

TO: Board of Directors, SSSP

FROM: Justice 21 Committee: (Glenn Muschert, Chair; Kristen Budd; Michelle Christian; Brian Klocke; Robert Perrucci; Jon Shefner)

RE: 2016-17 Committee Annual Report

DATE: July 30, 2017

The 2016/2017 year has been a very active one for the Justice 21 Committee. The Committee has 1) completed the production phase of the 2016 volume, 2) partnered with Policy Press for the publication of the volume, and 3) changes in Committee membership. The 2016 volume appeared in both electronic and print versions prior to the August 2016 SSSP meetings in Seattle, and a complimentary copy of the softcover version was included in registration packets for colleagues attending the annual meetings. The J-21 Committee continues to operate on a zero budget.

The 2016 volume has been distributed as widely as possible, and is available for free download at the Society web page (http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323/locationSectionId/0/Agenda_for_Social_Justice), and in both softcover and electronic versions via the Policy Press/University of Chicago Press web sites (<http://policypress.co.uk/agenda-for-social-justice/> / <http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/A/bo25295186.html>), and via various online book sellers (e.g., Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Agenda-Social-Justice-Solutions-2016/dp/1447332881>). The major audience for the volume is the SSSP membership, and including gratis copies for all conference attendees put the volume in the hands of many who are most engaged with social problems scholarship, teaching, and action. In an effort to distribute the volume as widely as possible, the committee posted an electronic (PDF) copy of the 2016 volume to the Society's web site, which openly accessible by anyone with internet access worldwide. The SSSP office has continued to provide significant support and logistical assistance, particularly with regards to the electronic/internet aspects of the process (i.e., the project's web presence) and in "stuffing" copies of the volume into conference attendee packets.

Another development in 2016 was the forging of a partnership with Policy Press, a UK academic publisher based at the University of Bristol, and whose distribution channels partner with the University of Chicago Press in North America. Policy Press agreed to provide 1000 copies gratis to the SSSP for distribution at the Seattle annual meetings. Policy Press and the J-21 Committee are intending an on-going relationship for publication of future iterations of the Agenda for Social Justice, in major U.S. election years (i.e., 2020, 2024, and so on). The Committee is also in conversation with Policy regarding the possibility of publishing international focused volumes at mid-point years (i.e., 2018, 2022, 2026, and so on). Conversations on this possibility continue.

Finally, the Committee added two new members, replacing those who had stepped away from the group. New members of the J-21 Committee are Kristen Budd (Miami University) and Michelle Christian (University of Tennessee), both of whom published chapters in the 2016 volume.

We thank our Committee members for their service to the Society, and we acknowledge the technical, logistical, and moral support of the Society, especially from those in the administrative office. The J-21 group thanks Victoria Pitman at Policy Press for her cooperation and vision. Finally, the J-21 Committee expresses thanks to the SSSP Board for its continuing support of this project.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn W. Muschert, Justice 21 Committee, Chair