



The Society for the Study of Social Problems
75th Annual Meeting Registration
August 8-10, 2025
Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel
17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603
(Program Participant Registration Deadline: June 1)

Last Name: _____ **First/Middle Name:** _____

Affiliation for name badge: _____ **E-mail:** _____

☐ Check if you would like to be identified as working outside academia so that you may meet other engaged non-academics.

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

Work: _____ **Home:** _____ **Mobile:** _____

REGISTRATION FEES + (US DOLLARS): *Check one* **Early Bird (until 6/1)** **Pre-Registration (6/2-7/17)** **On-Site (8/7-8/10)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration | \$272 | \$289 | \$330 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Underemployed/Emeritus Member Registration | \$83 | \$99 | \$116 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Registration
(for non-exempt presenters who do not wish to become members) | \$437 | \$454 | \$495 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Student/Underemployed/Emeritus Registration
(for non-exempt student/underemployed/emergitus presenters who do not wish to become members) | \$248 | \$264 | \$281 |

GUEST REGISTRATION: One guest registration (**non-program participant**) is permitted with each full registration category above. Guest registration provides a name badge (name only, no affiliation). Any guest who wants full access to the program, including special events, must register individually and pay the full registration fee and membership dues. **Program participants are not eligible for the guest registration fee.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest (name badge only) | \$58 | \$66 | \$74 |
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Guest Badge: _____
Last Name **First/Middle Name**

THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TICKET(S): tickets \$10 each

There will be a raffle for a **two-night hotel stay at the SSSP conference hotel**. The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony.

MEMBERSHIP DUES+: You must be a current member to attend the Annual Meeting unless you pay non-member registration. **If you are already a 2025 member, skip this section.**

___ Life Members, Emeriti	\$0	___ \$45,000-\$54,999	\$185
___ Graduate Student	\$46	___ \$55,000-\$64,999	\$231
___ Undergraduate Student	\$46	___ \$65,000-\$74,999	\$262
___ Unemployed	\$46	___ \$75,000-\$84,999	\$293
___ Retired Member	\$70	___ \$85,000-\$99,999	\$323
___ First Time Professional Member	\$70	___ \$100,000-\$149,999	\$385
___ \$24,999 & Under	\$108	___ \$150,000 & Up	\$425
___ \$25,000-\$34,999	\$139	___ Sustaining Membership	\$2,000 / \$2,500 / \$3,000
___ \$35,000-\$44,999	\$154	___ Departmental Membership	\$200

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES:

Registrants with disabilities may request accessibility services such as sign language interpreters, sighted guides, and other communication avenues to facilitate their full participation in the annual meeting. If you need accessible accommodations or other services, please alert us to your needs no later than June 30. Every reasonable effort will be made to assist attendees on-site; however, SSSP may not be able to provide all services or equipment due to availability and time constraints. The Accessibility Committee Chair will contact you about service arrangements.

☐ Accessible Services Request: _____

DONATIONS:

Help support various awards and funds that directly impact scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students working to create a more just world. Together, we can make a difference. [Learn more about SSSP Tax Deductible Contributions.](#)

DONATE TO THE 75 FOR 75 – IN HONOR OF SSSP’S 75th ANNIVERSARY TO HELP SUSTAIN US INTO THE NEXT 75 YEARS: Now through the end of 2025, you can add a special donation to celebrate SSSP’s 75th Anniversary.

☐ 75 for 75 – Donate in Honor of SSSP’s 75th Anniversary to Help Sustain Us into the Next 75 Years **(tax deductible):** _____

DONATE TO THE ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES FUND: This fund was established to help meet accessibility needs at the annual meeting.

☐ Accessible Services Donation **(tax deductible):** _____

DONATE TO THE ANTI-HARASSMENT WORK: This fund supports the work of the Anti-Harassment Committee to prevent and respond to harassment of SSSP members and conference participants.

☐ Anti-Harassment Work Donation **(tax deductible):** _____

DONATE TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD: This award is to an organization (preferably an organization run by Indigenous or Aboriginal peoples) doing social justice work on behalf of Indigenous or Aboriginal peoples in the Chicago area.

☐ Indigenous Peoples’ Social Justice Award Donation **(tax deductible):** _____

DONATE TO THE *SOCIAL PROBLEMS* JOURNAL SUPPORT: This option provides an opportunity to contribute directly to the publishing costs of the Society’s flagship journal, *Social Problems*.

