

Date: August 5, 2022

To: Michele Koontz, SSSP Administrative Officer, and SSSP Board of Directors

From: Giovanna Follo, Chairperson of the Council of Divisions

Re: SSSP 2021-2022 Council of the Divisions Annual Report

Below you will find a summary of the activities of the SSSP Division Chairs During 2021-2022. The report has been written after the second Council of Divisions' meetings. The first meeting reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the chairs. The second meeting focused on a discussion of rebranding and division consolidation.

1. Appreciation and Thanks

I want to give my thanks and appreciation to Michele Koontz, Kelsey Whitaker, Rachel Cogburn, Jeremy Booth and Zaina Shams for their help, support, and overall time this past year. I would also like to thank the Division Chairs for their work in ensuring the viability of their divisions for the benefit of SSSP.

2. Council of Division Chairs Summary of Activities

SSSP has 23 divisions organized around specific topics, interests, or subdisciplines.

In 2021-2022, 9 Divisions held elections for Division Charis, Division Co-Chairs, and/or Vice/Associate Chairs. These Divisions are as follows: *Disability; Drinking and Drugs; Environment and Technology; Family; Health, Health Polity, and Health Services; Law and Society; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; and Social Problems Theory*. To note, the Division Chairs had difficulty receiving a sufficient number of candidates for elections.

There were no Division Sponsored Projects.

There was one Division-Sponsored Workshop: Community Research and Development Division sponsored Community-Based Participatory Action Research. This workshop was conducted in 2021 and is scheduled for 2022.

Completion of Division Tasks

Council of Division Required Meetings (2022 Annual Meeting):

2021-2022: Four Divisions attended only one of the two required meetings: Conflict, Social Action and Change; Social Problems Theory; Society and Mental Health; and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course.

Division Budgets:

All divisions submitted their budgets on time

Division Mission Statements:

All Divisions have updated their mission statements either in 2020 or 2021. Divisions were reminded that mission statements need to be reviewed every two years.

Social Media:

There are eight Divisions that are without social media presence: Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Disability; Environment and Technology; Family; Gender; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; and Sociology and Social Welfare.

Newsletters:

Six Divisions have not fulfilled their newsletter obligation during 2021-2022. These Divisions are Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Drinking and Drugs; Global; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Social Problems Theory; and Society and Mental Health.

Graduate Student Paper Competition/Scholarship Awards:

All Divisions but three participated in some form of award.

Division Membership Totals

Figure 1 indicates Division membership totals. I draw your attention to The Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division. For the last four years, the Division has been under the 50-member threshold.

Figure 1 Division Membership for Last Four Years

Divisions	Members as of 7/27/2022*	Members as of 7/31/2021*	Members as of 7/31/2020*	Members as of 7/31/2019*
Community Research and Development	137	143	105	160
Thomas P. Pileros Shields (Chair 2021-2023)				
Conflict, Social Action, and Change	164	217	173	210
Dana M. Moss (Chair 2021-2023)				
Crime and Juvenile Delinquency	160	168	115	182
Robert L. Parata (Chair 2021-2023)				
Christopher P. Dam (Chair-Elect 2021-2023; Chair 2023-2025)				
Charles Bell (Associate Chair 2021-2023)				
Disability	70	68	53	63
Leen Wilbers (Co-Chair 2020-2022)				
Catherine M. Voulgardes (Co-Chair 2021-2023)				
Alan Sennicic Martino (Co-Chair 2022-2024)				
Drinking and Drugs	77	83	72	100
Kathryn Nowotny (Chair 2020-2022)				
David Frank (Chair 2022-2024)				
Educational Problems	99	130	95	133
Myron T. Strong (Chair 2021-2023)				
Environment and Technology	73	100	90	111
Clare E.B. Cannon (Chair 2020-2022)				
Lauren Eastwood (Chair 2022-2024)				
Family	68	76	58	87
Fauna JoAnne Cochran-Jackson (Co-Chair 2020-2022)				
Amanda Rin Ferraro (Co-Chair 2021-2023)				
Monica Gavin (Co-Chair 2022-2024)				
Gender	179	179	121	147
Sharon K. Carter (Chair 2021-2023)				
Global	112	141	121	156
Nikhil Deb (Chair 2021-2023)				
Health, Health Policy, and Health Services	155	184	128	182
William D. Cabm (Co-Chair 2020-2022)				
Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda (Co-Chair 2021-2023)				
Yoying Shen (Co-Chair 2022-2024)				
Institutional Ethnography	95	125	74	104
Colin Hastings (Chair 2021-2023)				
Labor Studies	85	103	82	109
Todd Sackem (Chair 2021-2023)				
Emily Helen An-Mei Yen (Vice Chair 2021-2023)				
Law and Society	134	153	99	145
Azami M. Awwad (Chair 2020-2022)				
Catherine Hastings (Chair 2022-2024)				
Michael Branch (Vice Chair 2021-2023)				
Poverty, Class, and Inequality	202	268	183	261
Rahim Kurwa (Chair 2021-2023)				

