

CHECKLIST FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

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 every year. The Accessibility Committee has developed the following guidelines and appreciates your participation in creating an accessible and inclusive environment. Please feel free to contact (me) if you have further suggestions on accessibility guidelines so that we can improve them.

The guidelines are available here: <u>https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1928/</u>.

- 1. Presenters must send a copy of their full paper to the session presider and/or discussant by June 30th to facilitate the accommodation of all.
- 2. All rooms are arranged for wheelchair access. We ask that if you move chairs around, you do so in a way that does not obstruct pathways wide enough for wheelchair users or folks who use other mobility devices. It is especially important to keep doorways clear so that all individuals may come and go during sessions and 'session hop' if they please, regardless of disability status.
- 3. Presenters please read the guide that Angela Frederick and Laura Mauldin wrote for ASA's *Footnotes* entitled, "<u>Accessibility is for Everyone: How to Rock Your ASA</u> <u>Presentation and Make it Inclusive</u>" and the <u>Society for Disability Studies guidelines</u> <u>for accessibility</u>.
- 4. If you are a presenter, read any visual aids aloud and describe any illustrations or charts. If you are soft spoken, please contact Laura Mauldin, Accessibility Committee Chair, <u>laura.mauldin@uconn.edu</u> to request the use of a microphone no later than June 30. If there is a <u>microphone</u>, we ask that you please use it. Please 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 and 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 in order to present your paper or have questions or concerns, please contact Laura Mauldin, Accessibility Committee Chair, <u>laura.mauldin@uconn.edu</u> no later than June 30.