☐ *Social Problems* Journal Support **(tax deductible):** _____

DONATE TO THE SSSP GENERAL FUND: The unrestrictive funds will be used to support efforts such as hosting virtual events throughout the year, creating research and writing labs, and more.

☐ SSSP General Fund **(tax deductible):** _____

DONATE TO THE THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD: This award is given to a local grassroots social justice organization in the Chicago area that works at the level of systems change.

☐ Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Donation **(tax deductible):** _____

OPTIONAL WALKING TOURS:

SSSP is pleased to offer two social justice themed walking tours.

Pilsen Public Art Tour (by foot, limit 30)

Friday, August 8, 9:30am-1:30pm (Central Time) (including an estimated 30-minute commute each way on CTA Pink Line)

Ticket Fee: \$30 (includes transportation)

The tour of the iconic murals in Chicago’s historic Pilsen neighborhood will cover a brief history of the neighborhood, the different waves of murals (i.e., social and political murals, the graffiti movement, and logo art), the purposes of murals, and their varying styles and techniques. We will be hosted by Luis Tubens art educator, Pilsen resident and co-founder of Pilsen Public Art Tours. The tour includes a stop at the Pilsen Housing Cooperative (PiHCO), a group of families and artist with long stories in Pilsen, a community with deep rooted organizing against gentrification. The tour concludes at the National Museum of Mexican Art where we will be able to visit their four galleries independently of the walking tour.

Tour includes: CTA Pink Line Ticket, Walking Tour, Visit with PiHCO, Visit to the National Museum of Mexican Art.

The tour group will meet at the SSSP Registration Desk at the Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel at 9:30am. The tour will cover a 1.7-mile radius and will last approximately 1.5 hours.

Please Note: The walk to the train station from Palmer House is 1 minute. The walk from the tour site to the train station on the return trip is 8 minutes.

Pullman National Park Walking Tour (by foot, limit 30)

Saturday August 9, 8:45am-1:00pm (Central Time) (including an estimated 30-minute commute each way on the Metra Electric, with views of various Chicago neighborhoods)

Ticket Fee: \$32 (includes transportation)

Hosted by the Illinois Labor History Society, this tour explores the historic Pullman neighborhood, where the 1894 Pullman Strike and George Pullman’s company town policies sparked major labor unrest. Learn about the state-of-the-art amenities meant to deter unionizing and see how economic crises led to the strike led by Eugene Debs. The tour includes stops at preserved sites with exhibits on the nation’s first Black union, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and their significant contributions to labor and civil rights movements, including the 1963 March for Jobs and Freedom.

Tour Includes: Metra Train Ticket to Tour Site, Tour of the National Park Service (NPS) Visitor’s Center, Tour of the Historic Pullman Foundation (HPF), Walking Tour of Pullman Neighborhood.

The tour group will meet at the SSSP Registration Desk at the Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel at 8:45am. The tour will cover a 1.7-mile radius and will last approximately 2.5 hours.

Please Note: The walk to the train station from Palmer House is 8 minutes. The walk from the tour site to the train station on the return trip is 11 minutes.

OPTIONAL ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS:

SSSP is pleased to offer three optional one-day workshops.

The Challenges of Engaged Critical Scholarship (limit 50)

Monday, August 11, 9:00am-12:15pm (Central Time)

Location: Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel

Registration Fee: Free with SSSP conference registration

The Community, Research, and Practice Division is sponsoring a workshop led by the Center for Engaged Scholarship. The Center provides dissertation fellowships to Ph.D. students whose work can contribute to struggles for racial, gender, social, and environmental justice. There are, however, multiple types of engaged scholarship and such work presents a range of moral, political, and intellectual challenges for the researcher. This workshop will address different approaches to engaged scholarship and the best strategies for managing the specific challenges of doing this kind of work. The workshop will take place in two parts.

From 9:00am-11:15am, we will have a panel on the pitfall and promise of engaged scholarship. Four panelists: Melanie Brazell Post-doc, Harvard University, Angela Fillingim, Sociology, San Francisco State University, Joss Greene, Sociology, University of California, Davis, and Lucia Leon, Latino Studies, Dominican University will draw on their own research experience to illuminate the challenges of engaged research and their own strategies for meeting those challenges. After the panel and a coffee break, there will be breakout sessions where the speakers will meet with participants to engage in a deeper discussion.

