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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear E&T,

What a year it has been. There have been many adjectives – unprecedented, extraordinary, difficult, lonely, once in a century, exasperating (I could go on) – to describe this past year. Through all the many and compounding trials and tribulations, our membership has persevered through the countless tragedies and losses, great and small. Hope is on the horizon with promising vaccines and an incoming administration whose stated intent is to use science to inform policy, practices, and



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procedures to address not only the ongoing pandemic but also the vast racial inequities and injustices that have been perpetuated for far too long and to lead with climate first policies and goals throughout the many domains overseen by the Executive branch of the federal government. But these are not the only sources of hope.

Through the incredible work you all have done and continue to do through difficult circumstances, you have made a difference and I take profound hope from your hard work. Whether it is pushing our institutions to take action on racial injustices, through our research into environmental and technological causes and consequences, or through teaching the next generation of community leaders, your work has been a wellspring of hope, a continued and comforting light in these dark days. And in this season of glad tidings, I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard and dedicated work and commitment to making the world a better place. I hope you all may have a

restorative and joyful December break and can find some comfort in knowing that your work makes a difference.

The world is certainly going to change again next year and I cannot help but wonder which adjectives we will use to describe it. No matter the words, we will be here, together, working to make the world a little bit brighter, class by class, study by study, committee meeting by committee meeting.

Wishing you a safe and as-happy-as-can-be holiday season,

**Clare Cannon**



### NEW SSSP RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Please visit the SSSP website to preview some of the recently updated web content. We encourage you to take advantage of all available resources. New information concerning conferences and meetings, calls for papers, awards, fellowships, and scholarships, as well as job opportunities, are being added regularly. There have been many recent additions to several SSSP webpages.

Additionally, the Administrative Office would like to encourage SSSP members to share news of recently published books, articles and papers, award nominations and other items of interest with us. If you wish to have an announcement posted, send an e-mail to Zaina Shams,

# REVOLUTIONARY SOCIOLOGY: TRUTH, HEALING, REPARATIONS AND RESTRUCTURING



**Corey Dolgon**

SSSP President, 2020-2021  
Stonehill College

The way to right wrongs is to shine the light of truth on them. --**Ida B. Wells, A Red Record (1895)**

Wouldn't a better use of our labor be to create a system of justice based on healing, redemption and real accountability, a system that empowers us to stand up and put things right?

--**Rosado, et. al., Larger Than Life (2018)**

IF WE THINK of reparations as part of a broad strategy to radically transform society — redistributing wealth, creating a democratic and caring public culture, exposing the ways capitalism and slavery produced massive inequality — then the ongoing struggle for reparations holds enormous promise for revitalizing movements for social justice.

--**Robin D.G. Kelley, Freedom Dreams (2002)**

Can social science still be the brash, young, vital, productive, unsettling, even revolutionary pursuit it has been in its most valuable periods?

--**Al McClung Lee, Social Problems (1954)**

We build on the past--stand on the broad shoulders of giants--but our vision and our actions are shaped by the ideological frameworks and institutional structures that constitute what Cooley called the "social mind." Of course, sociologists such as W.E.B. Du Bois and Jane

Addams had already developed a much more sophisticated and dialectical theory of identity, social consciousness and social forces well before Cooley's published work. The tragedies of Du Bois, Addams, and others' exclusion from the field was not just the overt racism and patriarchy that lay behind it--although such acts were purposeful and reprehensible. A similarly troubling result from the triumph of white male professionalized (or corporate) sociology was its repression of the discipline's most radical and engaged efforts at being a revolutionary force for global justice.

