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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. We attend the society's yearly conference, and several of us have published in the *Social Problems* journal. 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. This is, however, a year of transition. Stephanie Bohon will become department head, but as I read our contract, I will continue to serve as the PI on the SSSP contract. Other transitions include the retirement of our senior departmental administrative assistant, Nancy Loftis who has worked closely with Michele on budgetary matters in the Department. Nancy expects to retire in either December 2020 or January 2021. We also recently replaced our other administrative assistant, Shirley Martin, with Jill Baker. We expect both Jill, and Nancy's replacement, to continue the very positive relationships they've had with Michele. We will continue to be as helpful in GRA searches when necessary. We hope the selection of Zaina Shams continues to fulfill SSSP needs. We appreciate SSSP's ability to work with Nancy in the recent changes in accounting and charging processes mandated by UTK administration.

This next fiscal year will be very challenging for all of us as we confront the personal, institutional, and economic impacts of the COVID pandemic. I take comfort in having an excellent working relationship with the Administrative Office staff and the Executive Officer. I look forward to this longstanding and very positive relationship continuing, and working with the Executive Officer and the Administrative Office this next year.