In the second part, we will have two simultaneous sessions from 11:15am-12:15pm. One session will focus on preparing effective applications for research support. The second will address the problems of building productive relations with activist groups and strategies for disseminating research findings beyond academic publications.

Institutional Ethnography Workshop

Monday, August 11, 10:00am-3:30pm (Central Time)

Location: Virtual

Registration Fee: Free

Limit: None

The Institutional Ethnography Division is hosting a virtual, interactive workshop for researchers who use or are interested in institutional ethnography – the method of inquiry developed by Dorothy E. Smith. The workshop features a keynote presentation as well as opportunities for large and small-group discussion and learning. The workshop will provide people with opportunities to engage directly with institutional ethnographies in the proposal, analysis, and final writing stages. People who are interested in sharing and receiving feedback on a research proposal, article manuscript, conference paper, or other piece of writing as part of small group discussions should submit one of these documents to Laura Parson (laura.parson@ndsu.edu), Anna Rockhill (rockhill@pdx.edu), and Hans-Peter de Ruiter (hans-peter.de-ruiter@mnsu.edu) by July 1. Researchers with a range of experience with IE are encouraged to attend.

Teaching Social Problems for Social Change: A One-day Experiential Workshop (limit 50)

Monday, August 11, 9:00am-4:00pm (Central Time)

Location: Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel (morning); field trip with local organizations in Chicago (afternoon)

Registration Fee: \$30 for employed registrants or \$25 for unemployed/activist/student registrants

The Teaching Social Problems Division is hosting an interactive workshop for teachers, scholars, and activists who are interest to expand knowledge concerning strategies and techniques about teaching social problems in higher education. This workshop is an opportunity for junior and senior scholars, teachers, and activists to use sociological imagination to empower students and support them to make a better world.

The aim of this workshop is twofold: to develop new perspectives on how to teach social problems with optimism and how to develop a sensitivity towards the vulnerabilities that students can present about some social problems, and to provide examples, strategies and techniques to develop a new or improve already existing syllabi and case studies.

In the morning, the workshop features two keynote presentations on innovative ways to teach social problems positively as well as opportunities for large and small-group discussion and learning.

In the afternoon, the workshop will provide attendees with opportunities to engage directly with initiatives concerning social change with a fieldtrip organized together with local organizations and to discuss how to incorporate these case studies in syllabi and teaching.

Attendees who are interested in sharing and receiving feedback on a syllabus or a case study or other teaching materials during the small-group discussions should submit these documents to Pattie Thomas (pattie.thomas@csn.edu) and Morena Tartari (morena.tartari@northumbria.ac.uk) by July 1. Workshop fee includes morning coffee.

SSSP MERCHANDISE:

Merchandise will not be available for purchase in Chicago.

T-Shirt (Graphite Comfort Color):

Price: \$22 each

Sizes: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 1XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL

Button:

Price: \$3 each

GRAND TOTAL

Make check or money order payable, in **US DOLLARS** to SSSP or provide credit card authorization below.

Credit Card Type: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature (**mandatory**)

DEADLINE: Forms and payments must be postmarked by/faxed no later than June 1 to be eligible for the early bird rate and July 17 to be eligible for the pre-registration discount. Any forms postmarked/faxed after July 17 will be processed at the on-site rate. All program participants must register by June 1 in order to have their names listed in the program.

REFUND POLICIES:

ANNUAL MEETING: Registration fees will be refunded to persons who notify us that they will not attend the Annual Meeting prior to July 15. Once the participant packets have been prepared, processing costs have occurred. Unfortunately, under no circumstances will SSSP issue refunds for no-shows.

WALKING TOURS: All walking tours scheduled during the Annual Meeting are non-refundable. This policy was approved by the Board of Directors and applies to all tour registrations, regardless of circumstances.

SSSP MERCHANDISE: All SSSP merchandise is non-refundable. This policy was approved by the Board of Directors and applies to all SSSP merchandise, regardless of circumstances.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Membership dues are non-refundable.

PERMISSION TO USE PHOTO POLICY: By registering for the Annual Meeting, attendees hereby agree to allow SSSP and affiliates to use any photos taken of them during the conference in news media, website, publications, promotions, articles, marketing pieces, social media, etc.

SSSP MENTORING PROGRAM: The [Mentoring Program](#) is designed to facilitate interaction between members of SSSP who wish to be paired with a mentor or mentee. The primary objective of this program is to facilitate connections between mentors and mentees for at least one year (summer 2025-summer 2026). If you are interested in serving as a mentor or being matched with a mentor, complete the appropriate online application form. The application deadline is June 30.

