

**Date:** August 11, 2017

**To:** Michele Koontz, SSSP Administrative Officer, and SSSP Board of Directors

**From:** Bhoomi K. Thakore, Chair of the SSSP Nominations Committee

**Re:** SSSP 2016-2017 Nominations Committee Annual Report

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First, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their service this year: Ricardo Dello Buono, Wendy Simonds, and Stephani Williams. Thanks also to Michele Koontz and the Administrative Office staff for their help in compiling documents and answering questions.

The Nominations Committee is responsible for identifying the slate of candidates that will be forwarded to the Elections Committee, who then contact each candidate to confirm interest in running for election. The Committee was able to compile their list, which hopefully will be sufficient for the Election Committee's process. However, we experienced two major challenges this year:

1. **Not enough nominees** – By the time the original Nominations deadline of June 15 had passed, we did not have enough candidates for many of our positions (including President-Elect). The deadline was extended to June 26, during which time multiple emails were sent to the SSSP membership, to the SSSP Board, to individuals who indicated interest in running for these positions on their membership forms, and to individuals who previously ran for election. These strategies helped minimally in recruiting some additional candidates, and we will continue to rely on the Board, Division leadership, and other members to help with this process moving forward.
2. **Not enough information on nominees** – During the Committee's process of evaluating the nominations form, we were faced with the challenge of assessing nominees without enough information on them. Specifically, there were some concerns about the qualifications of nominees for their positions (such as Editorial and Publications Committee – a very important committee). Some Committee members resorted to searching for candidates online, while other committee members chose not to rank nominees who were not qualified. Overall, this led to a great deal of challenge in creating our final list. Simply put, more information is needed in order for the nominees to justify their consideration for positions by the Nominations Committee.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

-I propose that the General Nominations Form be amended beginning for 2019 so that 1) candidates must complete a form for each position for which they are nominating, and 2) the "Other Relevant Experience. Please specify." box is now titled "Please describe your experiences relevant to the position for which you are nominating." and is now a required field [**See attached form: "General Nominations Form"**]

The 2017-2018 Nominations Committee will include the following members: Bhoomi K. Thakore (Chair), Kristen Budd (Chair-Elect), Omari Jackson, David Lane, and Stephani Williams.



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## Nomination Form for SSSP Elected Officers

### Descriptions of SSSP Elected Positions

Nominations and elections for the following SSSP positions are conducted every year. To read a position's description, click on the appropriate link.

[President-Elect/President](#)

[Vice-President-Elect/Vice-President](#)

[Board of Directors/Student Board Representative](#)

[Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee](#)

[Committee on Committees](#)

[Editorial and Publications Committee](#)

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### Nomination Form for SSSP Elected Offices

There should be a commitment to nominating a diverse slate of nominees. This includes diversity based on racial-ethnic background, gender and sexual identities, geographic locations, and institutional settings (e.g., academia, practitioners, organizations, etc.).

To nominate a SSSP member for an elected position, please complete this form. Self-nominations are welcome. Nominations for the 2018 SSSP General Election positions are due no later than midnight (EDT) on Monday, June 26, 2017 (extended deadline).

\* Nominator

\* Nominee

\* For which position? *Check all that apply.*

- President-Elect, President
- Vice-President-Elect, Vice-President
- Board of Directors
- Board of Directors, Student Representative
- Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee
- Committee on Committees
- Editorial and Publications Committee
- Membership and Outreach Committee
- Membership and Outreach Committee, Student Representative

If you selected more than one position above, please rank the positions indicating which you most prefer to be nominated for:

1st choice

2nd choice

3rd choice

4th choice

Select ---&gt; ▼

5th choice

Select ---&gt; ▼

6th choice

Select ---&gt; ▼

7th choice

Select ---&gt; ▼

**Information about the Nominee.**

\* Institutional Affiliation

\* E-mail Address

\* Gender

Select ---&gt; ▼

*Specify if desired.*

\* Racial/Ethnic Identification

Select ---&gt; ▼

*Specify if desired.***Nominee's involvement with SSSP.**

\* Number of years of SSSP membership

Past participation in SSSP Annual Meetings. *Check all that apply.*

- Session Organizer
- Presider
- Discussant
- Presenter

Appointed Committees *Check all that apply.*

- Accessibility Committee
- Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Committee
- By-Laws Committee
- C. Wright Mills Award Committee
- Committee on Social Action
- Doris Wilkinson Faculty Award Committee
- Elections Committee
- Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee
- Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee
- Justice 21 Committee
- Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award Committee
- Lee Founders Award Committee
- Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee
- Lee Student Support Fund Committee
- Listserv Moderator
- Local Arrangements Committee
- Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee
- Program Committee
- Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee
- Social Problems* Advisory Editor
- Social Problems* Student Advisory Editor
- Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee

Transnational Initiatives CommitteeElected Positions *Check all that apply.*

- President–Elect, President
- Vice–President–Elect, Vice–President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Board of Directors
- Board of Directors, Student Representative
- Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee
- Committee on Committees
- Editorial and Publications Committee
- Membership and Outreach Committee
- Membership and Outreach Committee, Student Representative
- Division Chairperson

Other relevant experience. Please explain.

*Five hundred word maximum.*

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The Board of Directors will approve the slate of candidates for the 2018 General Election on August 13, 2017.

\* Required

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