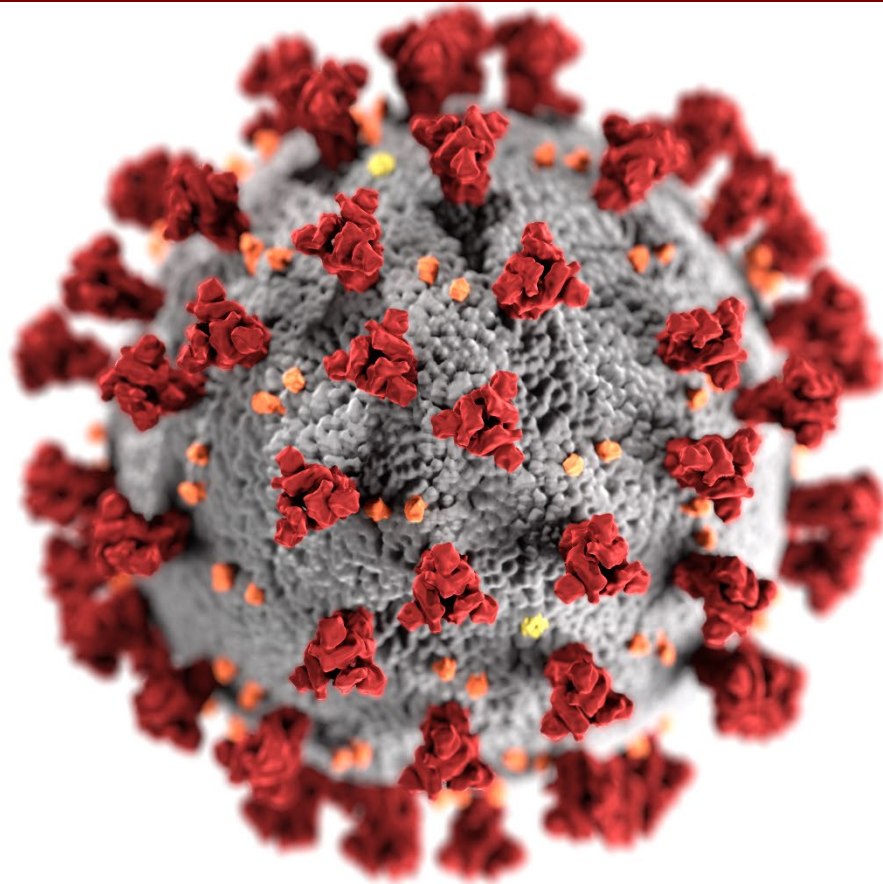


# Social Problems

## Annual Report

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**To:** SSSP Board of Directors, Publications Committee, Associate Editors, Editorial Board  
**From:** Annulla Linders and Earl Wright II, Co-Editors  
**Re:** *Social Problems* Annual Report, 2020

First things first: our work, including this report, would not have been possible without help from a number of people, including especially our graduate assistants, Managing Editor Shaonta Allen and Assistant Editors Marcus Brooks and Kyle Shupe.

At SSSP, we continuously rely on the expertise (and memory!) of Michele Koontz and Hector Delgado. At OUP, this year we have relied on and been supported by Mireille Yanow (for everything) and her team. And a special thanks to Trenton Haltom, Chair of the Social Media Committee, and to Cindy Carlton-Ford, our Production Editor and English-language magician.

We also take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the work done by our Associate Editors and Advisory Board members, and – not in the least – our Student Board members. We could not do this without you!

## **The Report**

This report provides details of submissions, decisions, and the review process. We continue the practice we began last year of placing our work in a historical perspective (going back about 10 years when feasible).

Appendix 1 includes more details about the global regions from which we receive papers, the methodological approach (quantitative and qualitative) of submissions, and general topic areas of submissions.

