

# Global Division Business Meeting



Society for the Study  
of Social Problems  
*In Pursuit of Social Justice*

Beatriz Padilla, chair



# Agenda

- Welcome/Check-in • Introduction,
- Division Leadership
- 2026 SSSP Annual Meeting in NYC
- 2026 award winners
  - Graduate Student Paper
  - Book Award
- Division's proposed budget for 2026-2027
- Ongoing conversations/proposals to address SSSP financial challenges
- 2027 SSSP Annual Meeting theme
- Brainstorm sessions for next year
- Announcements, other items?
- Thank you's



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- Division Leadership => outgoing Chair ; elections for new chair
  - Ideally, Global Division should transition to a more inclusive format of leadership
    - In-coming co-chair, on-going co-chairs, but it is up to you... I felt very lonely this past year
  - **CANDIDATES FOR THE GLOBAL DIVISION CHAIR (2026–2028)**
    - Yeabsira Mehari
    - J. Michael Ryan



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- 2026 SSSP Annual Meeting in NYC

- Friday

- *Session 004:* Doing Research in Global/Transnational Contexts with Critical Decolonial Lenses: Tools and Epistemologies, Angela Vergara
    - *Session 030:* CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Fighting Global Inequalities: Actions towards Social, Ethnoracial and/or Gender Justice (join with Poverty, Class, and Inequality), Nikki Kraus & Beatriz Padilla

- Saturday

- *Session 034:* CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Decolonizing Solutions: Lessons from the Global South for the Global North, co-sponsored with Conflict, Social Action, and Change; **Global**; Social Problems Theory
    - *Session 062:* CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Co-constructing Methodologies for Community-engaged, Participatory Action Research, co-sponsored Community, Research, and Practice; **Global**

- Sunday

- *Session 079:* CRITICAL DIALOGUE: New Trends in Global Migrations and (Im)mobilities in Anti-immigration Contexts
    - *Session 088:* CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Mapping Colonization of Lifeworlds: "How Institutions Invade Daily Life", co-sponsored by: **Global** & Institutional Ethnography



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- 2026 award winners

- Global Division Graduate Student Paper

Committee: Sara Tehrani (UCF), Yu-ri Kim (Ulowa)

Winner is **Idowu Alab**, Wayne State University, with her paper entitled “From Women’s Gold to Men’s Market: Global Value Chains and Evolving Traditions in Nigeria’s Shea Economy”

Honorable Mention: **Sione Lynn Pili Lister**, Arizona State University, paper entitled “*Lessons from the Peripheries: Resistance Among U.S. Territorial Peoples*,”

- Book Award

Committee: Alycia Wright (indep), Kadidja Diaby, Gizem Arat, J Siguru Wahutu

“*After the Exodus: Gender and Belonging in Bangladesh's Rohingya Refugee Camps*”, by **Farhana Afrin Rahman**, PhD, Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge.

- Reflections

- Very hard to put together a committee, very discouraging, people do not respond
- Very disappointing that SSSP limit the number free certificate to one recipient of honorable mention



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- Division's proposed budget for 2026-2027
  - Administration established a tiered budget structure based on division size to reduce the Society's overall expenditures on divisional budgets.
    - Global Division is considered medium size

| Division Size            | Proposed Budget |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Large (126+ members)     | \$500           |
| Medium (76–125 members)  | \$400           |
| Small (50–75 members)    | \$300           |
| Unsustainable (below 50) | \$0             |

- Ongoing conversations/proposals to address SSSP financial challenges
  - Ideas proposals invited/welcome. Division Chairs will convey through the Council of Divisions.
    - I have suggested less expensive venues, including university venues convening a year on-site and one on-line, do not follow ASA, etc.
    - All extra work is left for chairs (chairs are also overworked)



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- 2027 SSSP Annual Meeting theme
  - **Building Communities for Radical Change**, David Embrick, President
- Brainstorm for next year sessions
  - 2 solo sessions
    - Migration (for solo or co-sponsor)
    - Global Political Shifts & Resistance (Trump interference)
  - 4 co-sponsor sessions
    - Marko Dimaggio => Environment & Technology Division & Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division, “Building Radical Environmental Communities: Global Movements for Change.” : Claire Cannon (Thematic)
    - Nikki Kraus => Global and Poverty, Class, and Inequality
    - Health Division => Michael Ryan
    - Teaching Social Problems with transnational perspectives => Janelle Pham