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## 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING

THE SOCIETY  
FOR THE  
STUDY OF  
SOCIAL  
PROBLEMS

**71ST VIRTUAL  
ANNUAL  
MEETING  
AUGUST 6-8, 2021**

ONLINE  
SUBMISSION  
DEADLINE IS  
11:59P.M.  
(EASTERN TIME)  
ON JANUARY 15,  
2021



MESSAGE FROM SSSP PRESIDENT COREY DOLGON

As our most recent presidents have stated, the Society for the Study of Social Problems [SSSP] was born out of the struggle to rescue and revitalize a relevant sociology for “the people” and use social science as a weapon for a just world. In 2015, Marlese Durr argued that our work must actively “pursue a just society [if we] may alter the most pressing problems carried across centuries.” In 2018, Luis Fernandez encouraged us to be bold in not only studying social problems, but in developing ways to abolish them, “eliminate [ing] systems of subjugation” and “reimagining social justice.” When Heather Dalmage claimed last year that “resistance alone [would] not create a new world with new possibilities,” she called on us to build pathways, solidarity, political engagement and pedagogies of liberation to “create the structural changes that bend toward justice.” She asked, “Where does our scholar activism, as we live it through SSSP, fit into our dreams of transformation, toward building new worlds?”

Unfortunately, SSSP itself has too often fallen short in meeting the radical aspirations of its members and leaders.

From the late 1960s onward, presidents complained about the organization’s conservative tendencies and the ways in which fighting for professional status and scientific legitimacy too often limited the revolutionary imagination and political interventions of the organization. By its 25th Anniversary, founders suggested that SSSP had become a “mini ASA” losing both its analytical focus on power and structure and its political focus on policy applications and movement activism. By its 50th Anniversary in 2001, many wondered whether the organization then suffered from its own institutionalized and rigid orthodoxies. That year, Ellen Reese (2001) issued SSSP a Call to Action for a more politically engaged professional organization. Twenty years later we echo that call with even greater immediacy and purpose. SSSP can be a stronger, more active and transformative body that supports social movement work in our communities, in our nations, and around the world. But we must make it so.

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MESSAGE FROM SSSP PRESIDENT COREY DOLGON

The 2021 Program Committee invites you to join us to envision a more effective future for the forces of radical and revolutionary sociology. We must be bold and persistent, not in dogma, but in passion, commitment and action towards global justice. We call for papers that ask--and try to answer--the questions posed so many years ago: "sociology for what?" (Lynd, 1936) and the "sociology for whom?" (Lee, 1951). We invite scholars looking to reach out to, and work with, community groups and social movement organizations—whom we hope will have a strong presence at meeting sessions and at conference events throughout the city. We hope to inspire innovative, interdisciplinary and collaborative efforts at what Nancy Naples (2007) called "research that matters." While we cannot predict now what next summer's social and political context will be, we know that pandemics and racist police murders are symptoms of the already existing structures of oppression and violence that SSSP members (and the organization itself) must work to end.

Finally, in part as a response to possible pandemics but also as a strategy to increase our global vision and inclusivity, we will have a virtual component to this year's conference. While attendance will be open to all members, virtual sessions are specifically targeted to those who could not otherwise attend in person. We believe this mechanism and strategy will help us increase the participation of international and low-income professionals, graduate students, and young scholars who might otherwise not be able to participate in person. As we answer former President David Smith's (2016) call to increase our global presence and analysis, we also understand that the forces of inequality and patriarchy, white supremacy and violence, have always been global in nature. The formation of a revolutionary sociology focused on both a new abolitionism and a new vision of radical democracy and redistribution must also be international. We look forward to having these conversations, dialogues, debates, and celebrations next year. Please join us.

# MEMBER MILESTONES

## *Recent Publications*

Deb, Nikhil. 2020. "Law and Corporate Malfeasance in Neoliberal India." *Critical Sociology* 46(7-8): 1157-1171. doi: 10.1177/0896920520907122.

Deb, Nikhil. 2020. "Corporate Capitalism, Environmental Damage, and the Rule of Law: The Magurchara Gas Explosion in Bangladesh." In *The Routledge International Handbook of Green Criminology*, edited by Nigel South and Avi Brisman. London: outledge.<https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315207094>

Deb, Nikhil and Maya Rao. 2020. "The Pandemic and the Invisible Poor of the Global South: Slum Dwellers in Mumbai, India, and Dhaka, Bangladesh." In *Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19: Volume 2 – Global Perspectives*, edited by Muschert, Glenn, Budd, Kristen Christian, Michelle, Lane, David, Perrucci, Robert and Jason Smith. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.

