SSSP is committed to making our annual meeting accessible. We also recognize that accessibility is a process and strive to learn and incorporate new aspects of accessibility each year.

The Accessibility Committee has developed the following guidelines and appreciates your participation in creating an accessible and inclusive environment. If you have additional suggestions please contact Dr. Marlese Durr, Accessibility Committee Chair, marlese.durr@wright.edu, so that we can improve them.

The guidelines are available here: https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/894/Accessibility_Guidelines_and_Services/.

1. Presenters must send a copy of their full paper to the session presider and/or discussant no later than June 30.

2. All rooms are arranged for mobility assistive devices. We ask that if you move chairs around, you do so in a way that does not obstruct pathways wide enough for mobility assistive devices. It is especially important to keep doorways clear so that all individuals may come and go during sessions.

3. Presenters should read the guide that Angela Frederick and Laura Mauldin wrote for ASA’s Footnotes entitled, “Accessibility is for Everyone: How to Rock Your ASA Presentation and Make it Inclusive”.

4. If you are a presenter, read any visual aids aloud and briefly describe any illustrations or charts. If you are soft spoken, please contact Dr. Marlese Durr, Accessibility Committee Chair, marlese.durr@wright.edu to request the use of a microphone no later than June 30. If there is a microphone, please use it. Speak clearly and in a reasonable tone into the microphone (especially with proper nouns).
5. If there are American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter(s) present, be sure the room lighting is not overly dim and that the interpreter can see the presenter and be seen by the audience. Speak at a normal volume and pace, interpreters do not need you to pause or slow down unnaturally.

6. If you plan to use handouts, print several copies in a larger font format (18-point font) and have an electronic copy available.

7. Do not wear scented products, smoke, or bring companion animals other than service animals into the conference space.

8. If you need accommodations to present your paper or have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Marlese Durr, Accessibility Committee Chair, marlese.durr@wright.edu no later than June 30.