

Justice 21 Committee Report

TO: Editorial and Publications Committee and Board of Directors, SSSP

FROM: Kristen M. Budd, Chair of the Justice 21 Committee

RE: Annual Report of the Justice 21 Committee, 2022-2023

DATE: July 14, 2023

J21 Committee Members: Kristen M. Budd (Chair), Heather Dillaway, David C. Lane, Glenn W. Muschert, Manjusha Nair, Jason A. Smith.

This is the annual report of the Justice 21 (J21) Committee, the editorial group responsible for the publication of the *Agenda for Social Justice* series. This series includes the *Agenda for Social Justice* (coincides with presidential election years; 2024, 2028, etc.), the *Global Agenda for Social Justice* (alternates with the US volume; 2026, 2030, etc.), and the rapid response volumes (special issues).

As Chair, it has been an honor to work with such a fantastic editorial team in pursuit of public sociology and social justice. I thank them for their service.

The J21 Committee would like express its gratitude to Michele Koontz and Elroi Windsor for their continued support and time as we navigated contracts, email blasts, social media, website updates, and more. We thank Policy Press for supporting this series. They are excellent publishing partners with whom we are proud to collaborate. Last, we thank the SSSP Board of Directors and Society membership for their continued support and contributions to *The Agenda* series.

Outcomes

The 2022-23 year has been a very active one for the J21 Committee, as the Committee has:

1) Finalized the publication of the 2023 rapid response volume, *Beyond bars: A path forward from 50 years of mass incarceration in the United States*, Bristol/Policy Press, ISBN: 978-1447370123 (<https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/beyond-bars>). This volume is timely in that it calls attention to the social problem of mass incarceration in America, which started in 1973. This volume was also a joint venture between SSSP and The Sentencing Project, a research-driven non-profit that advocates for effective and humane responses to crime that minimize imprisonment and criminalization of youth and adults by promoting racial, ethnic, economic, and gender justice. All rapid response volumes are in e-book format due to production time. Due to the generous financial support of The Sentencing Project, this volume will also be open access.

Because rapid response volumes are above and beyond our standard committee work, committee members volunteer to work on these volumes. This volume was curated by Kristen M. Budd, David C. Lane, Glenn W. Muschert, and Jason A. Smith.

2) Engaged in activities to publicize the volume, including social media posting and arranging a series of blog posts highlighting chapters in the 2023 volume. The Sentencing Project will also work to publicize the volume.

3) Maintained the partnership with Policy Press for the publication of the *Agenda for Social Justice* series. We are currently underway curating the *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions for 2024*. The publication will coincide with the SSSP 2024 annual meeting.

This volume is being curated by Kristen M. Budd, Heather Dillaway, David C. Lane, Glenn W. Muschert, Manjusha Nair, and Jason A. Smith. Initial chapter drafts [selected from the CFP proposals] are due September 2023.

4) Operated on a zero budget, less an editorial luncheon supported by the SSSP at the 2023 meeting.

Updated J21 committee recruitment process

As of 2022, the J21 Committee became a permanent SSSP committee. With this transition, the Editorial and Publications Committee took over the responsibility of “staffing” the J21 committee. From the operations manual:

The Editorial and Publications Committee has the responsibility prior to the expiration of each Justice 21 Committee member’s term to inquire if they will rotate off the committee or are requesting a second term. This should be done one year in advance prior to term expiration. If the Justice 21 Committee member elects to rotate off the Justice 21 Committee after their first term, the Editorial and Publications Committee will publish a call for applications and appoint a group to select members of the Justice 21 Committee. If the current Justice 21 Committee member requests a second term, the Editorial and Publications Committee can recommend reappointment of the Justice 21 Committee for a second and final term not to exceed four years.

To assist with the rotation of committee members, please see below. As per SSSP transitions, any new 2024 J21 committee members will begin their term at the 2024 annual meeting.

Committee Member	Term	Year to inquire if seeking another term
Kristen Budd (Chair)	2022-2024	2023
Glenn Muschert	2022-2024	2023
Heather Dillaway	2022-2026	2025
David C. Lane	2022-2026	2025
Manjusha Nair	2022-2026	2025
Jason A. Smith	2022-2026	2025

Action Items

The J21 editorial committee lacks capacity to publicize *The Agenda* series. It would be beneficial to have at minimum one additional committee member dedicated to social media, to coordinate potential publicity events at the conference (e.g., session at the annual meeting, external partnership with a local university or bookstore), facilitate connections for authors to be on podcasts, blogs, webinars, etc., and other related activities. Having at least one member dedicated to publicity will provide additional opportunities to infuse public discourse with

sociology as well as bolster visibility of the SSSP. This position would be ideal for a graduate student. Therefore,

We move – the SSSP Board of Directors approve at minimum one additional J21 Committee Member position, with the flexibility of additional publicity teammates dependent on applicant pool and qualifications, strictly for publicity of *The Agenda* series. For continuity, we envision the position being a two-year term with the possibility for renewal for another two-year term (which coincides with the publication schedule, every two years). This position would be solicited through an application process. The J21 committee will take on this labor to recruit one or more teammates specializing in publicity.

Respectfully,

Kristen M. Budd
Justice 21 Committee Chair

On behalf of the Justice 21 Committee