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Divisions	Members as of 7/27/2022*	Members as of 7/31/2021*	Members as of 7/31/2020*	Members as of 7/31/2019*
Racial and Ethnic Minorities	348	420	311	405
Felicia Arriaga (Co-Chair 2020-2022)				
Rahsaan H. Mahadeo (Co-Chair 2021-2023)				
Watoii Rabii (Co-Chair 2022-2024)				
Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities	103	108	86	152
Dawn M. Baunach (Chair 2020-2022)				
Janelle Pham (Associate Chair 2020-2022, Chair 2022-2024)				
alithia zamantakis (Associate Chair 2022-2024)				
Social Problems Theory	121	137	98	143
Paul Joosse (Chair 2020-2022)				
Michael Adorjan (Chair 2022-2024)				
Society and Mental Health	92	102	69	104
Alex Trillo (Chair 2021-2023)				
Sociology and Social Welfare	71	91	59	88
Election Forthcoming (Chair 2022-2024)				
Greer Ayanna Hamilton (Co-Chair 2021-2023)				
Sport, Leisure, and the Body	28	31	29	45
Luis F. Nuño (Chair 2021-2023)				
Teaching Social Problems	100	113	93	128
Ira Silver (Chair 2021-2023)				
Youth, Aging, and the Life Course	83	71	58	82
Julia Kay Wolf (Chair 2021-2023)				

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Appointed Position for Committee on Social Action

The Council of Division Chairperson is responsible for one committee appointment to the Committee on Social Action (2022-2025).

Emily Yen was elected.

Action Items and /or Concerns of the Divisions

1. At this point, the Council on Division Chairs has met twice on August 5, 2022. The morning meeting’s agenda focused on introductions, Executive Officer comments, and a review of the roles and responsibilities of division chairs.

Much of the time was taken to review the roles and responsibilities. Clarification was asked about the newsletter. The policy states that there need to be two newsletters within a calendar year for the “newsletter editor” to have a stipend.

Action Item: We move that the Board of Directors consider reviewing this regulation and allow the Division to determine how many newsletters need to be submitted to receive a stipend.

2. The chairs also discussed social media guidelines for new forms of media, such as TIK TOK. They requested that more parameters were needed to ensure organization integrity.

Action Item: We move, with the permission of the Board of Directors, the Council of Division Chairs forms a task force that will provide clearer parameters for social media. The Chairperson will create a task force consisting of three Division Chairs to develop the document for review by the Board.

3. The afternoon meeting focused on the issue of rebranding divisions, low session turnout, and possible consolidation of division(s).

The Council came to the determination that they did not have enough information to have an informed discussion or to make an informed decision or recommendation.

Action Item: We move, with the permission of the Board of Directors, that the Council of Chairs begins the discussion of rebranding and division consolidation. This discussion will begin with Chairs giving questions so a grounded informational foundation can be created. Based on the information collected, the Chairs will create a structured questionnaire for their membership to understand the direction they would like to go. At this point, the Chairs will begin their deliberations.

4. The Chairs expressed their concern about the difficulty of finding candidates. The Chairs believe that leadership mentoring would help this process.

Action Item: We move, with the permission of the Board of Directors, that once three email blasts have been sent out, the Division would be able to move into an election with one candidate. The election ballot would consist of support/not support.