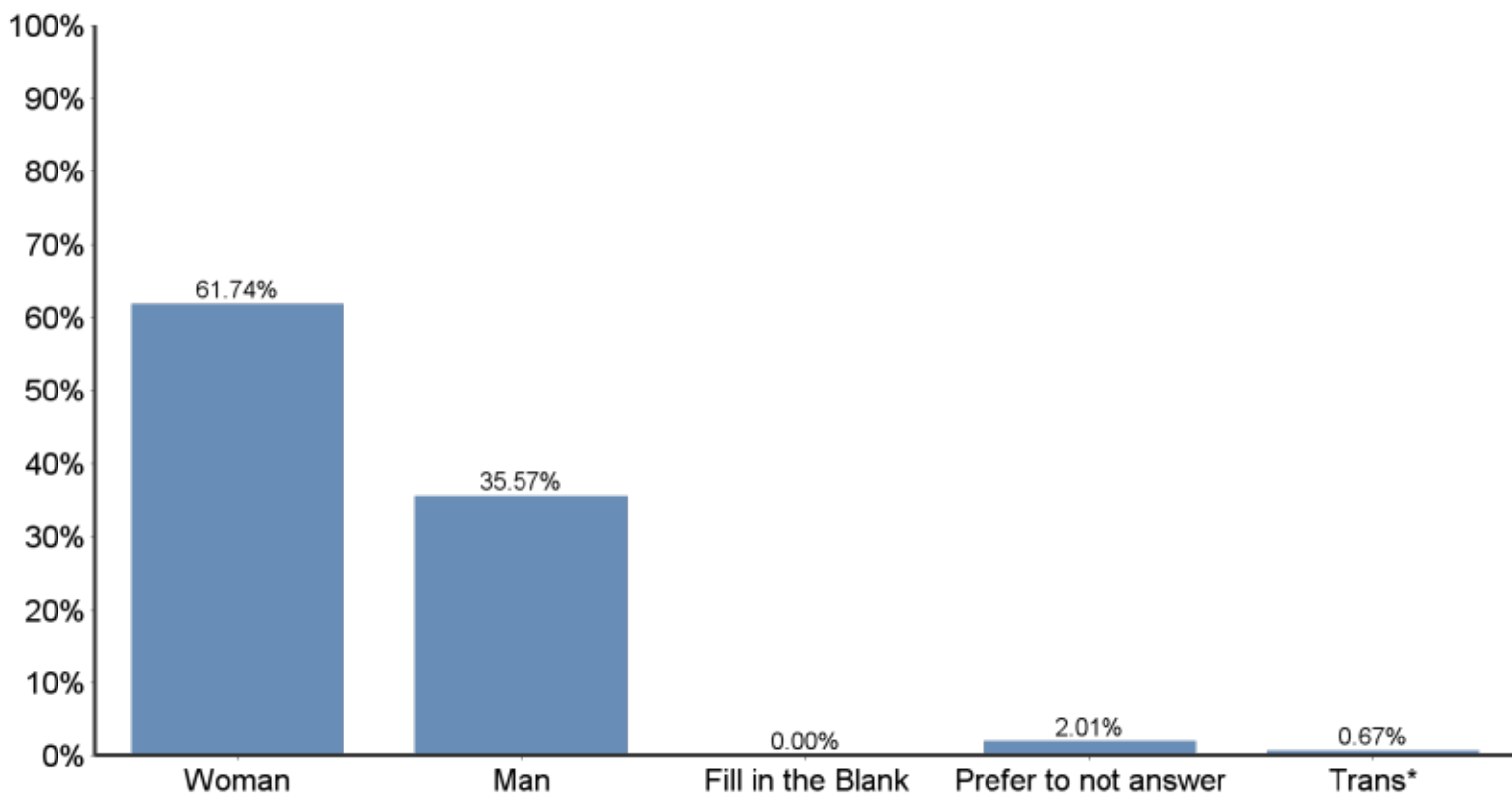


What is your primary employment type or affiliation?