## The Team

The co-editor team, Earl Wright II and Annulla Linders, is intact, but Earl has just moved from the University of Cincinnati to Rhodes College in Memphis, TN. The move will not affect our work at all, but the Cincinnati faction will miss seeing Earl in his office down the hall. We have retained all Associate Editors and at this time propose to add only two new members to the Advisory Board (Shantel Buggs and Kalasia Ojeh, see Appendix 2). With great sadness, we also report that our friend and advisory board member Thomas Calhoun has recently passed away. The student board is more dynamic given that PhD students graduate, so there have been some changes (see appendix 2). Our fantastic Social Media editor, Trenton Haltom, is staying on (hopefully forever!). Two of our fantastic graduate assistants—Shaonta Allen and Marcus Brooks—are also staying with us, as is our Production Editor, Cindy Carlton-Ford. We welcome Anthony Stone (PhD student, University of Cincinnati) to take the assistant editor position that Kyle Shupe is leaving because he has got a dissertation fellowship. Thank you, Kyle, for all your work these past two years!

## Work During the Year

Everyone on our team is well-versed in the online submission system and our editorial routines, which means that the day-to-day running of the journal goes very smoothly.

We have continued working on the specific goals we identified last year. First, increasing the number of submissions; second, shortening the time from submission to decision; and third, increasing the attention given to the journal (part of this work is done by the Social Media Committee led by Trenton Haltom - you receive a separate report from him; another part is done by Oxford University Press (OUP), under the leadership of outgoing Brittany Hobson and incoming Dan Poindexter – as part of the OUP report).

We have prepared two Author-Attic videos this year, and published two virtual issues. The special issue on work inspired by W. E. B Du Bois and co-edited by Earl Wright II and Aldon Morris is well underway, and we hope to publish it in the first issue of 2021 (if the final revisions arrive in time for our copy editor to do her work).

As was our stated ambition last year, we have secured a somewhat large page-budget from OUP, which will allow us to publish about 5 more papers per year. Moreover, SSSP has followed our recommendation to eliminate the \$100 publication fee for non-members.

### **Submissions**

As is evident from [Table 1](#), submissions of new manuscripts dipped below 300 in 2017 and 2018 for the first time since 2011. But submissions increased in 2019 (even discounting the special issue submissions) and is on pace in 2020 to increase even further. It is of course difficult to determine the cause of the submission increase, but one possibility is that our work to decrease the time from submission to decision has been a contributing factor (see [Table 4](#)).

<b>Table 1: Total Submissions by Year, 2009-2020</b>			
	<b>New Submissions</b>	<b>Revised Submissions<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total Submissions</b>
<b>2009</b>	307	40	347
<b>2010</b>	287	70	357
<b>2011</b>	262	58	320
<b>2012</b>	329	113	442
<b>2013</b>	327	101	428
<b>2014</b>	323	63	386
<b>2015</b>	375	114	489
<b>2016</b>	335	155	490
<b>2017</b>	295	43	338
<b>2018</b>	291 <sup>2</sup>	58	349
<b>2019</b>	374 <sup>2</sup>	142	516
<b>2020</b>	183 <sup>3</sup>	49	232

<sup>1</sup> Revised submissions include revised manuscripts (.R1s) and conditional accepts (.R2s)

<sup>2</sup> Data for 2018 (2 papers) and 2019 (30 papers) include papers submitted for a special issue.

<sup>3</sup> Data for 2020 captures the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Decisions**

[Table 2](#) provides an overview of the distribution of decisions on manuscripts submitted since 2009. Overall, the table shows that the acceptance rate, while fluctuating from year-to-year, is still fairly stable over time (ranging from 5% to 15%, with an average of about 10%). Both the deflection and rejection rates vary a bit over time and probably capture variations in editorial preferences rather than the quality of papers submitted.

The spike in the acceptance rate for papers submitted in 2018 is linked in various ways to the editorial transition. We inherited a fairly sizeable backlog of papers awaiting some sort of decision (either deflect/review, or a decision based on reviews), some of which were quite overdue. Out of consideration for authors, we tilted a number of decisions in their favor (choosing to review instead of deflect; choosing R&R instead of reject), thus setting the conditions for more acceptances. Once we had worked our way through the backlog and stabilized our own workflow, the acceptance rate decreased again.

