

# *Social Problems*

## **Editorial Search – Call for Applications**

The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is soliciting applications for the position of Editor of the Society's journal, *Social Problems*. Applications by editorial teams are welcome.

The Editor's three-year term will begin with the operation of the new editorial office at mid-year 2027. The new Editor will be responsible for editing and promoting Volumes 75-77 (years 2028-2030). 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 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., journal editor, associate editor, editor of scholarly editions, etc.), strong organizational and management skills, and the ability to work and communicate well with others in academic and non-academic settings. A familiarity with and commitment to *Social Problems* and the SSSP are essential.

The SSSP will provide annual operating support for the editorial office. Because SSSP's budget fluctuates annually and can be uncertain, applicants are expected to secure additional support from their respective institutions. Support from the host institution should 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. The final decision will be based principally on the strength of the application and applicant.

Individuals interested in applying for the editorship should submit:

- A letter of interest
- Curriculum vitae
- A proposed budget for operating the editorial office
- A letter of support from their Department Chair, corresponding Dean of the prospective host institution, or another appropriate official with budgetary authority.

Guidance in the preparation of applications is available from the Editorial and Publications Committee, as well as from the current *Social Problems* Editors, the Executive Officer, and the Administrative Officer.

Please direct all questions, inquiries, nominations, expressions of interest, and application materials to:

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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 February 15, 2026**