SSSP MEETING MENTOR PROGRAM: The [Meeting Mentor Program](#) is designed to facilitate interaction between new members or graduate students and veterans at the annual meeting. If you are interested in serving as a mentor or being matched with a mentor in Chicago, complete the appropriate online application form. The application deadline is June 30.

ROOMMATE MATCHING OPPORTUNITY: When registering, you have the option to participate in our roommate matching opportunity. Roommate requests must be submitted by June 30. The Administrative Office will send you a list with contact information for those who are interested in sharing a room on July 1. While we are happy to connect you with other registrants, please note that the Society will not vet anyone on this list and cannot make recommendations. If you have preferences for specific roommates (e.g., sharing a room with a fellow student), you will need to seek out that information directly from the registrant, as SSSP does not place roommates together. Please indicate your smoking preference.

☐ Yes ☐ Smoking ☐ Non-smoking ☐ No preference

CHILDCARE MATCHING OPPORTUNITY: The SSSP does not provide childcare services; however, we offer a childcare matching opportunity. You must make your request to participate in the childcare matching opportunity by June 30. The Administrative Office will send you a listing with contact information for those who are bringing children on July 1 so you can coordinate childcare/outings/etc., if desired. Please note that the Society will not vet anyone on this list, nor do we provide direct childcare services. We simply make the list available to all interested registrants. Please indicate the number, gender, and ages of your child (ren).

☐ Yes Number of Children: _____ Gender: _____ Age(s): _____

RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT IN US DOLLARS TO:

SSSP, University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
or fax to 865-689-1534 or register online at <https://www.sssp1.org/>

GENERAL INQUIRIES:

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager
W: 865-689-1531; F: 865-689-1534; E-mail: mkoontz3@utk.edu

+ Requests for exemption from meeting registration and membership dues must be approved by Program Chair Assata Zerai, sssp2025programchair@unm.edu. All exemption requests must be received by May 15. When sending an e-mail, place SSSP in the subject line. Eligibility requirements for exemptions are posted on our website.

By joining SSSP and registering for meetings, members of SSSP agree to comply with the [Annual Meeting Accessibility Statement](#), [Liability Waiver](#), and the [Anti-Harassment Policy](#) in its entirety.

ANNUAL MEETING ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

SSSP aims to make the annual meeting an accessible and inclusive space. The [Accessibility Committee](#) strives to ensure that all facilities at the annual meeting are accessible to disabled participants to encourage and assure their full participation. In addition, SSSP upholds an [Anti-Harassment Policy](#) to create a safe and welcoming space. We offer a number of [travel awards](#) to support attendance by students, lower-income members, and international scholars from the Global South, as defined by the [American Sociological Association](#), and other oppressed areas outside the U.S.

All SSSP Annual Meeting attendees will be required to follow any COVID-19 related protocols mandated by local authorities at the time of the meeting. SSSP strongly recommends that attendees receive COVID-19 vaccination in advance of participation and use masks while we are together in Chicago. As you navigate the meeting space, please do your best to help protect all of our colleagues. SSSP may choose to enact stricter protocols should they be warranted by public health circumstances closer to the meeting time.

Adhering to such precautions is both a political act and a statement of solidarity. Cultivating a more just and sustainable world requires a commitment to transnational solidarity and thus an awareness that an "injury to one is an injury to all." Similarly, COVID-19 made it terribly clear that no one is safe until everyone is safe. To this end, we ask all attendees to prioritize relationality and a praxis of care, by considering what it means to be accountable to themselves and to others during the conference. Remote presentation options will be made available for paid meeting registrants who have a disability and people who have a medical condition for which a medical professional would advise against in-person attendance. SSSP is optimistic that all remote presentation requests can be accommodated, but depending on demand and available Wi-Fi bandwidth, remote presenters should be aware that the Wi-Fi could potentially fail to support the presentation. Therefore, registrants are asked to only request remote presentation if truly necessary to increase the chances that sufficient bandwidth will be available to those who need it. A request for remote presentation must be made by July 15, 2025. To request remote presentation, contact Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager, mkoontz3@utk.edu.

