SSSP Family Division
Meeting Minutes
7/22/2021

Attendees:

Emmie Cochran-Jackson, Co-Chair
Amanda Ferraro, Co-Chair
Antionette McFarlane

The meeting started promptly at 12:00 EST and we introduced ourselves at 12:05 to begin. A link was provided to the summer newsletter and the reading list was referenced to solicit contributions. Information was disseminated about the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting on 8/4 – 8/7 and we reiterated that the Family Sessions would be presented on all dates. The link was provided to the Program.

2022 planning was discussed and we recruited for Division Chair/Co-Chairs (2023 - 2025) Newsletter Editor/Publishing Project Chair, Membership Chair, and new student members. It was announced that self-nominations are acceptable, and that both nominees and self-nominees must be current division members for the nominations to move forward. We also expressed a willingness to work with someone to who chooses to join or renew if they are willing to serve.

We reminded that there would be two awards granted next year, a cash award for the Division’s Graduate Student Paper in the amount of $150, and the Division’s Scholarly Achievement Plaque and Award for $150.

In the next agenda item, we announced 2022 Annual Meeting information, including the theme and location. We stated that the 2022 Call for Papers would be available in mid-October. A link was provided to the information page.

We requested other suggestions for next year and discussed hosting a reception and sponsoring a tour of sight-seeing areas of Los Angeles. We discussed getting more information on what would be involved in creating a special edition of Social Problems, and then talked about co-sponsoring workshops with Sports and Delinquency and Disability Divisions. We are interested in sponsoring 1) family violence, 2) family formation workshops next year, and also hosting a critical dialogue in family politics and health.

Finally, we asked if anyone had any recently published work, news related to research, awards or announcements to share? We suggested that they send announcements, articles, reviews of books/articles of interest to us so that we can publish it in our next newsletter. We also suggested that they send it to the Administrative Office for placement in the Society’s website.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM EST