Deb, Nikhil. 2020. Review of *Dispossession without Development: Land Grabs in Neoliberal India* by Michael Levien. Oxford University Press, 2018. London School of Economics Review of Books. June 23, 2020.

Deb, Nikhil. 2020. "Elia Apostolopoulou and Jose A. Cortes-Vazquez (Eds): *The Right to Nature: Social Movements, Environmental Justice and Neoliberal Natures*." *Critical Criminology* 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10612-019-09484-2>

Halpin, Michael. In-press. "The Brain and Causality: How the Brain Becomes an Individual-level Cause of Illness." *Social Problems*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spaa030>

Halpin, Michael. In-press. "Into the Prodrôme: Diagnosis, Disadvantage, and Biomedical Ambiguity." *Society and Mental Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2156869320912456>

Perez, Victor. 2020. "Environmental Justice." Pp. 291-310 in *The Delaware Naturalist Handbook*, edited by McKay Jenkins and Susan Barton. University of Delaware Press.

Vachon, Todd E. 2020. "Pandemic May be a Preview of our Climate Future." *Star Ledger*, July 1.

Vachon, Todd E., Saket Soni, Judith LeBlanc, and Gerry Hudson. 2020. "Bargaining for Climate Justice." *The Forge: Organizing Strategy and Practice*, April 1.

Lamb, Zachary B., and Todd E. Vachon. 2020. "Working for Just Adaptation: The Green New Deal, Labor, and Planning for Climate Change." *POWER: Infrastructure in America*.



# *Agenda for Social Justice*

## EDITORIAL SEARCH - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) solicits applications for two positions on the Editorial Team of the volume, *Agenda for Social Justice*.

The Editor's four-year term will start in February 2021, and the new editor will be responsible for editing and promoting volumes to be published in 2022 and 2024. An editor may be reappointed, or have their term extended, with the approval of the SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee and the SSSP Board of Directors. Applicants must be members or become members of the SSSP by the time of the application deadline and maintain membership during their tenure as editor.

The primary activity required is the cultivation, editing, and production of the *Agenda for Social Justice*, a volume of public sociology published by Policy Press at the University of Bristol. While chapters in the volumes are grounded in rigorous social science, they are presented in a way that is accessible to a generally educated public. The editorial team is responsible for producing a volume every other year, alternating between US-focused volumes and global-focused volumes. Volumes of the *Agenda for Social Justice* are available open access, and are distributed to SSSP members.

The committee seeks a diverse pool of candidates with good scholarly records, preferable academic editorial experience (e.g., service as journal editor or associate editor, editor of scholarly editions), strong organizational skills, and the ability to work and communicate well with others, including with scholars in academic and non-academic settings. Familiarity with the *Agenda for Social Justice* volumes and a commitment to the SSSP are essential. A new member should have a genuine commitment to working in the field of social justice, with an interest in the wide range of themes that the study of social problems encompasses. We encourage applications from scholars from all career stages, and applications by members of all underrepresented groups are encouraged.

## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS JANUARY 15, 2021

Please direct inquiries and applications by email to each of the following persons. In the subject line, specify, "Application to Join *Agenda for Social Justice* Editorial Group."

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### For more information:

- Open access [copy of the most recent \*Agenda for Social Justice\*, the US-focus volume](#)
- Open access [copy of the most recent \*Global Agenda for Social Justice\*, the global-focus volume](#)
- [Information about the Society for the Study of Social Problems \(SSSP\)](#)



