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Message from the Chair

Esteemed Colleagues,

We find ourselves in trying, chaotic, and uncertain times. Wherever you are and however you are coping with your current circumstances, I hope that you are finding strength in your various communities.

While this newsletter is getting out later than I originally intended to send it, I do hope it is in some way an encouragement to you. There are opportunities to participate in our Society, and members have shared good news. In this newsletter, you'll find announcements about our graduate student paper award, new member publications and accepted conference presentations, and SSSP-wide announcements regarding calls for nominations, calls for resolutions, and the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Meetings.

Please feel free to contact me (ekg@unm.edu) at any time should you have questions about PCID or SSSP. In the meantime, I wish you all safety and health.

Best,

Elizabeth Korver-Glenn, Ph.D.

Chair, PCID

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PCID 2020 Graduate Paper Award

The PCID 2020 Graduate Paper Award Committee, chaired by Dr. Rahim Kurwa, is pleased to announce **Jennifer W. Bouek** (PhD Candidate, Brown University) as the winner of this year's award. Jennifer's paper is entitled "The Segregated Decline of Child Care and the Political Origins of Organizational Deprivation."

The Committee also recognized **Dr. Samantha S. Plummer's** paper, "Simulating Poverty and Stimulating Change," as an Honorable Mention for the award. Dr. Plummer is a post-doctoral Fellow at Columbia University.

Member News

Articles, Conference Presentations, and Grants

Bolger, Daniel. 2020. "The Racial Politics of Place in Faith-Based Social Service Provision." *Social Problems*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spz061>

Cabin, William. Forthcoming. "In the Realm of Haunting Ghosts: Denying the Existence of Substance Abuse In Medicare Home Health." *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*.

Cabin, William. 2020 Accepted Conference Presentations:

- Monetizing Dying in the United States: The Rise of Profit-Making and Death of Compassion in Medicare Hospice Care. SWSD: International Social Work Conference.
- "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses..", but no addicts: Exclusion of Substance Abuse Care in Medicare Home Health. SWSD: International Social Work Conference.
- "We Just Need a Little Help": Medicare Neglect of Personal Care Assistance Needs of Poor Home Health Beneficiaries. SWSD: International Social Work Conference.
- Homebound: The Plight of Medicare Home Care Clients Needing Personal Care Assistance. Pacific Sociological Association.
- In the Realm of Ghosts and Phantoms: Medicare Home Care Neglects Persons with Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs. Pacific Sociological Association.

Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth. 2020-2021. "Women Renters' Experiences of Eviction Court." Grant Awarded by the UNM Feminist Research Institute.

Ngullie, O. Grace. 2019. "Progress and Shortcomings of Cash Transfers and PDS Evidence from Delhi." *Economic Affairs* 64(4):795-801.
<https://ndpublisher.in/admin/issues/EAv64n4o.pdf>

Renew SSSP Memberships for 2021!

Please consider renewing your SSSP membership for 2021! Your membership helps keep our division and the Society healthy. It also assists our collective efforts and mission to promote social justice! As a reminder our division mission is to: "to identify the individual, neighborhood, and societal-level factors that produce class structures, create systemic and individual inequalities, and produce and entrench social problems such as unemployment, poverty, homelessness, and hunger, and limit access to food, housing, health care, education, and employment. Our research and scholarship also brings to light and educates about the institutional and structural barriers that limit and hinder the life chances of the sick, old, young, poor, disadvantaged, oppressed and excluded citizens in all societies. Through our community service and activism, we raise awareness about oppression, exclusion, injustice, persecution, and discrimination."

To **renew your membership**, visit:

<https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/255/fuseaction/ssspmember.portal/userid/-1>

If you are in a financial position to do so, please also consider sponsoring other prospective or current members for next year. If you are interested in sponsoring another member, please contact Michele Koontz at mkoontz3@utk.edu.

SSSP-Wide Announcements

Call for Nominations – DEADLINE June 15, 2020

April 22, 2020

Dear SSSP Member:

Nominations are open for candidates to run in the **2021 General Election**. We will be electing a President-Elect; a Vice-President-Elect; regular and student members of the Board of Directors; members of the Anti-Harassment Committee; Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee; Committee on Committees; Editorial and Publications Committee; and the Membership and Outreach Committee. Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these offices by completing the **online nomination form**.

There should be a commitment to nominating a diverse slate of nominees. This includes diversity based on racial-ethnic background, gender and sexual identities, geographic locations, and institutional settings (e.g., academia, practitioners, organizations, etc.). All nominees must be a current member in order to be considered. Self-nominations are welcome. Nominations should include a brief description of the nominee's SSSP involvement and other relevant experiences. The Nominations Committee will meet at the SSSP Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. **All nominations should be submitted prior to Monday, June 15, 2020.** The Board of Directors will approve the slate of candidates for the 2021 General Election on August 9, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact **Kristen M. Budd**, Chairperson, Council of the Divisions and Chair, Nominations Committee.

Note: If a SSSP member is interested in serving on an appointed committee, the member may select the appropriate committee when renewing membership. The Administrative Office will give the name to the Committee on Committees for consideration.

Most sincerely,
The Administrative Office

Online Nomination Form: <https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/2178>
E-mail Address for Kristen M. Budd: buddkm@miamioh.edu

Call for Resolutions – DEADLINE May 15, 2020

May 4, 2020

Dear SSSP Members:

The Call for Resolutions deadline has been extended to **Friday, May 15, 2020**. For detailed information on the resolution process, please visit https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/824/Call_for_Resolutions/.

All proposed resolutions with the exception of those expressing thanks should contain a concise position statement concerning a social problem of urgent concern and the appropriate evidence and citations to support the position taken in the resolution. In most cases, the proposed resolution should include some sort of call for viable action on the part of the SSSP. This typically has involved a letter from the BOD directed to some public or private entity expressing concern, support, or opposition. Other forms of appropriate action may be proposed, but ideally any other forms of action should be discussed in advance with the Vice-President prior to submitting the proposed resolution. If the proposed resolution is in support of or in opposition to a piece of legislation, a copy of the legislation or a place where members can access it **must** be provided. Likewise, if the proposal is in support of or in opposition to an existing statement by another organization, a copy of that statement or a place where members can access it **must** be provided. Members who want to propose a resolution should consult the Society's website for examples, suggestions, and the required resolution format. Please click on the following link for examples, including the format we would like you to use: <https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1993/>.

Members who wish to propose resolutions for consideration of the SSSP, should submit them to the SSSP Vice-President Daina Cheyenne Harvey at dharvey@holycross.edu by **May 15, 2020 (extended deadline)**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Daina directly.

Best wishes,
Michele Koontz
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Call for Resolutions: https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/824/Call_for_Resolutions/

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Here are some suggestions that may help enhance resolutions submitted for consideration by the Society:

- **Local awareness:** A resolution which addresses an issue of urgent concern for the city or region where the annual meeting is taking place is highly desirable. Thus, a more general or globally-oriented resolution can be strengthened if it makes the extra effort to cite any local aspect or manifestation of the problem which can help dovetail with the larger concern. Clearly, matters of local concern are more likely to be of interest to the local media.
- **Urgency:** Resolutions that embody some urgent or timely matter involving some current manifestation of a larger social problem are highly desirable. This can relate, for example, to pending legislation, policies and programs, a recently released report, and so on. Resolutions that address urgent matters are much more likely to be picked up by the press.
- **Action-oriented:** All resolutions should attempt to incorporate a call for action, be it on the part of the SSSP Board of Directors, or for concerned individuals. If action is requested on the part of the SSSP, it should be as specific as possible, e.g., to whom should a letter be directed, etc. In the past, other proposed actions have included calls for boycotts, participation in public demonstrations, collecting donations, and so on.
- **Resource pointer:** A resolution which is accompanied by a specific resource or resource list is extremely useful for those who wish to learn more about the issue at hand. The resource supplement can be a specific document or scholarly paper, website(s), or some other useful repository of information. This can be very helpful in increasing the impact of the resolution by assisting teachers, students, the press and others who wish to have further background information in engaging the issue for their own specific purposes.

Announcement of Cancelled 2020 Meetings in San Francisco

April 28, 2020

Dear SSSP Members and Program Participants,

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 SSSP Annual Meeting in San Francisco has been cancelled. Our primary concern is the health and safety of our members. We appreciate the feedback and support that we have received from several members and our Board of Directors.

We sincerely appreciate the hard work and dedication of our Program Committee, under the leadership of Co-chairs Tsedale M. Melaku and Barbara Katz Rothman; our Division Chairs; our session organizers; and the Administrative Office staff. They have worked

tirelessly to plan the program schedule. Meanwhile, the Board has been meeting regularly via Zoom during this difficult period to ensure the safety of our members. The Board of Directors is discussing having some virtual component to commemorate the annual meeting, but what that will look like has not been finalized. In addition, discussions are underway regarding how to recognize and congratulate our 2020 award winners. We hope to share that plan next month. We appreciate your patience in the meantime.

For those that have registered, we hope you will consider donating your full registration or a portion of your registration to the SSSP General Fund. Please contact sssp@utk.edu and let our Assistant to the Administrative Officer, Kelsey Whitaker know if you want a full or partial registration refund. Payments made by credit card will be returned to the same card. If we are unable to successfully credit the card used in the original transaction, we will send a refund check made payable in your name and mail it to address in your SSSP record, unless instructed otherwise. For those who paid by check, a refund check will be sent to the name and address on your check payment. If you have questions about your refund, please let Kelsey know.

For those that have a hotel reservation, please cancel it immediately, so you will not be penalized. If you have purchased your airfare, please work directly with the airline to obtain a refund or credit toward future travel. The SSSP Administrative Office cannot cancel hotel reservations on your behalf and will not be responsible for those room cancellations, airfare and other travel arrangement cancellations and expenses you may have incurred.

For those of you who are not a current member, please consider joining/renewing your membership via our [website](#). We need your support now more than ever.

We recognize that not having a 2020 Annual Meeting is a real loss to our members. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to seeing you in Chicago in 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager at mkoontz3@utk.edu. We hope all is well with you and your family.

Sincerely,



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