Answer	Bar	Response	%
Nonprofit Organization or Research Center		4	2.67%
Government Research		0	0.00%
Government Non-Research		0	0.00%
Undergraduate Student		2	1.33%
Graduate Student – Master		5	3.33%
Graduate Student – Ph.D.		56	37.33%
Post-Doc or Non-Tenured Academic Researcher		8	5.33%
Adjunct Professor		3	2.00%
Academic Faculty (E.g., Assistant, Associate, Full Professor)		60	40.00%
Retired Academic Faculty		5	3.33%
Private Sector		0	0.00%
Retired from Non-Academic Position		2	1.33%
Other (please specify)		1	0.67%
Academic Administration (E.g., Department Head, Associate Dean, Dean, Provost, President)		4	2.67%
Total		150	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	14	7.57	5.09	2.26	150	150

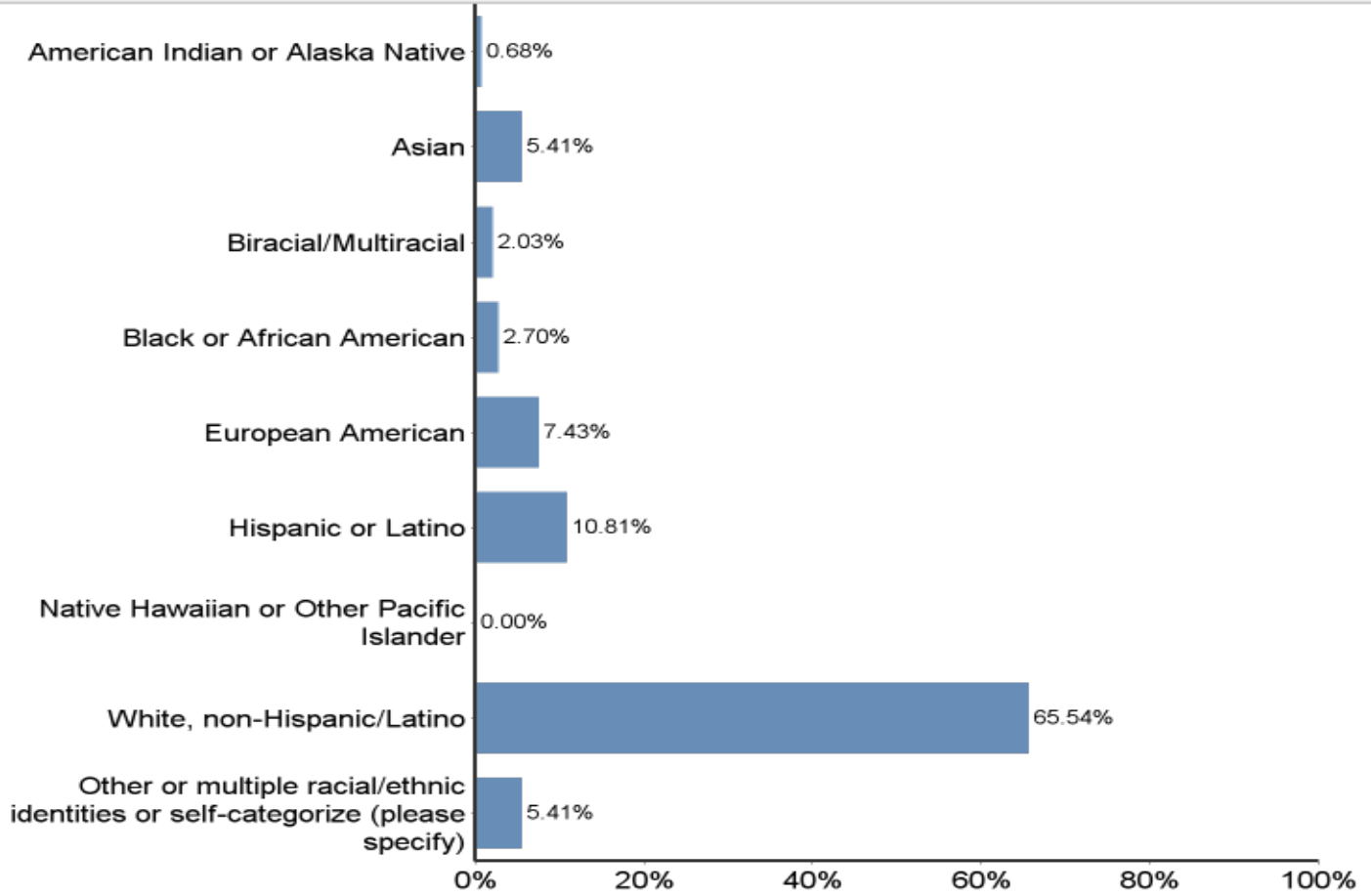
Please specify your gender identification.