**Table 2: Final Decisions on Original Manuscripts by Year First Submitted, 2009-2020<sup>1</sup>**

	MS without Decisions <sup>2</sup>	Deflect	Reject	Accept	Total
2009	8	139 (45%)	131 (43%)	29 (9.4%)	307
2010	10	53 (53%)	102 (36%)	22 (7.7%)	287
2011	3	101 (38%)	125 (48%)	33 (12.6%)	262
2012	1	88 (27%)	211 (64%)	29 (8.8%)	329
2013	3	105 (32%)	203 (62%)	17 (5.2%)	327
2014	7	93 (29%)	180 (56%)	43 (13.3%)	323
2015	8	80 (21%)	232 (62%)	55 (15%)	375
2016	2	120 (36%)	197 (59%)	18 (5%)	335
2017 <sup>3</sup>	0	120 (41%)	150 (51%)	25 (8%)	295
2018 <sup>4</sup>	1	110 (38%)	111 (38%)	69 (24%) <sup>6</sup>	291
2019 <sup>4</sup>	27	124 (33%)	180 (48%)	43 (11%)	374 <sup>7</sup>
2020 <sup>5</sup>	97	51	33	0	181 <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Counts all MS decisions by year they were originally submitted, regardless of year a final decision was made on the manuscript.

<sup>2</sup> Manuscripts without a decision include MS that are still under review, received Revise & Resubmit decisions but were never resubmitted, were unsubmitted and never resubmitted, or did not complete the review process for another reason.

<sup>3</sup> In 2017, *Social Problems* published an additional 7 papers as a special issue based on a 2016 ASA Plenary Panel organized by Aldon Morris. These papers were not processed in Manuscript Central and hence are not included here.

<sup>4</sup> Total number of manuscripts for these years include 32 papers submitted for a special issue (2 in 2018 and 30 in 2020),

<sup>5</sup> 2020 includes MS submitted between January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

<sup>6</sup> The spike in the number of accepted manuscripts in 2018 is linked in various ways to the transition of editors.

<sup>7</sup> Data for these years are preliminary as a number of the manuscripts are still in process or under review.

Looking at the final disposition of revised manuscripts, [Table 3](#) shows fairly extensive variation regarding the final decision, with both reject and accept ranging from about 30% to 70% (we have no theory for why that is). But on average about half of all resubmitted manuscripts have ended up getting accepted over the past decade.

<b>Table 3: Final Decisions on R&amp;R MS by Year Originally Submitted, 2009-2020</b>				
	<b>MS without Decisions<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Reject</b>	<b>Accept</b>	<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>2009</b>	2	15 (33%)	28 (62%)	45
<b>2010</b>	0	15 (42%)	21 (58%)	36
<b>2011</b>	0	51 (61%)	32 (39%)	83
<b>2012</b>	0	54 (65%)	29 (35%)	83
<b>2013</b>	1	17 (49%)	17 (49%)	35
<b>2014</b>	0	25 (37%)	43 (63%)	68
<b>2015</b>	1	71 (56%)	55 (43%)	127
<b>2016</b>	0	29 (62%)	18 (38%)	47
<b>2017</b>	1	10 (28%)	25 (69%)	36
<b>2018</b>	1	10 (13%)	69 (86%)	80
<b>2019</b>	13	10 (16%)	41 (64%)	64
<b>2020</b>	—	—	—	—

<sup>1</sup> Manuscripts without decision primarily indicate papers that are still under review.

<sup>2</sup> Revised (.R1s) and conditionally accepted (.R2s) manuscripts are only counted once, so manuscripts are not double counted.

Additional submission data are available in Appendix 1, including manuscript topic areas, methods of submitted papers, and countries of submitting authors.

### ***Time from Submission to Decision***

One of our main goals is to shorten the time from submission to decision for manuscripts we send out for review. [Table 4](#) shows that we have reduced the average time by about 2 months.

<b>Table 4: Average Time from Original Submission to First Decision (in Days), 2015-2020<sup>1</sup></b>			
	<b>Deflect</b>	<b>Reject</b>	<b>Revise &amp; Resubmit</b>
<b>2015</b>	29 days	164 days	168 days
<b>2016</b>	43 days	160 days	164 days
<b>2017</b>	51 days	185 days	183 days
<b>2018</b>	36 days	137 days	141 days
<b>2019</b>	28 days	122 days	127 days
<b>2020<sup>2</sup></b>	20 days	110 days	105 days

<sup>1</sup> Almost no manuscripts are accepted after the first round of reviews (except the Presidential Address), so accept decisions are not included here.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 2020 covers the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We find a similar pattern for time from submission to decision of revised papers (see [Table 5](#)).