LIABILITY WAIVER

By registering for the Annual Meeting, I freely and voluntarily agree and acknowledge that I am undertaking participation in the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) events and activities as my own free and intentional act and I am fully aware that possible physical injury, exposure or infection with an infectious disease, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 (or its variants), might occur to me as a result of my actions or those of other attendees or participants including the Event Venue's employees and the SSSP's officers, directors, staff, or agents. I do hereby assume responsibility for my own well-being. I also agree not to allow any other individual to participate in my place. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 or other infectious disease exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. I hereby release, for myself, my heirs, and personal representatives, and do forever discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the SSSP, its directors, officers, staff, agents, members, and representatives, from any and all claims, liabilities, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of, in connection with, or relating to my attending or participating in the Annual Meeting including, without limitation, any illness, damages, or injury resulting from my travel to and from, and attendance at, the Annual Meeting, participation in events related to the Annual Meeting, exposure to an infectious disease (including COVID-19) or the manner in which the Annual Meeting or its related events and activities are conducted (collectively, "Claims"). I understand and agree that this Waiver includes any Claims based on the actions, errors, omissions, or negligence of the SSSP, its directors, officers, staff, agents, members, and representatives.

I further agree to abide by all laws, rules, regulations, and standards in effect during the meeting, including any safety requirements imposed by the Event Venue and the SSSP that may be deemed necessary to protect public health and safety (collectively, "Guidance"). I understand that the Guidance may continue to evolve over time. By registering, I attest that I have read this waiver, understand that I am waiving important rights, and agree to abide by its requirements.

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

As a social justice organization, the SSSP is committed to creating a safe and welcoming space at the annual meeting for the free exchange of ideas and professional development; an environment free from harassment based on, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender identity or gender expression, national origin, age, disability, health conditions, sexual orientation, religion, language, socioeconomic status, marital status, domestic status, or parental status. This includes the harassment of colleagues, students, guests, SSSP and hotel staff, vendors, exhibitors, and others present at the annual meeting. To that end, we ask you to help us to make it very clear that anyone engaging in this kind of behavior is not welcomed at the annual meeting.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems is committed to the eradication of discrimination (both intentional and unintentional), harassment, intimidation, and violence directed at individuals and groups based on, but not limited to, race and ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, class, nationality and immigrant status, ability, and religion. Offensive and prohibited conduct may include, but is not limited to, offensive jokes, slurs, epithets, name calling, physical assaults and threats, unwanted touching and persistent unwanted attention and invasion of personal space, intimidation, ridicule or mockery, and insults and put-downs. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is engaged in without clear affirmative consent. Discriminatory and harassing actions are prohibited both when they are directed at specific individuals and groups and when they create a hostile environment.

Sexual harassment and sexual assault disproportionately target people subject to structural oppression: women; people of color; trans, and gender non-conforming individuals; and disabled people, although anyone can be a victim.

Whenever and wherever possible, the Society will affirm this commitment to publicly and explicitly combat racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, Islamophobia, and antisemitism. As an organization dedicated to social justice, the Society will take very seriously, reports, formal or informal, of harassment or discrimination in the organization and at annual and other Society meetings. To the greatest degree possible, the Society will do what it can to respond appropriately to those who violate our policies and to protect victims and potential victims from being subjected to this type of unwanted and offensive behavior. We will make every effort to ensure that this commitment is manifest in the policies, programs, and practices of the organization, including in the public positions the SSSP takes on issues, both national and international. SSSP expressly prohibits retaliation against individuals who report harassment and will take action against those who retaliate.

This policy addresses harassment that involves SSSP members in general and includes specific guidelines for harassment that occurs at SSSP annual meetings, events (virtual or in-person), email and phone communications regarding SSSP business, and on SSSP social media platforms.

When posts on SSSP accounts are flagged within the platform by other SSSP members, the administrative office will take down such posts and send them to the Anti-Harassment Committee for review and follow-up, which may include the resolutions, outcomes, and possible sanctions outlined in the Anti-Harassment Policy, or other responses deemed appropriate by the Committee. To this end, we encourage SSSP members to be mindful when posting to SSSP social media accounts and consider the ways people different from them might interpret their messages.

By joining SSSP and registering for meetings, members of SSSP agree to comply with this policy.

View the SSSP's Anti-Harassment Policy in its entirety [here](#).

[Click here](#) if you would like to make an ANONYMOUS report regarding behavior that violates the anti-harassment [policy](#). See the policy to make a formal report and additional reporting options.