

Annual Report to the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2019.

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The Department of Sociology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) and the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) long and productive relationship continues. We are pleased that we have been the home of the Executive Office since 1990, and remain the home of the Administrative Office. Most, if not all, of our faculty and graduate students are members of SSSP, and several faculty members have served on a variety of SSSP committee positions over the years. As both a long-standing member of the SSSP, and as department head, the relationship is one that I support without reservation.

My work with the Administrative Officer, Michele Koontz, and the Executive Officer Héctor L. Delgado continues to be both positive and productive. Our senior departmental administrative assistant, Nancy Loftis works closely with Michele on budgetary matters in the Department. Michele has a very good working relationship with both Nancy Loftis and our other administrative assistant, Shirley Martin. We have tried to be as helpful in GRA searches when necessary. We appreciate Michele Koontz's consultation with us over the new GRA hire, and hope the selection of Zaina Shams proves to fulfill SSSP needs.

As an alert to SSSP, there has recently been conversations concerning the department compensation from this contract. It is very possible that we will have to change our accounting and charging processes in the near future. Please note this is not about monetary amounts provided by the Society, but bureaucratic accounting changes that may have to be addressed.

I continue to have an excellent working relationship with the Administrative Office staff and the Executive Officer, and fully expect that will continue. I look forward to this longstanding and very positive relationship continuing, and working with the Executive Officer and the Administrative Office this next year.