**Table 5: Average Time from R&R Submission to Final Decision (in Days), 2015-2020<sup>1</sup>**

	Reject	Conditional Accept	Accept
2015	142 days	159 days	113 days
2016	139 days	137 days	99 days
2017	140 days	190 days	122 days
2018	105 days	104 days	57 days
2019	97 days	81 days	72 days
2020	—	—	—

<sup>1</sup> As different editors have used the second Revise & Resubmit decision (.R2s) in different ways, we only include data for the years during which editors have used it as a conditional accept decision.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 2020 cover the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our aim is to reduce it the average time from submission to decision by one more month, which may require some additional changes to our procedures. In order to determine where there is time to cut, we have calculated the time papers spend in internal processing and in external review. [Table 6](#) shows that we have cut the time in both respects by about 1 month each.

**Table 6: Average Time from Submission to Decision, 2009-2020**

	Average Time (in Days) in Internal Processing <sup>1</sup>	Average Time (in Days) in External Review <sup>2</sup>
2015	69 days	96 days
2016	81 days	79 days
2017	95 days	89 days
2018	46 days	75 days
2019	48 days	67 days
2020	51 days	50 days

<sup>1</sup> Time in internal processing captures the amount of time from submission to the first reviewer invitation and final review submission to decision on manuscript.

<sup>2</sup> Time in external review captures the time from when the first reviewer is invited to when the last review is submitted. This includes both original and revised (.R1) submissions.

The reduction in time papers spend in external review is the result of a few different strategies. First, we thought that shortening the requested review time (by one week, from 6 to 5) would make a significant difference, but as is evident from [Table 7](#), the average time for reviewers to complete reviews has remained fairly stable.

A second strategy, which has been moderately successful, has been to reduce the number of asks required to secure 3 reviews (see [Table 8](#)). The most important changes to internal processes (which also affects the time papers spend in external review) are how we use the Student Board. We now make deflect decisions before papers go to the Student Board, we no longer return manuscripts to Student Board members after 3 reviews are submitted, nor do we solicit additional reviewer suggestions from Student Board members if their original recommendations do not pan out - this last change accounts for most of the reduction of time that papers spend in external review.

**Table 7: Average Time for Reviewers to Complete Reviews (in Days), 2009-2019**

	Days
2009	41
2010	43
2011	42
2012	41
2013	40
2014	40
2015	38
2016	38
2017	40
2018	43
2019	44
2020	42

**Table 8: Average Number of Reviewers Invited per Manuscript to Secure 3 Reviewers, 2009-2019<sup>1</sup>**

	Average	Median
2009	7.4	7
2010	8.3	8
2011	7.8	7
2012	7	6
2013	7	6
2014	8.2	7
2015	7.8	7
2016	8.2	7
2017	9.1	9
2018	7	6
2019	7	6
2020	7	6

<sup>1</sup> Includes both original and revised submissions

**Special Issue**

The special issue on contemporary uses of the Sociology of W. E. B. Du Bois, co-edited by Earl Wright II and incoming ASA President Aldon Morris, is now almost completed.

We are in the very early stages of organizing another special issue, to be edited by our colleague Derrick Brooms.

**Content Attention and Marketing**

Our goal is to continue the wonderful work that the student-run Social Media Committee, chaired by Trenton Haltom, University of Nebraska, is doing. As we reported last year, we have worked with Trenton and OUP to stabilize the quality and



utility of the **Author Attic** interviews, in part with the help of new branding/artwork and in part by making them more accessible on the website. Trenton and OUP will have more to say about this, but check out the latest interviews with Merin Oleschuk on [News Media Constructions of Responsibility for Health through Home Cooking](#) (this video is missing from the OUP website at the time of writing this) and Veronica Lerma, Kelly Hamilton and Kelly Neilsen on [Racialized Equity Labor, University Appropriation and Student Resistance](#).

