

Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

As usual, the summer issue presents useful information for those attending the annual meeting. It includes solicitations for items to be auctioned at the AIDS Fundraiser, for SSSP resolutions, and for members to nominate candidates for elected office. It provides information on conference and hotel registration as well as on the book and film exhibitions. In addition, it includes the program for the *Critical Sociology*-sponsored conference, an announcement of the C. Wright Mills award finalists, and more.

Also, this issue marks the beginning of the changing of the guard here at the Society for the Study of Social Problems. This is the last issue published while Tom Hood is our Executive Officer. After 19 years serving in this capacity — to widespread acclaim — Tom is retiring. In his place, Héctor Delgado will assume his responsibilities. The transition will take place during the annual meeting in San Francisco this coming August. To help honor Tom for his year's of dedication and service, this issue of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter* presents tribute essays/reflections by five of his peers.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Tom for his encouragement and his interest in my career here at SSSP. I met Tom while a student member at my first SSSP meeting over a decade ago. I remember kind words of welcome and his sincere interest in me, in my studies, and in my impressions of the society. Over the years I have interacted with Tom in an official capacity in a number of settings, but have also enjoyed conversations about

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August 13-15, 2010
The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
Atlanta, GA, USA

August 12-14, 2011
The Blackstone, A Renaissance Hotel
Chicago, IL, USA

August 16-18, 2012
TBD
Denver, CO, USA

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Submission Information:

We welcome essays, commentaries, letters to the editor, and announcements of interest to SSSP members. Submissions by email or diskette using Microsoft Word or Word Perfect files are preferred. For a list of books available for review, see <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/274>. **The deadline for submitting material for the next issue is October 2, 2009.**

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From the Executive Office — Tom Hood

I want to invite all members to the Annual Meeting in San Francisco so I can personally thank you for being a part of a great organization that devotes time not only to producing excellent scholarship, but also to seeking social justice for those groups and individuals damaged by the societies of which we are a part. During my years of service as your Executive Officer, I have had the privilege of working with Presidents dedicated to leading the organization in progressive social action. Our journal, *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*, has had a group of extremely hard-working editors and advisory editors who have articles that have made it a leader in citations. The newsletter, now known as *Social Problems Forum*, has experienced great leadership through its editors that have made something more than simply a place to read the news of the activities of the organization.

The staff of the Executive Office, led by Michele Smith Koontz, has provided unfailing great support in the day-to-day operation of the Society and in the organization and logistics for the Annual Meeting.

The people that I have encountered in the Society for the Study of Social Problems care more about the solution of the problems than about the title that a particular election has given them. The members care more about how to produce relevant, careful scholarship that leads to some application than about writing an article or a book that pleases a wide audience of readers.

We have yet another outstanding program produced by Steven E. Barkan, A. Javier Treviño and all of the Special Problems Divisions. Plan now to join us in San Francisco as we hear the scholarship produced and as we install the outstanding slate of new officers elected. Their names appear elsewhere in this issue along with the titles of the finalists for the C. Wright Mills award culled from 76 books nominated. Special thanks go to all of the candidates who stood for election. We also thank those who took the time to see a work of scholarship nominated for our C.

Wright Mills award. Perhaps that award exemplifies the spirit of this organization as well as any of our awards. We look forward to seeing you at the awards banquet as we celebrate not only the scholarship of our colleagues but also the many awards to outstanding students—the future of this and any professional society. San Francisco is a great place to celebrate social action that reaches out to those who society has seen as outcasts.

Come and celebrate with me as I turn over the responsibilities of Executive Officer to the most capable, Professor Héctor L. Delgado. And by the way, stop by the registration desk and say a special thank you to Michele Koontz and Sharon Shumaker. Send an email thank you to Sarah Hendricks who will be at home with her new baby. May the future bring continued relevant scholarship and targeted social action campaigns to the membership of SSSP!

Thanks to all of you again.

Tom Hood, Executive Office, 1990-2009

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Society for the Study of Social Problems would like to welcome the 443 members who joined since May 20, 2008 (prepared 5/24/09):

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Book Review:

**Volmann, William T. *Poor People*. New York, HarperCollins, 2007, Pp 464. \$16.95 (Trade Paperback)
Reviewed by Nathan Edward Fosse, Harvard University**

Notes From the *Demimonde*:**Review of William T. Vollmann's *Poor People***

William T. Vollmann's *Poor People* is such an audacious and unconventional book it is difficult to understand or appreciate within the methodological constraints and normative straits of academic sociology. It is written by a journalist who is, by many accounts, one of the most fearless (or reckless) authors alive. Vollmann is a freelance journalist and novelist known for portraying the *outré* aspects of social life. He has smoked crack with prostitutes, traveled solo to the North Pole, and fought with the *mujahideen* in Afghanistan in the early 1980s. For his efforts Vollmann has won numerous accolades, including the National Book Award, the Pen Center USA West Award for Fiction, and the Whiting Writer's Award. Accordingly, *Poor People* must be understood within Vollmann's life as a successful, if eccentric, novelist and foreign correspondent.

Poor People is derived from field notes in Vollmann's near decade of travel in war zones and slums. As such, his vignettes are often brief, transitory, and reconstituted after the fact. Nevertheless, Vollmann asks consistently three questions of his interviewees. First, are you poor? Second, why are you poor? And, third, why are some people poor and some people rich?

Poor People is easy to criticize on methodological and theoretical grounds: the interviews are too brief, distorted by translation, and Vollmann is often unfamiliar with local customs. Sometimes the analysis is frustratingly superficial, as might be expected in such a whirlwind global tour. For example, he is not able to explain how or why a Russian affected by the Chernobyl disaster nevertheless claimed that the incident did not occur in 1986 (p. 71). In other instances he is unable to ask follow-up questions, except to himself, as when he doubts that a fragile young woman's father was really a high-status general (p. 65). At other times, Vollmann can only express his desires to know his interviewees more, such as when he meets an alcoholic single Thai mother of five children. "I wish that I'd thought to ask her: Sunee, since you believe in predestination, does religion give you anything better than resignation? (p. 25)."

More importantly, Vollmann's main questions seem blunt and naked of context. He ignores the implications of paying his interviewees to tell them why or how they are poor. Many if not all of the interviewees had no choice but to accept his offer of payment. In addition, one must wonder how his interviewees can respond to such sensitive and embarrassing questions about their lot in life. The questions Vollmann poses are necessary, but they demand more reliance on the interviewees.

Instead, Vollmann relies on speculation and rumination to the fill in the gaps, posing koan-like questions such as: "since hope dies last, why not place it first? (p. 224)" and, "If poverty

becomes normalized... does the normalized person become less poor? (p. 43)." In other instances, Vollmann flattens his portrayals by focusing on his interviewees' outward appearances, as he does when he provides a picture of a girl's deformed face and proceeds to describe it in redundant detail, writing that the "center of her face was a sort of blur" and that "the bridge of the nose spread out beneath her eyes like clay carelessly molded by some child" (p. 123). He writes with awareness of the poetry of language, but this does not compensate for superficial impressions and prejudices.

For readers accustomed to an explicit theoretical aim or empirical question, *Poor People* will only frustrate and disappoint. The book does not attempt to hold the sundry accounts together with theory or with established academic literature. For example, his front-ended "dictionary" contains seven ad hoc, seemingly tongue-in-check entries. In other instances, "chapters" are only a paragraph long. Instead, it is a book of questions, with a few passing references to Marx and to the concept of "false consciousness."

While the portraits of poverty are well written and revealing, one must wonder whether Vollmann is simply trying to be unconventional for its own sake. Some of the stylistic turns seem gratuitous, such as when he omits quotation marks or when he places photographs out of order (photograph number one is referenced on page 287). When reading this raw travelogue, one also senses that Vollmann himself has little idea what he believes, and that, at the end of the journey, both he and the reader are meant to remain bemused. In that sense, this book is an exploration of poverty with no clear solutions or explanations. Accordingly, it may be easy to view Vollmann as an uninformed dilettante "slumming" for shock value, merely to increase his own bragging rights as a gonzo journalist or to titillate readers with sordid glimpses of the *demimonde*.

But that would miss Vollmann's purpose. To his credit, he does not pretend that his work is necessarily accurate, definitive, or explanatory. As he admits, "although this book swells with speculations and interpretations, those are my honest attempts to make sense of phenomena" (p. xv). In other words, according to Vollmann, we should judge him on his intent and on the questions he poses, even if his accounts lack consistency and nuance.

