

Social Problems Theory Division

Business meeting

Friday August 7 2026 at 12:30 PM

Minutes

- Agenda
 - Recognize Awards
 - SPA
 - OBA
 - Junior Scholar Award
 - Committees
 - Budget
 - Review
 - Newsletter update
 - Nominations
 - Next Years Committees
 - Session Planning
 - New Business
 - Division identity/merge?
 - Incoming Chair

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- Award winners recognized for their accomplishments
 - Student Paper Award –
 - Outstanding Article Award –
 - Junior Scholar Award
 - Changes to budget
 - \$600->\$400
 - SSSP THEORY DIVISION PROJECTED BUDGET 2026

Budget Item Requested	Amount	Justification
Cash award to the Division's student paper competition	\$200	We request a \$200 honorarium to help cover the student's expenses associated with attending the meeting

Plaque for the Division's outstanding scholarship award winner + shipping (if needed)	\$80	We request \$80 to pay for a plaque and shipping (if the winner does not attend the annual meeting) for our Division's outstanding scholarship award.
Stipend for social media manager / newsletter editor	\$170	We request \$170 (or \$14/month) for the dual role of social media manager and editor of the Division's newsletter. Managing the Facebook and X accounts well requires significant work.
Division-sponsored reception at the annual meeting	\$150	We would like to contribute \$150 toward the co-sponsored reception with other SSSP divisions.
Total	\$600	

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Student paper award winner dues.	\$129	We request \$129 to cover dues and meeting registration for

		our student paper award winners.
Total	\$409	

- Membership
 - We currently have 103 members
- Committee Volunteers
 - Student Paper
 - Mellissa Horner-Petrone (mmh2p9@missouri.edu)
 - Lily Ivanova (lily.ivanova@ubc.ca)
 - Joshua Stout (jhstout@ilstu.edu)
 - Outstanding Article
 - Clara Mey (csmey@udel.edu)
 - Sione Lister (sionelister@asu.edu)
 - Dave Lane (dclane1@ilstu.edu)
 - Mid-Career
 - Three members to identify
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- Session Planning
 - Theme: Building Communities for Radical Change
 - Two division
 - New directions
 - Chair: Clara Mey
 - Radicalizing Social Problems Theory
 - Four cosponsored
 - Ideas and organizers
 - Community/Change:
 - Social Welfare
 - Mental health/crime and delinquency/SPT/drinking & drugs
 - Global – Change for who and where?
 - Pre-Conference Workshop
 - City in a Garden: A Collaborative Field Inquiry into Community, Everyday Life, and Social Change in Chicago, Illinois
 - Institutional Ethnography Division
 - Social Problems Theory Division

- Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division
- New Business
 - The division discussed strategies to grow membership. One suggestion was to send a survey to members to explore hosting working groups/workshops outside of the regular meeting, focusing on connectivity among members.
- Incoming chair – Morena Tartari