We also keep working with OUP on assembling **Virtual Issues** (curated collections of papers previously published in the journal). This past year we have published two. One on [Immigration](#), curated and introduced by Student Board member Sevsem Cicek-Okay and one on [Religion](#), curated and introduced by managing Editor Shaontá Allen and her collaborator Saugher Nojan. The purpose of these issues is to keep generating interest for the content of the journal, in this case by bundling together papers that speak to similar issues. The OUP report will contain more information about this. We have two more virtual issues in the queue, one on firearms research, curated and introduced by Shawn Radcliff and Tara Warner, and one on Children's Rights and Voices, curated and introduced by Loretta Bass.

### **Other Issues of Note**

Overall, work on the journal is very smooth. The only out of the ordinary thing that we have dealt with this year refers to two papers published in the journal (one in 2015 and one 2019) by overlapping authors and based on the same data. An anonymous whistleblower (who did not contact us directly; instead we heard of it from the former *Law & Society Review* editor) and a former co-author of the authors (who did contact us) publicly raised questions about the veracity of the data (other papers based on the data had been published in *Law & Society Review* and *Criminology*). There was discussion on social media and at one point the *Chronicle of Higher Education* addressed the issue. We communicated closely with Hector and OUP throughout this process, which officially ended when the authors withdrew the papers late last fall. Once the issue was resolved, the former co-author asked the University of Cincinnati for all the emails sent to or from Earl and myself regarding this issue, which was embarrassing more than damaging when the co-author published a commentary on EconJWatch this spring about the issue.

Another out of the ordinary thing this year is, of course, COVID-19 and all the ways it has affected the life and work of everyone involved in the journal (authors, reviewers,

staff, editors, administrators, publishers, etc.). As of yet, however, it has not impacted the daily work of the journal very much, except a few more reviewers who bow out, a few more authors who ask for extensions, and a few more days of delay here and there and everywhere.

## Thinking About the Future

Most importantly, we have agreed to do another full term as co-editors (2021-24), with the one change that we have asked our UC colleague, Derrick Brooms, to join the team as co-editor (beginning this year, he will also edit a special issue having to do with Black youths). He will bring new ideas and fresh enthusiasm, which is an advantage of a new editor), even as the editorial office will benefit from a stable institutional environment.

Our work during the final year of our current term as editors will focus on the continued efforts to increase submissions, shorten time to decisions even further (which may require some changes in our workflow), and publish impactful papers (more on how to measure impact in the OUP report).

At this point we are not sure how the expected new contract between SSSP and OUP will affect the conditions of our work, except that we will lose the Production Editor position – meaning that OUP will take over the copyediting of manuscripts (our current Production Editor, Cindy Carlton-Ford, is very, very good, so we hope this change will not negatively impact the writing quality of the papers we publish).

Another change we hope to see during the next editorial term is for the journal to pick up the cost of a second graduate assistant, in addition to the Managing Editor position (we have already presented a budget to SSSP to that effect). The fall-out from COVID-19 will affect graduate funding at our institution, and we are at risk of losing one of the two graduate student positions that the university has provided during the past two years. In order to make this possible, we have made some adjustments to the overall budget, the most important piece being that we recommend eliminating the \$500 annual stipends for the Associate Editors. A potentially looming issue, which we will not dwell on until it is necessary refers to the increasing cost of editor course reductions (our college now wants \$10,000 (!!)) for one course buyout).

## Appendix 1: Additional Information About Manuscripts and Authors

Table 9: MS Submissions by Author's Region and Country, 2015-2020<sup>1</sup>

Region/Country	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
<b>Africa</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
Egypt	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ghana	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nigeria	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
South Africa	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Tunisia	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Asia</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>112</b>
Azerbaijan	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
China	2	0	2	2	2	2	10
Hong Kong	2	1	2	4	2	2	13
India	0	2	0	0	1	1	4
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Iran	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
Israel	10	8	8	7	12	1	46
Japan	2	1	0	0	3	0	6
Jordan	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Pakistan	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Russia	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Singapore	0	1	2	2	2	0	7
South Korea	2	2	0	1	2	1	8
Taiwan	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Australia and Oceania</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>
Australia	4	8	6	9	2	3	32
Fiji	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
New Zealand	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
<b>Europe</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>184</b>
Austria	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Belgium	2	1	2	0	2	1	8

