

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, SSSP

FROM: Justice 21 Committee: (Glenn Muschert, Chair; Kristen Budd; Michelle Christian; and, Robert Perrucci)

RE: 2018-19 Justice 21 Committee Annual Report

Date: July 19, 2019

The 2018-19 year has been a very active one for the Justice 21 Committee. The Committee has 1) launched the 2018 international-focused *Global Agenda for Social Justice* at the 2018 SSSP meetings in Philadelphia, 2) maintained its partnership with Policy Press for publication, 3) met goals in preparing the 2020 US-focused *Agenda for Social Justice* volume, and 4) experienced changes in Committee membership.

The 2018 volume was the first ever international-focused version of the *Global Agenda for Social Justice*, and it included 18 chapters on pressing social problems of international concern. It appeared in both electronic and print versions prior to the August 2018 SSSP meetings in Philadelphia and a complimentary copy of the softcover version was included in registration packets for approximately 500 attendees of the annual meetings. The 2018 volume has been distributed as widely as possible, and is available for free download at the Society web page ([https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323/locationSectionId/0/Global\\_Agenda\\_for\\_Social\\_Justice](https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323/locationSectionId/0/Global_Agenda_for_Social_Justice)), and in both softcover and electronic versions via the Policy Press/University of Chicago Press web sites (<https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/global-agenda-for-social-justice>) and via various online book sellers, e.g., Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/Global-Agenda-Social-Justice-Muschert/dp/1447349121/>). The core 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 2018 volume to the Society's web site, which is openly accessible by anyone with internet access worldwide.

In 2018-19, the Committee continued its partnership with Policy Press, a UK academic publisher based at the University of Bristol, whose distribution channels partner with the University of Chicago Press in North America. Policy Press provided c. 500 copies gratis to the SSSP for distribution at the Philadelphia annual meetings. Policy Press and the J-21 Committee are anticipating 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), and publication of the *Global Agenda for Social Justice* international focused volumes at mid-point years (i.e., 2018, 2022, 2026, and so on). The J-21 Committee continues to operate on a zero budget.

Finally, in the previous year, two Committee members stepped away from the group. Longtime members Brian V. Klocke and Jon Shefner will be missed, and in the coming year continuing Committee members will recruit new members. We thank our Committee members past and present for their service. The Committee acknowledges the SSSP Administrative office for continued administrative backing, logistical assistance, support with project's Internet presence, and for being willing to provide assistance when requested. The J-21 group thanks Victoria Pitman at Policy Press for cooperation and vision. Finally, the J-21 Committee expresses thanks to the SSSP Board and Society membership for its continuing support of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn W. Muschert, Justice 21 Committee Chair