Notwithstanding its flaws, *Poor People* is beautifully written and moving. It is a reminder to us, the presumed "rich," that grinding poverty and grim existence abound in a society in which the putative virtues of "globalization" and free trade dominate discourse. For that reason alone it is worth reading. The people in this book are those many would rather not see or hear, but Vollmann stabs the reader with images of them in their quotidian, dull existence – standing in the street, sitting as a family, or slouching on a stoop. *Poor People* is less about *why* they exist, and more about the fact they *do* exist among us; *Poor People* serves to remind us that, even if we choose to forget them, they remain in our world in the billions.

Attention

**SAN FRANCISCO AREA MEMBERS
— AIDS FUNDRAISER —**

For the past nine years, SSSP has donated the proceeds from its Annual AIDS Fundraiser to an AIDS organization in the Annual Meeting's host city. For the upcoming meeting, I thought that SSSP may be able to increase the money raised from this event by having a number of items that members could use when they attend the 2009 Annual Meeting in SAN FRANCISCO. Therefore, I am asking Society members who reside in the SAN FRANCISCO area if they are willing to solicit donations from SAN FRANCISCO area restaurants, hotels and/or merchants for the AIDS Fundraiser auction. Ideally, the SAN FRANCISCO specific items should allow Society members to redeem or use the item at the Annual Meeting from August 7-9, 2009.

If you are able to obtain donations for the auction please contact:

Becky Ancheta
Local Arrangements Chair
beckyancheta@sbcglobal.net

Thank you,
Becky Ancheta

*Donations Sought
For AIDS Fundraiser Auction*

Join us for the 9th Annual AIDS Fundraiser on Friday, August 7 from 9:00pm – 10:30pm. Students and new members will receive complimentary admission. All others pay \$15.

Be prepared to relax. You will be serenaded with smooth jazz by vocalist Denise Fraga and her guitar duo who will offer standards old and new, as well as sultry Latin Boleros and Bossa Novas.

A dessert station and a limited cash bar will be available. During the evening, there will be a silent and a live auction.

You'll be able to place bids on lots of great stuff.

SSSP is fortunate to have many talented individuals among its membership, including a number of artists. If you are one of those talented individuals, please consider donating a piece of your work to the auction. You can mail it to Becky ahead of time, or you can bring it to the meeting. Provide us with a full description of the item (and its estimated value, if you can do that) by July 15, 2009.

Becky Ancheta, Local Arrangements Committee Chair at beckyancheta@sbcglobal.net

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager at mkoontz3@utk.edu

Those of you who are not artists may wish to donate an item. Perhaps you've written a book and would be willing to donate a signed copy, or maybe you have something special that you think would be a hit at the auction.

Please get in touch with us about your donations. All proceeds from this event benefit a local AIDS organization, so please help us make the 9th Annual AIDS Fundraiser a big success by donating an item.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

News of Note

Call for Articles, Book Chapters, and Teaching Materials

(by submission deadline)

Submissions for an edited collection to be entitled, *The Americanization and Historical Conflation of Time and Culture in Film and Television*

From Revolutionary France to Ancient Greece, film and television often claim the use of historical time periods and/or "exotic" settings to tell their stories while incorporating unacknowledged present-day American attitudes or ideas within those stories. Equally as often, they use the present day for setting, but draw plots from the ideologies or social norms of earlier time periods. This volume proposes to examine films or television series/episodes that synthesize multiple time periods within them, in order to explore how modern popular media complicates American audiences' perception of history and recasts historical cultural norms within contemporary nationalist boundaries. As much of young America now learns of history through television and film, rather than from scholarly sources, it is imperative to understand how and why history is being conflated with the modern day and recast under the rubric of American culture. The films and television shows do not have to be current. Papers that explore any examples combining multiple historical periods without acknowledgement are welcome.

Examples:

The television series *Dexter* follows a gothic moral avenger who doubles as a serial killer, or a serial killer who doubles as a moral avenger.

The film *Van Helsing* is set in nineteenth century Transylvania, but incorporates a very modern day technological guru who provides the hero with advanced weaponry and gadgets to fight the monsters.

The film *Married Life* ostensibly took place just after World War II, but focused on two women who behaved with very modern, feminist approaches to the world around them.

Please send completed papers of 4,000 – 5,000 words, exclusive of notes, or abstracts of no more than 600 words to:

Kathleen McDonald, Ph.D.

kmcdonal@norwich.edu

deadline: **Saturday, July 18, 2009.**

Seeking contributions for a special issue of *Criminology & Public Policy* devoted to "The Global Economy, Economic Crisis, and White-Collar Crime."

The issue will be co-edited by Neal Shover (professor, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee) and Peter Grabosky (professor, Regulatory Institutions Network, Australian National University). Authors are invited to submit papers by **September 1, 2009**. Submissions will be peer reviewed and must conform to the journal's guidelines, which are available at cpp.fsu.edu. Three to five papers will be selected for inclusion. Once notified, authors of accepted

manuscripts will have a limited time in which to make revisions. Additional information about the special issue can be requested from Shover — nshover@utk.edu.

Authors should be aware that the central objective of *Criminology & Public Policy* (CPP) is to strengthen the role of research findings in the formulation of crime and justice policy by publishing empirically based, policy focused articles. Most academic journals look for papers that have comprehensive literature reviews, provide detailed descriptions of methodology, and draw implications for future research. In contrast, CPP seeks papers that offer literature reviews more targeted to the problem at hand, provide efficient data descriptions, and include a more lengthy discussion of the implications for policy and/or practice. The preferred paper describes the policy/practice at issue, the significance of the problem being investigated, and the associated policy relevant implications. This introduction is followed by a description and critique of pertinent previous research specific to the question at hand. The methodology is briefly described, referring the reader to other sources if available. The presentation of the results includes only those tables and graphs necessary to make central points (additional descriptive statistics and equations are provided in appendices). The paper concludes with a full discussion of how the study either provides or fails to provide empirical support for current, modified, or new policies or practices.

Authors should submit papers directly to the CPP editorial office (cpp@fsu.edu) as a single Microsoft Word ("doc") E-mail attachment. Be sure to note in your e-mail that the manuscript is intended for Special Issue consideration.

Contributions sought for a special issue of *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* focusing on "Crime, Crime Prevention, and Punishment in Schools"

Appropriate topics for submitted manuscripts include considerations of school crime (e.g., its causes, regional variations, issues in reporting/recording school crime), the discipline and punishment of students (e.g., race/ethnicity and suspension, arrests at school, expulsion), and technologies or programs designed to prevent crime in schools (e.g., police in schools, surveillance cameras, zero tolerance policies, mediation programs). Manuscripts may be theoretical or empirical, and both quantitative and qualitative approaches are welcome. Additional information is available online at <http://www.asc41.com/cfp.html#CCJaug2010>. Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics should be directed to the editor, Aaron Kupchik, via email at akupchik@udel.edu.

All manuscripts will be peer reviewed. Manuscripts should be no more than 30 typed, double-spaced pages including tables, figures, and references. Manuscripts must be received no later than **October 1, 2009**. Please send four manuscript copies, along with the manuscript on disk, to

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Announcing a special issue of *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* focusing on “Family Business”

This special issue of the *Journal of Family and Economic Issues (JFEI)* invites original empirical or theoretical research papers relevant to family business. The need for better understanding of family business issues is greater today than at any other time due to current economic and demographic trends. Not only does the current situation pose challenges to family business owners and managers, but it also provides opportunities for researchers to influence policy makers, business consultants, and practitioners. This special issue will bring together papers that investigate broad topics in family business, and both quantitative and qualitative papers are welcome.

Suggested areas of research for this special issue include, but are not limited to: (a) cross-cultural analyses of family businesses; (b) resource management and family owned businesses; (c) trends in family owned businesses; (d) family business succession / continuance; (e) family relations and family business issues; (f) Family business behaviors in disaster and crisis conditions.

Submission Guidelines

Please follow the 5th Edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* to prepare your manuscript. The manuscript should not be more than 35 pages in length, including text, tables, figures, and references. Send an electronic copy of the paper to the journal's submission website at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/1058-0476> on or before **October 31, 2009**. In the author's note please indicate that the submission is for the “Family Business” special issue. The special issue will be published in December 2010. For more information please contact:

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Call for Award Nominations

The Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) The Young Investigator's Award

The award was established by the SRA's Governing Council in 2006 to recognize a beginning scholar who already has made a significant contribution to understanding adolescent development and behavior. This award will be made to a young investigator whose scholarly contributions are distinguished through research, publications, grants, conference presentations, and visibility in the field. Nominees should be

no more than six years beyond the Ph.D. or equivalent degree, unless exceptional circumstances (e.g., illness) necessitated a hiatus in their scholarly activities. Nominees need not be members of the SRA to be nominated.