<b>Croatia</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Czech Republic</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Denmark</b>	3	4	0	2	1	1	11
<b>Estonia</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Finland</b>	2	1	0	0	0	1	4
<b>France</b>	2	1	2	1	3	0	9
<b>Germany</b>	4	4	5	6	1	1	21
<b>Hungary</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Iceland</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Ireland</b>	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
<b>Italy</b>	1	2	1	0	0	1	5
<b>Luxembourg</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Netherlands</b>	5	7	2	4	3	0	21
<b>Norway</b>	0	3	0	1	4	1	9
<b>Poland</b>	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
<b>Portugal</b>	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Slovenia</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Spain</b>	1	1	1	3	3	4	13
<b>Sweden</b>	1	2	1	4	0	4	12
<b>Switzerland</b>	1	2	1	0	2	2	8
<b>United Kingdom</b>	7	13	8	7	4	4	43
<b>North America</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1486</b>
<b>Canada</b>	15	15	8	10	12	9	69
<b>Mexico</b>	1	0	0	2	1	0	4
<b>United States of America</b>	293	243	234	213	296	134	1413
<b>South America</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Chile</b>	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
<b>Columbia</b>	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Ecuador</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Uruguay</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Unknown Country</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Author's country refers to the submitting author's listed country of residence on Manuscript Central.

**Table 10: Original MS Submissions by Topic Area, 2016-2020<sup>1</sup>**

MS Topic Area	2016	2017	2018 <sup>2</sup>	2019	2020 <sup>3</sup>
Children & Youth	6 (2%)	8 (3%)	4 (2%)	6 (2%)	1 (1%)
Crime & Juvenile Delinquency	25 (7%)	24 (8%)	13 (7%)	24 (7%)	11 (6%)
Deviance	2 (1%)	6 (2%)	0	0	0
Disabilities	1 (.3%)	0	0	0	0
Education	19 (6%)	17 (6%)	16 (8%)	24 (7%)	16 (9%)
Environment & Technology	15 (6%)	8 (3%)	6 (3%)	14 (4%)	8 (4%)
Family	9 (3%)	6 (2%)	8 (4%)	16 (5%)	3 (2%)
Gender	7 (2%)	16 (5%)	14 (7%)	21 (6%)	9 (5%)
Global Issues	4 (1%)	5 (2%)	0	0	0
Health	17 (5%)	17 (6%)	12 (6%)	17 (5%)	12 (7%)
Identity	6 (2%)	0	3 (2%)	6 (2%)	1 (1%)
Immigration	16 (5%)	18 (6%)	8 (4%)	6 (2%)	7 (4%)
Law & Society	10 (3%)	18 (6%)	2 (1%)	19 (6%)	8 (4%)
Life Course	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	2 (11%)	5 (1%)	2 (1%)
Media	7 (2%)	5 (2%)	3 (2%)	5 (1%)	4 (2%)
Methods	2 (1%)	0	0	0	0
Politics	22 (7%)	12 (4%)	6 (3%)	7 (2%)	8 (4%)
Poverty, Class, & Inequality	22 (7%)	15 (5%)	16 (8%)	27 (8%)	14 (8%)
Race & Ethnicity	24 (7%)	31 (11%)	28 (15%)	36 (10%)	26 (14%)
Religion	10 (3%)	7 (2%)	3 (2%)	3 (1%)	1 (1%)
Sexuality	12 (4%)	7 (2%)	2 (1%)	13 (4%)	5 (3%)
Social Movements	11 (3%)	16 (5%)	12 (6%)	17 (5%)	4 (2%)
Social Welfare Policy	1 (.3%)	0	3 (2%)	6 (2%)	4 (2%)
Social Problems Theory	20 (6%)	6 (2%)	0	0	-
Work & Economy	20 (6%)	18 (6%)	12 (6%)	22 (6%)	16 (9%)
Other	31 (9%)	21 (7%)	16 (8%)	47 (14%)	19 (10%)
Not Coded	12 (4%)	1 (.3%)	0	0	2 (1%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>181</b>

<sup>1</sup> Special issue submissions are not included.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data only for the period from May 1<sup>st</sup> to December 30<sup>th</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Includes data for the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Table 11: New MS Submissions by Method, 2016-2020**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Qualitative	52%	48%	43%	50%	50%
Quantitative/Mixed/Other	48%	52%	57%	50%	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Appendix 2: Social Problems Advisory Board, 2020-2021****Co-Editors**

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