

## SSSP 2020 Annual Meeting Cancellation

April 28, 2020

Dear SSSP Members and Program Participants,

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 SSSP Annual Meeting in San Francisco has been cancelled. Our primary concern is the health and safety of our members. We appreciate the feedback and support that we have received from several members and our Board of Directors.

We sincerely appreciate the hard work and dedication of our Program Committee, under the leadership of Co-chairs Tsedale M. Melaku and Barbara Katz Rothman; our Division Chairs; our session organizers; and the Administrative Office staff. They have worked tirelessly to plan the program schedule. Meanwhile, the Board has been meeting regularly via Zoom during this difficult period to ensure the safety of our members.

The Board of Directors is discussing having some virtual component to commemorate the annual meeting, but what that will look like has not been finalized. In addition, discussions are underway regarding how to recognize and congratulate our 2020 award winners. We hope to share that plan next month. We appreciate your patience in the meantime.

For those that have registered, we hope you will consider donating your full registration or a portion of your registration to the SSSP General Fund. Please contact [sssp@utk.edu](mailto:sssp@utk.edu) and let our Assistant to the Administrative Officer, Kelsey Whitaker know if you want a full or partial registration refund. Payments made by credit card will be returned to the same card. If we are unable to successfully credit the card used in the original transaction, we will send a refund check made payable in your name and mail it to address in your SSSP record, unless instructed otherwise. For those who paid by check, a refund check will be sent to the name and address on your check payment. If you have questions about your refund, please let Kelsey know.

For those that have a hotel reservation, please cancel it immediately, so you will not be penalized. If you have purchased your airfare, please work directly with the airline to obtain a refund or credit toward future travel. The SSSP Administrative Office cannot cancel hotel reservations on your behalf and will not be responsible for those room cancellations, airfare and other travel arrangement cancellations and expenses you may have incurred.

For those of you who are not a current member, please consider joining/renewing your membership via our [website](#). We need your support now more than ever.

We recognize that not having a 2020 Annual Meeting is a real loss to our members. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to seeing you in Chicago in 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager at [mkoontz3@utk.edu](mailto:mkoontz3@utk.edu). We hope all is well with you and your family.

Sincerely,



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