CSAC Division Meeting 2022 Agenda

Logistics: July 27, 2022
3:00-3:51 pm EST, held over Zoom

Attendees: Dana Moss (Chair), Louis Esparza, Carletta Hurt, Sarah Castillo, Mishal Khan, Howard Lune, Louis Kriesberg.

Agenda and Meeting Notes:

- Introductions
  - Reminder of Chair’s position, role, duties. Intentions moving forward: more frequent communication and community-building within the section; set it up for the next chair to step in and keep the ball rolling.
- Update on the upcoming SSSP conference in LA.
  - Review of CSAC sessions at the conference: 7 upcoming sections, many being co-sponsored. Please attend if you are coming to LA.
  - Virtual options? Not at this time, but the division chairs will be looking at future options to reduce costs, burdens of travel, accessibility, etc., during a time when many are eager to meet back in person.
  - Outstanding graduate student award winner: Katelyn Malae of UCI; summary of why the paper won the award.
- Dana presents opportunity to provide feedback on Chair’s first year and our vision for the following year.
- Feedback on session ideas for 2023.
  - From Louis E.: Labor in South America, co-sponsorship.
  - From Louis K.: Don’t forget about peace studies! How can we “do” conflict so that it’s more effective, with progressive consequences?
- Report on membership numbers: around 220, very healthy for SSSP during a year when membership is down.
- Ideas for the fall and spring newsletter
  - Strongly preferred by Louis K. and Howard, as opposed to announcements via social media.
  - Need to renew a place to get to know one another and talk about research in progress, dissertations coming out.
  - Create a template for future chairs and newsletter editors to use? Google forms can be used to fill in information.
  - Yes; Sarah offers to help.
  - Send out regular reminders.
- Possible virtual events for section members this coming year, 2022-23:
  - Need to help graduate students socialize and feel comfortable in the division and SSSP more broadly. People want to know how to get involved and where their place is, so to speak, within the section. Dana encourages all grad students to get involved, but also to protect their time for their work as well.
  - Carletta suggests a networking event, potentially outside of the annual meeting. A virtual happy hour could work well.
Need to publicize funding opportunities better to division members, especially graduate students.