

SSSP DISABILITY DIVISION 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date: Wednesday July 14th, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. (CST)

Members in attendance:

Sara Green

Laura Mauldin

Katherine Caldwell

Catherine Voulgarides

Loren Wilbers

Meeting Minutes:

- 1) Introductions
 - a) Thank you to Kate Caldwell as outgoing chair!
 - b) Welcome to:
 - i) Catherine Voulgarides (CUNY) as incoming chair!
 - ii) Asha Rao (UIC) will be continuing on as grad student in charge of newsletters
- 2) Planning for next year's conference in Las Angeles
 - a) Theme: "The Sociological Reimagination: From Moments to Momentum"
 - b) Session planning & finding organizers
 - i) Proposed co-sponsored sessions with the following divisions:
 - (1) Labor Studies
 - (2) Gender (Suggested title, "Feminist Disability Studies: New Challenges and Opportunities"; Alan Martino and Tiffany Boulton organizing)
 - (3) Family (Suggested topic related to interdependence; Sara Green offered to organize)
 - (4) Drinking and Drugs (Suggested topic related to opioids, chronic pain and disability; Loren Wilbers offered to organize)
 - (5) Educational Problems (Suggested topic related to teaching justice issues amid controversy over critical race theory)
 - (6) Environment & Technology (Laura Mauldin offered to organize)

(7) Racial and Ethnic Minorities

(8) Health, Health Policy & Health Services

c) Division reception planning

i) Discussed reaching out to the ASA Disability & Society section about organizing a joint reception, along with a local disability organization.

3) SSSP blog proposal discussion

a) Members in attendance agreed this may be a good tool for outreach and growing the division.

4) Open forum for other items of interest to the division

a) Discussion of accessibility issues at the fully in-person meeting and how the lack of a virtual option may affect potential panelists who are unable to travel. Agreed to be in touch with the Accessibility Committee regarding this concern.

5) Meeting adjourned