# ACADEMIC RESOURCES ON ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

## Books

- How to Be an Antiracist, Ibram X. Kendi, 2019
- White Fragility, Robin J. Diangelo, June 26, 2018
- Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race, Beverly Daniel Tatum, 2017
- White Rage, Carol Anderson, 2017
- Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race, Renne Eddo-Lodge, 2017
- Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2015
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, Michelle Alexander, 2010
- The World That Made New Orleans, Ned Sublette, 2008
- Black Feminist Thought, Patricia Hill Collins, 2000 Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower, Brittney Cooper, 2018
- Heavy: An American Memoir, Kiese Laymon, 2018
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou, 1969
- Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson, 2014
- Me and White Supremacy, Layla F. Saad, 2020
- Raising our Hands, Jenna Arnold, 2020
- Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love, and So Much More, Janet Mock, 2014
- Sister Outsider, Audre Lord, 1984
- So You Want to Talk About Race, Ijeoma Oluo, 2018
- The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison, 1970

## Websites

- IBRAM X. KENDI | ibram, Kendi
- THEGRIOT - Breaking News, Latest News, Opinion, Analysis and Video
- THE ROOT | The Blacker the Content the Sweeter the Truth
- RACE FORWARD
- RACHEL-CARGLE
- GOOD BLACK NEWS
- LAYLA F. SAAD | LAYLA F. SAAD
- The Pyramid Project
- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE
- Talking About Race
- DRWORKSBOOK | drworksbook

Note: This list, donated by Clare Cannon, is a compilation of resources from colleagues, listservs, emails, etc. It is not a comprehensive list

## Podcasts/Specific Podcast Episodes

- Revisionist History Season 2 Episode 3, "Miss Buchanan's Period of Adjustment," Malcolm Gladwell
- Code Switch, NPR
- Intersectionality Matters, African American Policy Fund and Kimberle Krenshaw
- Momentum: A Race Forward Podcast, Race Forward
- Rants & Randomness with Luvvie Ajayi Episode 9, "Become the Right Thing with Glennon Doyle"
- Fare of the Free Child, Akilah S. Richards
- 1619, The New York Times
- Pod For The Cause, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
- Pod Save the People, Deray McKesson
- Seeing White, Scene on Radio

## Organizations

- Color of Change
- Campaign Zero
- Anti-Racism Project
- NAACP
- UnidosUs
- ACLU

## Movies & Documentaries

- 13th /Ava Duvernay/2016 - Netflix
- American Son /Kenny Leon/2019 - Netflix
- Sorry To Bother You /Boots Riley/2018 - Hulu
- Get Out /Jordan Peele/2017
- Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 /Göran Olsson/2011
- Clemency /Chinonye Chukwu/2019
- Fruitvale Station /Ryan Coogler/2013
- I Am Not Your Negro /Raoul Peck/2017
- If Beale Street Could Talk /Barry Jenkins/2018 - Hulu
- Just Mercy /Destin Daniel Cretton/2019
- King In The Wilderness /Peter Kunhardt/2018 - HBO
- See You Yesterday /Stefon Bristol/2019 - Netflix
- Blackkklansman /Spike Lee/2018
- Selma /Ava Duvernay/2014
- The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution /Stanley Nelson Jr./2015
- The Hate U Give /George Tillman Jr./2018 - Hulu
- When They See Us /Ava Duvernay/2019

## 10 Things Academics can do *right now* to support BIPOC colleagues and students:

- Read, White Academia Do Better
- Co-sponsor events with students of color, student groups of color in order to amplify their voices and recognition on campus, as well as to build out their CVs
- Mentor and hire students from underrepresented backgrounds
- Audit course syllabi to see if at least 50% of the assigned works are Black / Indigenous / POC scholars or other authors.
- Familiarize ourselves with Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality, Postcolonial perspectives, Indigenous resurgence theories, Ecofeminist perspectives, and other theories and teach them in our classes or commit to learning them
- Cite Black Women
- Co-author with BIPOC folks, Queer folks, and other underrepresented people in publishing
- Invite antiracist practitioners, BIPOC folks, and other underrepresented to guest lecture a class, where appropriate, and provide compensation for this if possible.
- Include community benefits honoraria in our budgets and other ways of ensuring resources are moved from dominant culture organizations into communities where we collect data
- Volunteer to help organize faculty development opportunities that address antiracist and other social justice oriented pedagogy and praxes

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