Social Problems

Editorial Search—Call for Applications

The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is soliciting applications for the position of Editor of the Society’s journal, Social Problems.

The Editor’s three-year term will begin with the operation of the new editorial office at mid-year 2021. The new editor will be responsible for editing and promoting Volumes 69-71 (years 2021-2024). An editor may be reappointed to a second and final term not to exceed three years with the approval of the Editorial and Publications Committee and the Board of Directors. Applicants must be members or become members of the SSSP by the time of their application and continue to be a member during their tenure as editor.

The Editor is responsible for managing the peer review process for approximately 400-500 submitted manuscripts per year, and preparing four issues of the journal (approximately 800 printed pages) annually. The journal’s Production/Copy Editor service is provided by our publisher, Oxford University Press (OUP). The Editor will have the option of using OUP’s Managing Editor or their own. The editor will also work with relevant individuals and committees to promote the journal.

The committee seeks a diverse pool of editorial candidates with distinguished scholarly records, previous editorial experience (e.g., service as journal editor or associate editor, editor of scholarly editions, etc.), strong organizational and management skills, and the ability to work and communicate well with others, including with scholars in academic and non-academic settings. A familiarity with and commitment to Social Problems and the SSSP are essential.

The SSSP supports the operation of the editorial office with an annual budget and provides a stipend and travel expenses for the Editor. The Society encourages applicants to secure additional support from their respective institutions; however, the amount of that support will not be the primary factor in the selection of the new editor. The final decision will be based principally on the strength of the application and applicant. Support from the host institution may include office space, utilities, the use of computers and other office equipment, tuition waivers for office personnel (if appropriate), faculty release time, travel funds, and other basic expenses. Each year the Editor will submit a budget to SSSP to cover operating expenses that the host institution does not support.

Individuals interested in applying for the editorship should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, a proposed budget for operating the Editorial Office, and a letter of support from their Department Chair, corresponding Dean of the prospective host institution, or appropriate official with budgetary authority. Guidance in the preparation of applications is available from the Editorial and Publications Committee as well as the current Social Problems Editor, the Executive Officer, and the Administrative Officer, if necessary.

Please direct all questions, inquiries, nominations, expressions of interest, and application materials to: Dr. Shirley A. Jackson, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, Work: 503-725-9393, E-mail: shja2@pdx.edu.

For more information on the position, please see Section V. and Section VII. B. 2. A. of the SSSP Operations Manual.

Deadline for applications is January 15, 2020.