Nominations for this award require: (a) a letter detailing contributions and future promise of the nominee; (b) 2 letters of recommendation; and (c) copies of up to 3 scholarly articles or chapters that represent the nominee's contributions.

Nominations are due by **September 18, 2009**. Visit <http://www.s-r-a.org/whatsnew.html#sraawards> for more information.

Nominations should be sent to: Patrick Tolan @ Tolan@uic.edu; Institute of Juvenile Research, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1747 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608.

Call for Presentations—Other Conferences

(by submission deadline)

The Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) is co-sponsoring a multinational conference on Migration and Migration Policy, February 18-20 2010 at the University of Maastricht in Maastricht, Netherlands.

Its theme is “Migration: A World in Motion.” The conference is designed to attract a worldwide audience, including academics and professionals from universities, think tanks, government agencies, the private sector, civil society, and beyond. Papers will be presented in topic-oriented panels with presenters and discussants. All proposals should be submitted online through the APPAM website with a tentative deadline of **July 15, 2009**.

All proposals will be submitted online using the form found under “PROPOSALS” in the menu above or by clicking [here](#). Inquiries about proposals should be sent to:

Floor Bergmans, Project Manager, TRP
Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, The Netherlands
P.O. Box 616
6200 MD Maastricht

E-mail: Please select “Maastricht Conference-Program” on the APPAM [contact form](#)

Visit <https://www.appam.org/conferences/international/maastricht2010/index.asp#ca> for more information.

Interdisciplinary Themes.org announces its inaugural international conference on The City, to be held November 6-7, 2009 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The conference theme will be “The City: Culture, Society, Technology.” The conference venue is Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue at its downtown campus.

We welcome proposals from any disciplinary perspective, as well as those that cross disciplinary boundaries. For example, paper topics might include: (a) the city and literature, art or culture; (b) social perspectives on the city; (c) cities and crime;

(d) urban space & planning: history, shifts, and trends, or future directions in urban planning and space usage; (e) mass transit: history, shifts and trends, or future directions; (f) mapping cities, including the changes effected by technology; (g) technology and communication in cities; (h) virtual cities; (i) urban living; (j) the psychology of urban life; (k) the city and education, etc.

Please note: all proposals will be refereed. The organizers welcome individual twenty minute paper proposals, panel proposals (three twenty minute papers), and symposium proposals (up to four linked papers with a moderator or discussant in a single session). They also welcome proposals for creative performances related to our theme (literary readings and performances, for example). Please send 300 word proposals by **August 1, 2009** for fullest consideration. Early submissions are encouraged. Proposals submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space available basis. Send proposals to Christian Riegel, Conference Coordinator at: conference.coordinator@interdisciplinarythemes.org.

The first Annual International Crime, Media & Popular Culture Studies Conference will be held October 5th, 6th & 7th 2009 in Terre Haute, Indiana. The conference is sponsored by Indiana State University's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The Annual International Crime, Media and Popular Culture Studies Conference was established to encourage an international cross-disciplinary exchange between both academic scholars and practitioners who are engaged in research, teaching and practices associated with crime, media and popular culture. The conference serves as a forum for the dissemination of knowledge associated with these areas of study in an effort to engender further growth of the discipline among students, academicians and practitioners.

The abstract submission deadline is Wednesday, **September 2, 2009**. More details are available at the official website: <http://www.indstate.edu/ccj/popcultureconference/callforpapers.htm>. Or you may contact Conference Chair Franklin T. Wilson (fwilson2@indstate.edu) or Conference Administrative Assistant Ericka Schneider (ISU-ICMPCS-CONF@mail.indstate.edu).

Congratulations!

SSSP member advances career

Lori Baralt will be starting a feminist health studies tenure-track position in Women's Studies at California State University-Long Beach in the Fall 2009. *Congratulations and best wishes in your new position!*

SSSP member accepts new position

2009 Beth Hess Memorial Award Honorable Mention recipient **April Cubbage** has accepted a tenure track position in Sociology at Saddleback Community College in Mission Viejo, California, with the expectation that she will become chair of Women's Studies in her second year. *Congratulations and all the best with your new responsibilities!*

SSSP member addresses UN Convention

Member **Judith Gordon** was invited to speak at a panel addressing the UN Convention on Disability on February 11, 2009, at the United Nations in New York, NY. *Keep up the great work!*

Past SSSP President recognized for lifetime of service

University of Kentucky sociology professor **Doris Wilkinson** was recently honored as one of that state's most outstanding women by the [Kentucky Commission on Women](#). Her portrait will join the paintings of other women who have been recognized for their lifetime achievements in the Kentucky Women Remembered exhibit at the state Capitol. Also, she was interviewed on Kentucky Educational Television's "Connections with Renee Shaw" television show February, 2009. *Congratulations on winning such acclaim and receiving these accolades!*

Fellowships & Summer Institutes

(by submission deadline)

Stanford Lyman Memorial Scholarship

The Mid South Sociological Association Scholarship Committee announces the availability of the Stanford Lyman Memorial Scholarship for a Ph.D. candidate on a dissertation in sociological theory, symbolic interaction, race relations, law, or ethics.

Students at any stage beyond the dissertation proposal are eligible to apply. However, applicant must be receiving the degree from an institution within the MSSA member states (see <http://www.midsouthsoc.org/> for more information) or from an institution which has active MSSA student/faculty memberships.

Submission information:

Completed applications will include a: (a) Letter of introduction which includes a brief discussion of how the applicant's work reflects Stanford Lyman's tradition within sociology; (b) Description of dissertation research project, such as a research proposal – approximately 5 pages; (c) Letter of support from the applicant's dissertation committee chair which evaluates the dissertation project; (d) Timetable for completion of the dissertation and degree, and (3) Current vitae.

Deadline **September 1, 2009**. For more information, visit <http://midsouthsoc.org/>. Applications may be sent by mail or email (WORD attachment only) to the scholarship coordinator at the following address:

Professor Jackie Eller
Box 126 MTSU
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
jaeller@mtsu.edu

Job Announcements

The following institutions are accepting applications for positions that may be of interest.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside – Sociology and Anthropology (Sociology position, assistant professor rank)
 University of Alabama in Huntsville – Sociology (Sociology position, assistant/associate rank)
 Wayne State University – Sociology (Sociology position, assistant/associate rank)

Position announcements and application instructions are available at the SSSP website. Go to <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/320>.

New Journals of Interest

The *Journal of Law and Conflict Resolution (JLCR)* publishes high-quality solicited and unsolicited articles, in all areas of the subject. All articles published in *JLCR* will be peer-reviewed. Original articles in basic and applied research, critical reviews, surveys, opinions, commentaries and essays will be considered for publication. Our objective is to inform authors of the decision on their manuscript(s) within four weeks of submission. Following acceptance, a paper will normally be published in the next issue.

Instruction for authors and other information is available at www.academicjournals.org/JLCR. Prospective authors should send their manuscript(s) to JLCR@acadjourn.org.

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For more information, contact editorial assistant Imonivwerha Ochuko at jlcr@acadjourn.org or visit www.academicjournals.org/JLCR.

Other Conferences/Workshops of Interest

(by conference date)

The 72nd Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society will take place in Madison, Wisconsin, from July 30 — August 2, 2009. The theme for this meeting is "Climate Change and Societal Response: Livelihoods, Communities, and the Environment." More information is available at <http://www.ruralsociology.us/>.

The 2009 American Society of Criminology conference is meeting November 4-7, 2009, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This year's theme is "Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy." More information is available online at: <http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>.

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for Utopian Studies will be held in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, October 29, 2009—November 1, 2009. This year's conference theme is "utopian theory/utopian practice."

Recent Books Published by Members

Melvin Juette & **Ronald J. Berger**. 2009. *Wheelchair Warrior: Gangs, Disability, and Basketball*. Temple University Press. ISBN-10: 1592134742

Wendy Chapkis & Richard Web. 2008. *Dying to Get High: Marijuana as Medicine*. New York University Press. ISBN-10: 0814716679

Heather Jacobson. 2008. *Culture Keeping: White Mothers, International Adoption, and the Negotiation of Family Difference*. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press. ISBN-10: 0826516181

Michael A. Messner. 2009. *It's All for the Kids: Gender, Families and Youth Sports*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. ISBN-10: 0520257103

Lionel Cantú. 2009. *The Sexuality of Migration: Border Crossing and Mexican Immigrant Men* (edited by **Nancy A. Naples** and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz). New York: New York University Press. ISBN-10: 0814758495

Jon Shefner. 2008. *The Illusion of Civil Society: Democratization and Community Mobilization in Low Income Mexico*. University Park, PA: Penn State University Press. ISBN-10: 0271033843

SSSP Matters

A REMINDER! *Social Problems Journal* is now available online gratis to all SSSP members.

SSSP is pleased to announce that *Social Problems* is now available online for all SSSP members. Currently all issues since 2001 to present are available. The rest of the archived issues will be made available this Fall. To access these archives, visit: <http://caliber.ucpress.net/loi/sp>.

*Public education,
 not fictitious but real education,
 can exist only in a truly
 equalitarian society.*

— Michael Bakunin

Obituary:**Bruce D. Johnson: 1943-2009****Bruce D. Johnson, Scholar and Mentor**

Bruce Johnson was a major force in the study of the sociology of drugs through his scholarship, collaboration, mentoring and involvement with the research and policy communities. He directed an institute at NDRI that studied a broad range of topics including which drugs people are using, the distribution mechanisms, the nature of users' lives, their impact on others, the best public policy response, and the evaluation of programs and products associated with implementing drug policy. Over the course of his nearly 40-year career he produced over 150 professional articles and 6 books. Bruce hired me out of graduate school in 1991 and I worked with him continually thereafter. My productive work with Bruce was a small part of his larger research agenda.

Bruce was typically involved with a dozen projects at a time. His energy and range of ideas often appeared boundless. He surrounded himself with others with very different talents to best follow through on his agenda and to pursue their own related ideas. His staff included experts in field work, sociology, psychology, statistics and other areas. Additionally, he routinely established collaborations with researchers across the country with specialized skills, knowledge and access, when the work called for them.

Over time, his invaluable contribution was his ability to write grants that spoke to the most important questions at the forefront of the field. He would then manage the teams making sure we stayed on task and that our work met its promise. Lastly, he would represent our work to the world through his writing, participation at professional meetings and advising of government organizations. At times our world revolved around Bruce, and this was a good thing. I remember one typical experience. Bruce was busily working on a major grant in his office at his computer. Without any warning, I would hear him call, "Andy, come in here!" Obediently, I would go, answer his question as best I could, and then go off to study what we needed to know more about. Then, I would here him call, "Eloise!" and, "Hilary!"

Mentoring was one of Bruce's most prized activities. He told me this was even more important to him than his own work. In many ways, he was the proudest when he was second or third author on a paper as opposed to first, because it marked an achievement by a scholar whose work he helped along. He read drafts and provided copious comments. Over time, I learned to anticipate his usual concerns. He became a voice in my head as I struggled for my work to meet his standards, just as I am doing now.

Bruce was probably the most prolific mentor in his field. In addition to his research institute, he was director of the Behavioral Sciences Training (BST) Program. This program continually supported about 15 pre- and post-doctoral fellows developing their careers in drug abuse research. While in residence, BST fellows received guidance, opportunity, and funding to participate in an advanced scholarly community. They conducted research, furthered professional skills, wrote

papers and grants, and critiqued each other's work. Over 150 fellows passed through the program under Bruce's direction. Bruce was also a fixture in the Drinking and Drugs Division of the SSSP as chair, on committees, and always speaking up at division meetings. Bruce brought energy to the meetings. He would bring dozens of BST fellows to present, often for their first time and often at roundtable sessions that would fill a ballroom. Bruce would make a point of greeting newcomers to the division and learning about their interests and activities.

All of Bruce's research activities focused on understanding drug use and the lived experience surrounding use. Ultimately, this work was intended to lead to programs and policies that would improve people's lives, especially vulnerable populations. Bruce also served this community directly through his volunteer work as described below.

Bruce was born February, 22, 1943 in Newburgh, NY. When Bruce was 3, his father, Elmer Roger Johnson, accepted a faculty appointment in the chemistry department at South Dakota State University. As a result, Bruce grew up in Brookings, SD. In his teens, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He then went on to earn a B.A. in sociology from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1965 and his Ph.D. in sociology from Columbia University in 1971.

While at Columbia, he joined the Broadway Presbyterian Church, which became central to his life. Bruce was married there to Theresa (Terry) Maloney Johnson with whom he recently celebrated his 40th anniversary. Bruce was always serving his church and the larger community through his church. Bruce was an elder, a trustee, and member and chair of numerous committees. He initiated a Christian Student House for college students away from home, a visiting scholar program, and a homeless services program. On many occasions, Bruce and Terry cooked a warm meal in a safe place for as many as 300 needy persons. The week before his death, Bruce had been named President of Broadway Community Incorporated (BCI), the church's outreach program. A celebration of his life filled this beautiful church on February 28.

Bruce was a vital man, an active scholar, mentor, world traveler, avid swimmer, and grandfather. Those who knew him were stunned by his sudden death. At the time, he and Terry were in Wellesley, MA, visiting their daughter Amanda, son-in-law Sam Kennedy, and grandchildren, Jimmy and Allie. At 11:00 p.m., he said he was unable to breathe. An ambulance rushed him to the emergency room, but he never had a chance. By the time he arrived, he was already dead of a pulmonary embolism. He would have been 66 the next day.

Bruce lived a very full life and did much for others. His spirit touched so many that will miss him dearly. His writing will continue to touch those who come to study the sociology of drugs. So many of us owe so much to him. Bruce was planning a trip to Bali that he will never take. Bruce, wherever you are now, I hope there's scuba diving.

Andrew Golub
National Development and Research Institutes (NDRI), Inc.

2009 CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

SSSP resolutions constitute an important opportunity for our scholar-activist membership to publicly declare their sentiments, thereby creating a channel for greater visibility and more direct influence upon a variety of "publics," i.e., fellow activists, scholars, students, decision-makers, social action groups, voters, and others. Thus, as Vice-President this year, I am calling on the membership to submit resolutions for discussion, debate, and in some cases, passage. To do so, simply forward your resolution or your idea for a resolution to the appropriate SSSP Division Chair. When doing so, remember that proposed resolutions can serve as useful discussion points for SSSP members, helping to increase and enhance communication and activities during the long period between annual meetings.

Resolutions that are submitted to Division Chairs should contain a concise position statement concerning a social problem of urgent concern to the Division. In most cases, the resolution should include some sort of call for viable action on the part of the SSSP. This typically has involved a letter from the Board directed to some public entity, expressing concern, support, or protest. Feel free, however, to propose other forms of appropriate action.

It is the SSSP Vice-President's responsibility to serve as the facilitator for resolutions being sponsored by the Divisions as well as from individual Society members, making them available to the membership at the annual business meeting. This year in San Francisco, the resolutions process will be organized in a manner that promotes wider discussion prior to formal consideration at the 2009 Business Meeting. The process is as follows:

- ◆ On the first day of the meetings an open forum of discussion will be held, which is designed to encourage a political discussion of concerned members. At this meeting, each proposed resolution should be presented for membership discussion by the sponsoring Division's Chairperson (or designated representative) and adequate time for discussion will be properly allotted to each. To facilitate this process, all proposed resolutions must be made available to the SSSP Vice-President at least two weeks prior to the meeting such that the membership can be provided a print copy with their registration packet.
- ◆ Modifications and revisions will be considered during the open discussion forum that will meet in place of the annual meeting of the Resolutions Committee. All Division Chairs should plan to participate in this session or designate a proxy from their division if unable to attend. It is essential that someone be present who can speak to the substance of the proposed resolution.
- ◆ During the 2009 Annual Business meeting, the resolutions will be presented (including any modifications or revisions) by the Vice-President as a package for approval for action by the attending membership. The membership will vote on proposed resolutions that were discussed and revised on the first day of the meeting. Experience shows that the Annual Business meeting fails to provide sufficient time for a detailed discussion of resolutions. If objections from the floor are raised to any specific resolution at this year's Business meeting, that resolution can, by majority vote of those present, be singled out from the package, and voted on separately. Those present can either support the resolution for approval as proposed or decide to table the resolution for further discussion at the subsequent year's annual meeting.
- ◆ We will attempt to make approved resolutions immediately available to the press. In addition, all approved resolutions will be submitted for publication in the fall issue of the *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*.

Members who wish to propose resolutions for consideration of the SSSP should submit them to a Division Chairperson (see <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/21> for current contact information) or directly to the SSSP Vice-President at boudreac@gvsu.edu. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

Cheryl Boudreaux, SSSP Vice-President 2008-2009

Essays in Honor of Tom Hood

With Tom Hood's imminent retirement fast approaching, it seems only fitting that we recognize and acknowledge his many contributions to SSSP and to academia generally. While preparing a formal festschrift is beyond the scope of *Social Problems Forum* and its editorial resources, coordinating and publishing a series of essays honoring Tom Hood is not. Accordingly, *SPF* asked a number of number of friends and scholars familiar with Tom to reflect upon his career, and to prepare some brief remarks about the role he has played in SSSP's success over the last two decades. The response was unfailingly positive, and almost before we started querying people in a systemic fashion we had five contributors willing and anxious to pay tribute to Tom Hood. Below are their tributes to Tom Hood, presented in no particular order.

My Memories of Tom Hood and His Exceptional Organizational Skills

I am most pleased to have been invited to offer some brief comments on my work over many years with Tom Hood in the Society for the Study of Social Problems. I am delighted to do so. He is a wonderful person.

Over twenty years ago when I became actively involved in the culture and leadership structure of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, I was introduced to Tom Hood. Like the members of the Society with whom I was most fortunate to work, Tom was an immensely supportive and thoughtful personality. Early in my contacts with him, he exhibited tremendous administrative skills. I learned much from him. Throughout his occupancy of the role of Treasurer and as a major contributor to the organization and functioning of the Society, he always manifested determination to complete any unfinished but essential tasks. He was knowledgeable about every detail of the budgetary process and empathized with thoughtfulness with the expectations and needs of the membership. As Treasurer of the Society and one who remained actively engaged in the work of the Executive Committee, he was first rate.

When I was elected President of SSSP (1987-1988), Tom was a key participant in the governance of the Society. Because of his genuine friendship and his exceptional leadership abilities, he was also someone whom I consulted on matters pertaining to the viability of the Society. I loved being a part of SSSP. In fact, I was exceedingly fortunate to have been granted the opportunity to

work with Tom during my presidency. Throughout our work relationship and friendship, he continuously displayed the necessary managerial and leadership skills for moving the Society into the future – the 21st century – as a strong and viable professional organization. Additionally, he always impressed me as a meticulous and rational analyst in his role as Treasurer and in other capacities. Thus, there was no question that when the time came, he emerged as the perfect choice to serve as the Executive Officer of SSSP. Throughout his invaluable service and volunteer work with SSSP, he presented all of the wonderful attributes needed for that important position.

It is with sadness that we are witnessing his retirement from the position of Executive Officer. Yet, the Society is stronger for his effective presence and leadership.

Doris Wilkinson
President of the SSSP (1987-1988)
Professor, Department of Sociology
University of Kentucky

An Ode to Thomas Charles Hood

I have said elsewhere that Betty and Al Lee, along with Arnold Rose, were clearly the founders of the SSSP in the early 1950s. I know this primarily from written records and interviews. Yet I do not need archives or interviews to know with equal certitude that Tom Hood saved this association during its darkest hours in 1990 when he agreed to become our Executive Officer. Old

timers like me will recall that under previous administrations we suffered as the association's financial surpluses were clearly exhausted. With his leadership and budgeting skills, Tom not only made the association solvent but rebuilt its reserves. This quiet and unassuming man seems to be always around, supporting the SSSP meetings but never dominating them. He has been willing to take little of the association's resources for his many hours of leadership.

I write here to tell you all I know about our rescuer, in part from his CV that was spirited away from him by his department head. Tom was born in 1938 in rural Paw Paw, Michigan. He was an undergraduate sociology major at Michigan State where he was undoubtedly influenced by two SSSP legends, the tirelessly progressive Drs. Ruth and John Useem. For graduate training Tom went on to Duke where he studied and published with Kurt Back. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree in sociology in 1969. In that year he moved to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where he remained to retire as Professor of Sociology in 2004.

While at Tennessee Tom was an extremely active university citizen. He served as Department Head from 1984 to 1991. He was in the University Senate from 1979 to 1995, serving as its President in 1989-1990. He also taught a whopping 12 undergraduate courses and ten graduate level courses. He directed 13 dissertations and had external grant activity of roughly two million dollars. From my point of view this is an amazing amount of money. His primary focus in these grants was transportation and energy management and disposal of wastes including radioactive materials. Tom has received grants from diverse sources including the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Department of Health Education and Welfare, Westinghouse Electric, the National Academy of Science and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

He found time to publish 29 journal articles or book chapters. His distinguished co-authors include Kurt Back, Don Clelland and Gary Alan Fine. Tom published in journals as diverse as *Social Forces*, the *Sociological Quarterly*, the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, and

the *Journal of Aging Studies*. Along with a continuing interest in the sociology of culture Tom has been unusual in writing about his Christian faith in a discipline that is almost totally secular. Courage has many faces and surely one of them is found in Tom Hood.

In addition Tom has been active in the Southern Sociological Society, serving as its President 1994-1995 and the American Sociological Association (ASA), serving on its Ethics Committee 2004-2007 and Nominating Committee 1988-1989. Tom has made 98 presentations at professional meetings. For example, in 1997 Tom presented a paper at the ASA meetings on "The Emotional Nature of the Charismatic Bond" and the next year read a paper on "John Wesley's Views on the Holy Spirit" at the meetings of the Society for Pentecostal Studies.

And through it all Tom never misses an opportunity to brag about his children and his loving wife Ginger. All members of the association could take lessons from Tom's dedication to his family and the SSSP.

John F. Galliher
Department of Sociology
Missouri University

A Tribute to Tom Hood As He Leaves the SSSP Executive Officer Position at our 2009 SSSP Annual Meeting

What a special invitation from Ken Kyle, our editor of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*. Ken noted that the remarkable Tom Hood had decided to step down as our SSSP Executive Officer after twenty years of great substantive as well as quantitative growth of our Society. Ken was interested in organizing a SSSP Sponsored modified Festschrift for Tom Hood and asked if I would write one of the essays for our *Newsletter*. It took me about as long as Professor Einstein's speed of light statement to agree – I believe that is 180 million miles per second via email.

Writing a tribute to Tom brought me back to the time in 1989 when the Fall SSSP *Newsletter*

noted: "President Gusfield announced formation of a Selection Committee to search for the new Executive Office. The Committee consists of Rita Braitto, Leonard Gordon, and James Geschwender, Chair." Our committee had applications from several capable prospective Executive Officers with long SSSP effective service and commitments of support from their respective universities. Yet, there was something about the application of Tom Hood that stood out. Tom and I had met over the years at SSSP annual meetings and at the departmental chair's sessions sponsored by the ASA.

Along with Tom's collegiality among young and old members, and pixy humor, there was a deep commitment to addressing the plight of any who were not part of our society's fair treatment and opportunity, the very essence of the aims and goals of the SSSP. Along with this was a remarkable detailed commitment from The University of Tennessee administration in providing the physical space and service support. When our SSSP Search Committee arranged an on-site meeting at the university in Knoxville, it was scheduled for December, 1989. Rita Braitto was not feeling well and could not make the meeting but Jim Geschwender and I met Tom there. It was evident from the inception why Tom was such an appealing candidate to be our Executive Officer.

Tom picked up Jim and me to take us to The University of Tennessee in his diesel Mercedes which appeared to be one of the earliest models and was very good when going down hill. Upon entering the Department of Sociology in McClung Tower, the interaction of faculty, staff, and graduate students with Tom made it apparent why they liked him as chair. There was a relaxed productive atmosphere. As we were both departmental chairs then, I chatted with Tom about our then ongoing challenges of always being short of budget to accomplish all the teaching and research aims of faculty and students. These were the kinds of issues that on a broader organizational framework, the SSSP Executive Officer would have to address.

As we chatted, Tom introduced Jim and me to a number of staff and students in the main and other offices as well as a number of departmental faculty. I recall chatting with Sherry Cable as one of her

areas was Social Movements, an area of mine. Criminologists Jim Black and Dean Champion were busy working with grad students on research projects. We chatted about the bread and butter aspects of offering undergraduate courses on Modern Social Problems and on Social Deviance, which brought in the needed large numbers of registered students to help cover the small, research based upper division courses, and particularly graduate courses.

It was clear from all how much they enjoyed working with Tom, including discussion of his many interests beyond academia including his wife Ginger and Tom singing with his church locally and in Europe. Tom clearly believed in outreach programming. His faculty all noted how effective Tom was as a listener and how well he represented the department to the college and university administrations. When we later met with multiple college and university administrators, it was evident how much they respected and enjoyed working with Tom. Given their substantial support in terms of space, equipment, and graduate assistance staff, it was clear that this was more than just a nice set of expressions to visitors. Tom had secured more administrative support by far than any other university administration among the other candidates.

Tom then met with Jim and me to discuss the SSSP budget and programming. Tom had done his homework and had as good a handle on all aspects of the Society's operation as anyone. He also had a number of good ideas about how to advance the membership, including bringing in many more young sociologists. The Annual Meeting travel support grants for graduate student who had papers accepted for the Annual Meeting was something that I later picked upon as SSSP Treasurer with Tom and the Council. The effective and practical way that travel grant program effectively evolved is a tribute to Tom. And it was evident in his department, that Tom understood how important capable and committed staff was, as was evident when Tom identified Michele Smith Koontz to be our Administrative Officer. The effective flexibility shown in that important staff relationship was evident when Michele for a period had to move with her husband for an opportunity he had out Tennessee. Employing email

technology we were able to keep Michele and expanded her role to include Meeting Manager as well.

The extraordinarily well planned and executed SSSP Annual Meetings for the past two decades are a tribute to Tom's leadership capability with members, staff, and our future members – our sociology graduate students from around the country and beyond. Parson's "moving equilibrium," whatever one's theoretical orientation, is evident with Tom leading our leaders and everyday else in the SSSP.

Len Gordon
Department of Sociology
Arizona State University

A 'Festschrift' (tribute) to Tom Hood upon his retirement as SSSP Executive Officer

I salute the contributions of Tom Hood upon his retirement as the Executive Officer for SSSP after 19 years of service. He skillfully recruited Michele Koontz who has helped keep the organizational wheels oiled and running smoothly. Having known Tom for 40 years, I know both the professional front stage as well as the back stage of family and community activity. He has been a busy fellow!

Tom's teaching/research interests centered around issues in social psychology, social movement and collective behavior. For example, he loved co-teaching a class on "frame analysis" and the collected works of Erving Goffman with a philosopher. Tom's publications are collaborative starting with the conversion experience of participants of the Billy Graham crusade held in Knoxville, Tennessee.

On the professional front stage, Tom served in many positions, including Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Tennessee, president of the Faculty Senate and president of the Southern Sociology Society. Tom is a good friend, a colleague willing to help others, an eternal optimist, service oriented and a good critic on manuscripts.

Tom loves involving himself in the internal workings of organizations and attending organizational meetings. Therefore, Tom never attended a meeting he could not enjoy, or could not find something good about it, no matter how long it stretched. He has a very strong "sunny-side" to his disposition. Tom helps connect people together in the organizations he joins.

"The volunteers" is the motto of the state and the University of Tennessee and that is Tom's motto as well. Being a volunteer with an orientation to helping others keeps Tom busy at Second Harvest, 4-H clubs, church activities, the church choir and much more. He takes seriously the motto of 4-H which is: I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my hands to greater service, my heart to greater loyalty and my health to better living for my club, my community and my country.

Tom continues to participate in University life such as Interdisciplinary Colloquy discussion groups along with volunteering. Tom's wonderful supportive spouse, Ginger, wants him to slow down to "cultivate the roses" and to take more trips to visit their two married children, their spouses and four grandchildren. Bravo to Tom Hood!

Michael Betz
Professor Emeritus
University of Tennessee

PASTOR TOM

The history of sociology is infused with devotion. Many of the earliest disciplinary leaders were tied to the protestant denominations or were the children of ministers. Sociology was a stalwart home of the social gospel. As we have rediscovered "public sociology" of late, we sociologists are rediscovering the moral basis of our discipline's history.

Admittedly over the course of secular decades sociologist lost the ability to spread the "gospel" – good news about the possibility and the necessity of social change. Often sociologists were bearers of ill-tidings. We became hopeless cynics who

pictured tunnels without light at their end.

Thomas C. Hood, recently retired as the executive officer of the Society for the Study of Social Problems after nineteen trailblazing years, has faith in that old time sociology: A sociology that believes in itself and that believes in personal and in institutional betterment. Active in the United Methodist Church – once considering the presidency of a Methodist college – and in the Christian Sociological Society, Tom led our wild and fractious organization with the hand and the heart of a pastor, providing the occasional sermon demanding a commitment to justice from his flock. No Pope Thomas he, but a leader, a model, an organizer, and a voice of quiet wisdom.

What is most striking about Tom's nearly two decades of organizational leadership is how few loud and passionate crises there have been. Anyone who has spent years with SSSP knows that debates have often been vigorous, if not downright bloody. Passionate concern for our organizational integrity sometimes drew from wells of suspicion. Tom took over as Executive Officer in 1990 at one of these moments of crisis. The organization was floundering, despite the efforts of colleagues whose skill sets did not always meet the needs of a fragile organization with sharp elbows. That few but long-term members can recall those fraught hours is a tribute to the moral stalwartness, the decency, and the firm competence that Tom brought to the job, gently leading an organization that had known only occasional soft words. Here is an organizer with whom one might disagree, but whom one could never resent. Tom Hood is a man so fair, generous, giving, and caring that one would gladly remain in his vicarage long after one began to question the prayers demanded by others.

But it is not only Tom's competence and his concern. He is also a man who is driven – quietly and firmly – by the requirement of social justice. Whether he is writing about environmental justice, about social movement strategy, about aging and sexuality, or about morality and character, his work harkens back to the traditional and the best concerns that motivated the American origins of our fateful and beloved discipline.

Tom Hood is accountant, mediator, visionary,

shepherd and friend. To imagine the Society for the Study of Social Problems without Tom Hood at its very core is no easy task: a claim that we hope will be said about Héctor Delgado in 2028.

Gary Alan Fine
Department of Sociology
Northwestern University

BOOK ROUNDTABLE

a new feature in *Social Problems Forum*

What:

A back and forth written exchange about a book of likely interest to SSSP members or a written exchange inspired by such a book.

How:

Two or three contributors (ideally two discussants and/or critics) offer initial reviews/commentaries inspired by a particular book.

Option A (Two discussants and book author):

The author responds to each review. Each contributor may then respond to the author's response and/or to the other contributor. The author may then offer a final response.

Option B (Two contributors without book author):

Each contributor then responds to the other contributors' reviews. Each contributor may then offer a final response referencing any of the preceding conversation.

Length:

Up to 7,500 words including references and notes.

Example:

"Irene Baird & Toni DuPont-Morales Discuss Kathleen Ferraro's *Neither Angels nor Demons*." *Social Problems Forum* 40(1): 28-35 (Winter 2009).



**ANNOUNCING THE
FINALISTS for the
2008 C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD
(in alphabetical order)**

Xavier de Souza Briggs, *Democracy as Problem Solving: Civic Capacity in Communities Across the Globe*, MIT Press

Daniel Faber, *Capitalizing on Environmental Injustice: The Polluter-Industrial Complex in the Age of Globalization*, Rowman and Littlefield, Publishers, Inc.

John M. Hagedorn, *A World of Gangs: Armed Young Men and Gangsta Culture*, University of Minnesota Press

Jody Miller, *Getting Played: African American Girls, Urban Inequality and Gendered Violence*, New York University Press

Martín Sánchez-Jankowski, *Cracks in the Pavement: Social Change and Resilience in Poor Neighborhoods*, University of California Press

**The C. Wright Mills Award will be presented on
Saturday, August 8 at the SSSP Awards Banquet.**

C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD COMMITTEE

Heather M. Dalmage, *Chair*, Roosevelt University

Debra Street, *Chair-Elect*, University at Buffalo, SUNY

Charles André Christie-Mizell, Kent State University

Kimberly J. Cook, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Elizabeth Ettorre, University of Liverpool

Anna M. Santiago, Wayne State University

Peter Venturelli, Valparaiso University

Johnny Williams, Trinity College



FILM EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

**Saturday, August 8
The Stanford Court Hotel
Room: Nob Hill**

This year's film exhibit is organized by Program Committee member Michelle A. Harris, Northern Arizona University.

12:30pm – 2:10pm

UNNATURAL CAUSES: IS INEQUALITY MAKING US SICK?

Unnatural Causes investigates our huge and alarming socio-economic disparities in health. It suggests that there is more to our health than bad habits, health care, or unlucky genes. The social conditions to which we are born, live and work profoundly affects our well being and longevity.

Larry Adelman, creator and executive producer will introduce the film and answer questions following the screening. Adelman is co-director and head of production for California Newsreel, the country's oldest non-profit, documentary production and distribution center.

2:30pm – 4:10pm

CLUB NATIVE

Club Native raises critical questions about belonging and identity, the heartbreak of "marrying out" of the Mohawk Nation, and the unjust patriarchal laws that disenfranchise Native women. It is a candid and engrossing work about the pain, confusion, and frustration suffered by many First Nations women, but also a testament to the triumph of love and the resilience of the human spirit.

4:30pm – 6:10pm

TULIA, TEXAS

Through its scrupulous investigation of a landmark case, *Tulia, Texas*, uncovers the deep-rooted assumptions about race and crime that still permeate our society and undermines our justice system. The film convincingly shows how the 'war on drugs' has become a war on due process, waged against African Americans. Today, America has the largest prison population in the world; in some states, as much as 15 percent of the black male population is incarcerated. *Tulia, Texas* shows one reason why.

Call for SSSP Nominations

This year, we will be electing a President-Elect, a Vice-President Elect, regular and student members of the Board of Directors, members of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, Committee on Committee, and the Editorial and Publications Committee. Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these offices. To complete an online nomination form for elected offices, go to <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1082/>.

Nominations should include a brief description of the nominee's SSSP involvement and other relevant experiences. The Nominations Committee will meet at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco. All nominations should be submitted prior to July 15, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Mezey, Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions, nmezey@monmouth.edu.

Book Reviewers Sought

Social Problems Forum usually has a number of scholarly books and teaching materials available for review. Currently we seek reviewers for a number of works, including the following.

Agar, Jolyon. 2006. Rethinking Marxism: From Kant and Hegel to Marx and Engels. NY: Routledge.

Armstrong, Elizabeth M. 2003. Conceiving Risk Bearing Responsibility: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome & the Diagnosis of Moral Disorder. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Dowdall, George W. 2009. College Drinking: Reframing A Social Problem. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Fassin, Didier, & Richard Rechtman. 2009. The Empire of Trauma. An Inquiry into the Condition of Victimhood. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Kelman, Steven. 2005. Unleashing Change: A Study of Organizational Renewal in Government. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

Perrone, Dina. 2009. The High Life: Club Kids, Harm and Drug Policy. Monsey, NY: Criminal Justice Press.

Whimster, Sam. 2007. Understanding Weber. NY: Routledge.

However, we are open to suggestions for other books to review. If interested, contact the editor.

Questions that you may have about the SSSP Annual Meeting . . . but are too embarrassed to ask.

(Original piece written by Deborah Thorne, 2007 Program Committee)

→ **Who chooses the “theme” of the SSSP annual meeting?**

The president of SSSP gets to select the theme of the annual meeting—that’s one of the benefits of being president!

→ **What are all of the “divisions” within SSSP?**

Within the SSSP, there are many subgroups organized around specific topics and interests—these are called special problems divisions. For example, for folks interested in issues of race and ethnicity, there is the Racial and Ethnic Minorities division. If you are interested in environmental issues, you might want to join the Environment and Technology division. Are you a budding theorist (or any kind of theorist for that matter!)? If so, you might want to check out the Social Problems Theory division. These divisions provide a great opportunity to meet others who share your academic interests.

→ **The program lists many different types of sessions: plenary, thematic, and special. What do all of these mean?**

Plenary Sessions: Essentially, “plenary” just means everyone. Thus, the plenary sessions are sessions to which everyone attending the meeting is invited. At SSSP, there are two plenary sessions: the business meeting and the Presidential Address. Typically, the business meeting is held on the second day and the Presidential Address immediately follows. The plenary sessions are so important that there are never any other sessions planned at the same time.

Thematic Sessions: Topics covered in the thematic sessions reflect the theme of the annual meeting.

Special Sessions: Topics for the special sessions are typically generated by members of the Program Committee (this is the committee that helps the president organize the program for the annual meeting). Sometimes the Program Committee members organize the sessions but arrange for others to be the discussants; other times, the Program Committee members lead the sessions themselves. Special sessions typically include things like talks with high-profile sociologists, meet-the-author events, teaching workshops, speed mentoring sessions, presentations of student award-winning papers, and panels on particularly timely topics.

→ **The program lists an entire page of “committee” and “divisional” meetings. Which ones can I attend? All of them? Or are some just for the committee members?**

Committee Meetings are only open to members of that particular committee. However, Divisional Meetings are open to anyone who is interested. These are the business meetings associated with all the different divisions within SSSP – for example, Law and Society, Teaching Social Problems, and Poverty, Class and Inequality (to name just a very few). If you want to get involved in one of these divisions, these are great meetings to attend!

→ **What if I want to serve on an “appointed committee”? How do I get appointed?**

When you pay your annual dues, the form asks if you want to serve on any of the appointed committees—if you do, just check the respective box! The Executive Office will give your name to the Committee on Committees. In addition, it never hurts to make your desires known to a few folks on the committee!

→ **What if I want to serve on an “elected committee”? How do I get appointed?**

Nominations are open for candidates to run in the 2010 General Election (President-Elect, a Vice-President Elect, regular and student members of the Board of Directors, members of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, Committee on Committee, and the Editorial and Publications Committee). Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these offices by completing the online nomination form [<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1082/>] by July 15, 2009. The Nominations Committee will meet at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors will approve the slate of candidates for the 2009 General Election on August 9, 2009.

Why should I stay at the SSSP convention hotel during the Annual Meeting?

This is a frequently asked question by our members. Another hotel may be cheaper or closer to the ASA hotel. A friend may offer to share a room at another hotel. Staying at the SSSP convention hotel saves the Society money. Please consider these reasons.

- In order to secure a favorable sleeping room rate and to avoid paying high meeting room rental costs, SSSP must guarantee with the hotel that our members will occupy a certain number of room nights. To honor our contract, we must utilize 675 sleeping room nights over our meeting dates (SSSP reservation deadline: July 14, 2009).
- In the event that we do not meet our sleeping room guarantee, the hotel will charge the Society an additional fee for using the meeting space in which we hold our sessions.
- The 'room pick-up' actual rooms occupied, during the days of our contract, by SSSP members has implications for the final hotel bill. Terms of the contract grant the Society a number of complimentary rooms used to house officers and other volunteers who give their time to the organization. In the event that our 'room pick-up' is low, we must pay for these rooms.
- Hotels review our 'room pick-up' history when we request a bid for holding a future annual meeting. A favorable record (meeting or exceeding our room block) helps the hotel feel assured of a certain level of income. Hotels make their money by having as full occupancy as possible. Saving rooms for convention goers who do not occupy them means that they may have an empty room that could have been sold to someone not attending the convention.
- Members attending the convention should reserve a room for the nights they will attend and honor their reservation. This action helps save the Society money and improves the experience.
- Staying at the convention hotel provides many advantages. The banquet takes place at the convention hotel, as do the receptions, most parties, and special events. You have the opportunity to renew acquaintances with other members and meet newcomers. Informal gatherings are easy to arrange because the largest proportion of our members will stay at the convention hotel.

So . . . please stay . . .

Thomas C. Hood, Executive Officer

Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE

Monday, August 10

9:00am – 6:15pm

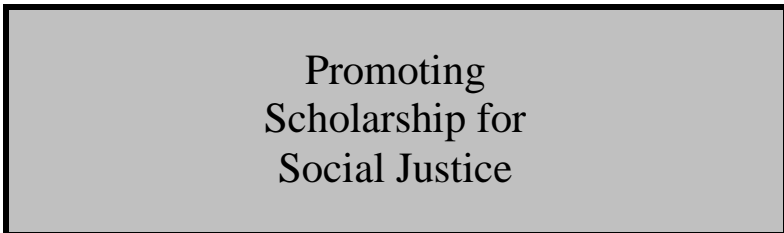
The Stanford Court Hotel

905 California Street, San Francisco, CA

All registered participants of the SSSP Annual Meeting are entitled to complementary registration for this conference (\$45. for all others).

9:00 - 9:15	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>David Fasenfest, Editor and Richard Dello Buono, Latin American and Caribbean Editor <i>Critical Sociology</i></p>	
9:15 - 11:00	<p>SACRIFICING NEOLIBERALISM TO SAVE CAPITALISM? PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL GLOBAL CRISIS</p> <p>Ximena de la Barra International Development Consultant and Social Policy Analyst Former Public Policy Advisor, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <p>NEOLIBERALISM AND THE GLOBAL CRISIS AS A SOCIAL PROCESS Raewyn Connell, University of Sydney</p> <p>WOMEN, GENDER AND NEOLIBERALISM Joan Acker, University of Oregon</p>	
11:15 - 12:30	<p>California Blue Room</p> <p>Moderator: Victoria Carty, Chapman University</p> <p><i>Participatory planning in a rural Mexican village: Lessons for community development and professional education</i> Mercedes Arce, la Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México Marie Kennedy, Chris Tilly, UCLA</p> <p><i>The Geography of the Family of Anti-systemic Movements: Activists at the World Social Forum</i> Chris Chase-Dunn, UC-Riverside. Rick Niemeyer, UC-Riverside Preeta Saxena, UC-Riverside Matheu Kaneshiro, UC-Riverside James Love, UC-Riverside Amanda Spears, UC-Riverside.</p>	<p>California Gold Room</p> <p>Moderator: Vida Bajc, Queens University</p> <p><i>Exploitation, Capital's Innovations, and the Obscuring of Social Class: Notes on an Intellectual History of the Labor Theory of Value</i> Stephen Adair, Central Connecticut State University</p> <p><i>A Progressive Vision of Interpersonal Racial Inequality Theory</i> Chavella T. Pittman, New College of Florida</p> <p><i>Of Innovations and Fluctuations: A Critique of the Philippine Criminal Justice System and Restorative Justice Movement</i> Diana Veloso, Loyola University Chicago</p>
12:30 - 1:45	<p><i>Lunch Break</i></p>	

<p>2:00 - 3:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RACE AND POLITICS IN THE OBAMA ERA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bob Newby, Central Michigan University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussant</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Martha Gimenez, University of Colorado</p>	
<p>3:30 - 5:00</p>	<p>California Blue Room</p> <p>Moderator: Gregory Pratt, University of Illinois-Chicago:</p> <p><i>'Change We Can Believe In,' You Better Not Believe It: Politics as Usual in a Different Style</i> Johnny E. Williams, Trinity University</p> <p><i>Corporate Status, Neo-liberalism and the Obama Administration</i> Christopher Doran, University of Newcastle</p> <p><i>The Changing of the Guard 2006-2009: The Rise of the Immigration Industrial Complex and the Prospects for Progressive Immigration Reform Under the Obama Administration</i> Jesse Díaz, Jr., UC-Riverside Luisa Heredia, UC-Riverside</p> <p><i>Civil Rights after Obama</i> Suzanne Goodney Lea, Trinity University</p>	<p>California Gold Room</p> <p><i>Movements and Visions for the 21st Century: The US Social Forum and World Social Forum</i></p> <p>Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University Thomas Ponniah, Harvard University Rose Brewer, University of Minnesota Jackie Smith, University of Notre Dame Lauren Langman, Loyola University Melanie L. Bush, Adelphi University Rod Bush, St. Johns University Jerome Scott, League of Revolutionaries for a New America</p>
<p>5:15 - 6:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">***** SPECIAL LABOR WORKSHOP *****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Crisis in the Newspaper Industry: Possible Responses of Organized Labor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carl Hall, Local Representative</p> <p style="text-align: center;">California Media Workers Guild, Local 39521, TNG-CWA</p>	



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
A RECEPTION HONORING
DR. THOMAS C. HOOD, SSSP EXECUTIVE OFFICER, 1990-2009

and the

AWARDS BANQUET

at

The Stanford Court Hotel
905 California Street

Saturday, August 8

Reception: 6:45pm - 7:45pm

Banquet: 8:00pm - 10:00pm

AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

SSSP Division Awards: Winners of various student paper competitions and other division awards will be announced.

Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship: This \$3,500 scholarship will be awarded to a new or continuing graduate student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school.

C. Wright Mills Award: For a distinguished book that exemplifies outstanding social science research and an understanding of the individual and society in the tradition of C. Wright Mills.

Joseph B. Gittler Award: For significant scholarly achievement that a SSSP member has made in contributing to the ethical resolution of social problems.

Lee Founders Award: For recognition of significant achievements that have demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanistic tradition of the Lee's.

Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship: This \$12,000 scholarship is given annually for support of graduate study and commitment to a career of scholar-activism.

Social Action Award: This \$1,000 award is given to a not-for-profit organization in the San Francisco area in recognition of challenging social inequalities, promoting social change, and/or working toward the empowerment of marginalized peoples.

As you probably know, Tom Hood is retiring as Executive Officer after 19 years of wonderful service. At this reception we will honor Tom with some formal and informal remarks and generally recognize his many contributions to SSSP over the years. The reception will be hosted in the California Suite. The awards banquet will be held in the Stanford Ballroom. A special thanks to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine for their financial contribution to the awards banquet.

The buffet will feature Classic Caesar Salad; Roasted Chiogga Beets with Pt. Reyes Blue Cheese; Udon Noodles with Julienne of Cucumber, Roasted Red Peppers and Sesame Soy Dressing; Pan Seared Sea Bass on Lentils with Watercress Sauce; Whole Rosemary Chicken with Fingerling Potatoes; Wild Mushroom Risotto with Truffle Oil; Artisan Bread Presentation; Flourless Chocolate Cake; Lemon Cake with Berries; Dutch Apple Pie; Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea. A vegan dish will be available for those who request one. A cash bar will be available. Come celebrate with your friends and colleagues and enjoy the evening!

The reception is *complimentary* to SSSP members.

The cost of a banquet ticket is \$68 per person.

A limited number of banquet tickets will be sold in the registration area.

Those with advance reservations will receive their ticket/s with their registration materials.

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Dear Annual Meeting Presenters and Organizers:

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) has arranged with The Scholar's Choice to manage the combined book exhibit for our 59th Annual Meeting taking place August 7-9, 2009, at the Stanford Court Hotel in San Francisco, CA. It will be possible for your recently-published books to be included in their display. Please refer to the guidelines below.

Any members interested in having their book displayed at the upcoming SSSP meeting should contact their publisher as soon as possible after February 15th. Please keep in mind that the publishers pay a fee to display with The Scholar's Choice and may not have the marketing budget necessary to honor all requests, particularly for older titles. The Scholar's Choice asks that books be appropriate to the meeting and published recently. Reservations from the publishers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. *ALL requests must come from the publishers, not the author.* Therefore, please contact your publisher to confirm whether or not your book has been reserved. Debby Pitts is the contact at The Scholar's Choice. Your publisher may reach her at djpitts@scholarschoice.com or (585) 262-2048 x.108.

The Scholar's Choice has a long and successful history of managing academic book exhibits and we welcome them to our meeting.

Most sincerely,
Steven E. Barkan, SSSP President

CONVERGENCES AND DIVERGENCES: PERSPECTIVES ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS

(explanation and procedures)

“Convergences and Divergences: Perspectives on Social Problems” is a feature of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*. The feature contains 3 or 4 essays summarizing facts, issues, opinions or policies regarding a current social problem.

Procedures:

1. A “coordinator” for a theme to be addressed in a particular issue of the Newsletter is appointed by the Editor of *Social Problems Forum* or by a division chair.
2. The coordinator selects 3 or 4 persons with expertise in a particular theme to write a summary statement. The coordinator may or may not be included among the authors.
3. Each author would be expected to write a summarizing statement of 1,000 to 1,500 words in length, or 3 or 4 typewritten pages, double spaced.
4. Since most social problems are multi-faceted, there almost certainly will be differences of emphases and of viewpoints among the authors. The suggested editorial policy is that there is no need to promote consensus. Rather, the purpose of these short position pieces is to summarize the basic facts and thinking on a particular problem.
5. In order to possibly bring more coherence between the statements of the authors, upon receipt of all manuscripts by the coordinator, the entire set would be copied and sent to all members of group. All authors would then have the opportunity to revise their own manuscript in light of the responses of the others. The revisions could include amplification of issues treated, including emphasis of common themes, or can stress points of disagreement, including facts or logic to support any one position.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR, CONTINUED:

non-business matters ranging from politics to photography. And I have always enjoyed our exchanges. Accordingly, let me offer my own thanks to Tom, and to offer my own best wishes for him and his family in his retirement. But being *SPF* editor, I cannot not try to turn Tom’s retirement into something that will benefit the newsletter. So Tom, now that you will have some free time, how about putting together a photo essay for the newsletter? I know you have a continuing interest in photography. ;-) Enjoy your retirement!

And on that happy note, let me also invite all readers to submit photo essays, commentaries, letters to the editor and Job Talk or Student Column ideas, or to organize a Convergences and Divergences or Book Roundtable feature. See you in San Francisco!

Cheers,

Ken Kyle, Editor





The Society for the Study of Social Problems
59th Annual Meeting Registration
August 7-9, 2009
The Stanford Court Hotel, 905 California Street, San Francisco, CA
 (Program Participant Deadline: Program participants must preregister by May 31.)

Last Name: _____ First/Middle Name: _____

Work Affiliation(s) for name badge: _____

Check here if you would like to be identified as working outside academia so that you may meet other engaged non-academics.

Preferred Mailing Address:

Work #: _____ Home #: _____ Mobile #: _____

E-mail: _____ Personal Website: _____

+REGISTRATION FEES (US DOLLARS): Check one	<u>Preregistration (until June 30)</u>	<u>On-Site</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration Including Banquet*	\$173	\$188
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration	\$105	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Unemployed/Emeritus Member Registration Including Banquet*	\$93	\$113
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Unemployed/Emeritus Member Registration	\$25	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Registration (for non-exempt presenters who do not wish to become members)	\$155	\$170
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Student Registration (for non-exempt student presenters who do not wish to become members)	\$75	\$95

GUEST REGISTRATION: One guest registration is permitted with each full registration category above. Guest registration provides a name badge (name only, no affiliation). Any guest who wants full access to the program, including special events and a program packet, must register individually and pay the full registration fee and membership dues. Program participants are not eligible for the guest registration fee.

<input type="checkbox"/> