Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Division:

The 2014 Annual Meeting

I hope you are doing well. We are only 6 weeks away from the SSSP Annual Meeting for San Francisco for the 64th SSSP Annual Meeting, from August 15-17 and the August 18 Post-Conference on *Innovative Programmatic and Policy responses to Poverty*.

The annual meeting will be held at the San Francisco Marriot Marquis. The Marriott Marquis hotel in San Francisco provides the convenience of an extraordinary downtown San Francisco hotel. It is located just south of Market Street, next to the Moscone Convention Center and is steps away from the Yerba Buena Gardens, renowned museums, cultural attractions and world-class shopping on Union Square. Rates (per night) for a single/double are \$189 plus tax, or for a triple or quad are \$209 (per night) plus tax. **HOWEVER**, we have exceeded our room block at the hotel. You should search the SSSP Annual Conference site and San Francisco Visitors Bureau for other options. Also, periodically check the Marriott site as people may cancel.

You can book your reservation with them to get the SSSP price at: <u>https://resweb.passkey.com/go/sssp2014</u>

If you want to check out the hotel, here is the url:

http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sfodt-san-francisco-marriott-marquis/

If necessary, you may call their toll free number at 1-877-622-3056. International callers, please call the Hotel directly at 415-896-1600 and ask to be connected to Reservations. Please ask for the Society for the Study of Social Problems group rate, when booking a room reservation to ensure the correct discounted group rate is given (based on availability).

The PCI Division has its annual Division meeting and an exciting set of sessions. Please see the Preliminary Program now available on the SSSP website for the listing of sessions.

I hope many of you will attend our annual Division meeting. It is short, but important. It will be held Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 2:10PM, in the Club Room. Our primary agenda topics are: possible PCI session topics for the 2015 Annual Conference and potential co-sponsoring Divisions; discussion of possible PCI Division chair nominees for the next chair cycle, which begins after the 2015 annual meeting; and potential volunteers to chair the Harrington Award and Student papers competition committee. The 2015 meeting theme is: *Removing the Mask, Lifting the Veil: Race, Class, and Gender in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*." A full description of the theme can be found by going to:

http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/605/locationSectionId/0/2015\_Annual\_Meeting.

Please email me if you have additional agenda items.

Also, as always, please remember to send me news about your presentations, publications, career changes at: <a href="mailto:wcabin@umich.edu">wcabin@umich.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:wcabin@yahoo.com">williamcabin@yahoo.com</a>

Hoping to see you in San Francisco, Bill Cabin