Fill in the Blank		Trans*	
Answer	Bar	Response	%
Woman		92	61.74%
Man		53	35.57%
Fill in the Blank		0	0.00%
Prefer to not answer		3	2.01%
Trans*		1	0.67%
Total		149	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
2	8	2.50	0.86	0.93	149	149

Please specify your racial/ethnic identification.



Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify)

categories trendy but not good sociology

Born in Iran

Jewish American - non-white

bi racial black/white

Answer	Bar	Response	%
American Indian or Alaska Native		1	0.68%
Asian		8	5.41%
Biracial/Multiracial		3	2.03%
Black or African American		4	2.70%
European American		11	7.43%
Hispanic or Latino		16	10.81%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0	0.00%
White, non-Hispanic/Latino		97	65.54%
Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify)		8	5.41%
Total		148	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	9	7.03	3.46	1.86	148	148

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Text Entry
I have hearing loss and it is helpful if all presenters would use amplification.
I have a chronic intestinal illness so knowing restroom locations and ensuring adequate restrooms per floor is a must. You guys did MUCH better than ASA in this regard - bathrooms were easy to find and there was more than one per floor.
No concerns.
I would strongly recommend that consideration be given to the accommodations offered. I stayed at the Westin during this year's meeting. The hotel was lovely, but did not offer much in the way of in-room accommodations (microwave, refrigerator) that are necessary to allow both families and graduate students to participate in the conference while on a budget. This lack of accommodations was especially surprising since the hotel cost over \$200 a night (with taxes etc). I honestly had better in-room accommodations at the airport hotel we stayed in before we came to the conference...
None.
larger meetings need a microphone, especially where shy students who don 't speak up are presenting
The all-gender bathroom was great and clearly labeled this year. Thank you!
NA

Statistic	Value
Respondents	8

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Text Entry

While, the Westin Hotel provided a competitive rate for accommodation, and the meeting rooms were fine, my hotel room was not clean. in addition, owing to some condition (apparently a negative choice) that was not explained to me at registration,my room was never cleaned or serviced in any way during my stay. I also found the pool change room poorly cared for - making me wonder if the pool itself was adequately cleaned - so I didn't swim. I know that it is difficult to find a hotel willing to give us a good rate, but the Westin is the first hotel that the SSSP has used that has not been up to an adequate standard.

Maybe social problems conferences which focus on inequality, segregation, exclusion, etc should be held in impoverished areas. That way sociologists will not theorize in their ivory towers and local communities will feel recognized and respected.

Seattle was a very expensive city though a beautiful city. Financial aid hardly covered airfare. Nothing left for lodging.

I miss the awards banquet, a time more intimate than the awards reception. however, i must say this year the reception was very nice.

As much as it is convenient to have the conference at the same time as ASA, I wonder whether having it in up-market cities (like Seattle and Chicago) prevents folks from coming, particularly grad students, contingent faculty, or activists. I'd like to see us have a discussion about the timing and location of the conference. It's increasingly difficult to do both ASA and SSSP.

I was very impressed with the this meeting which reflected the hard work of division organizers as well. I di not think it is a good idea for the divisions to meet at the same time in the same room as it is not easy to leave one to go to another. It was also unclear whether the division reception was the one after the Presidential address or in places picked by the divisions not known to possible new members. Last but not least, I do not think we should call ourselves "public sociologists". SSSP has always made it clear that our knowledge is to be applied as well as documented. We have had a concern about policy from the start. Nor do I think we should compete for World Bank Funding or make the mistake of thinking we are a "civil society" organization which needs the support of multi-national corporations. We are not. I refer you to our current resolutions. Economists and behavioral psychologists are no more scientific than our sociologists and ethnography and life-histories are not less scientific than scales that ignore language and cultural differences as human beings get divided into experimental and control groups. SSSP has a unique history of its own that can be supported internationally without joining those who make a profit from "civil society" projects in countries where they themselves do not speak the language. If SSSP wishes to contribute to equality, peace and justice, it can find other ways to do so in full recognition that there is no such thing as "public sociology" as our history reflects.

Another great meeting! Thanks to Michele, Hector, the Program Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee for a job well done! Looking forward to 2017!

Loved the app, particularly the ability to export schedule to my google calendar.

I appreciated the Comfort Zone and Ten Thousand Villages features.

No comments.

Nope. It's all good. Looking forward to next year.

The meeting was great, thanks to the organizers!

I was especially impressed by the critical dialogue format. It was a pleasure to participate and we were able to have a critical dialogue. Panelists and audience members engaged in a productive discussion of neoliberalism and the welfare state. The presided did a great job picking panelists and then facilitating.

Could the business meeting be streamlined a bit, focusing on action issues rather than reporting? For example, the secretary could put up a slide that lists all of the committees whose reports were accepted "as is" by the board. The meeting feels fairly passive but has the potential to be more active for the people who attend. Thanks.

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Text Entry

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I would like for there to have been more than 2 or 3 teaching sessions.

For roundtables, are abstracts submitted first before the organizer decides on which papers to include? This might help with ensuring the quality of scholarship being presented.

I would like to have an hour pause in activity for lunch. It would give late morning presenters a chance to eat and attend the next round of events while everyone lunching at the same time provides another networking opportunity.

I have rated the presentations as "good" as opposed to "excellent" because some were excellent and but some were not great. I think the better question, in fact, would be whether there were enough stimulating presentations/discussions to satisfy conference goers, rather than an overall rating of the presentations. I am OK with sitting through some dull presentations knowing that the program committee SHOULD be taking some risks in including topics from the margins and work in development and recognizing that what seems dull to me might be very interesting to others (maybe it's just over my head), as long as there are some really good sessions that make participation worthwhile. One observation I have is that there seemed to be quite a number of parallel but un-related conversations going on about community engaged scholarship and activist scholarship, each of which included different people but touched on similar themes, each of which aimed to gather names and build its own action network, etc. They were all interesting and important conversations, but I am wondering whether there is any way to bring them together a bit more or build some momentum across these different groupings. Not sure how you would do that without creating some kind of a monolithic session that risks stamping out diverse perspectives on the topic, but there really seemed to be some appetite for these conversations and for action, which I think would be strengthened with greater cohesion/coordination.

no overlap with asa

I believe there are too many sessions being offered at the same time. The result is first, low attendance in many sessions because the competition for attendees attention is stiff and second, a lack of discrimination in accepting papers for presentation. In other words, far too many people are presenting on incomplete work or poorly constructed research. During each time slot, I often have multiple sessions I want to attend and miss some of the research that matters to me. Too many sessions at the same time.

It would be nice if the Graduate Student Happy Hour was earlier next time (either before or after dinner). Not everyone stays at the conference venue, so 10-11pm happy hour is too late for many people.

My major problem was that hotel registration for the rooms for SPSS filled up by May 1 and I had to book at hotel at a rate about \$100 more. Please book more rooms for Montreal.

I think attention should be paid to the vertical distance to walk between ASA and SSSP hotels. This was a mild problem this year, but a major one in San Francisco

None.

this might sound trivial, but I think we need a SSSP party where all amazing sociologists can dance together and celebrate life! we need hope to keep the struggle.

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Text Entry

I don't think we need bags or hard copies of the program. Maybe have some printed out for people by request only, but encourage people to use the app. It's more environmentally friendly and less to carry around.

Thank you for all the creativity and knowledge from your years of experience you put into this year's meeting Michelle. I didn't use the app- am slow with new technology but if others like it, that's great.

I presented at a round table and neither our organizer or discussant showed up. They also did not circulate our papers prior to the conference. It seems there should be a way to hold people accountable for their roles at the conference.

Inclusive receptions far preferable to exclusionary banquets of the past. Encourage more critical dialogues and fewer full panels. Eliminate copy editing discussions of motions at the Business Meeting and confine them to a dedicated discussion space.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	30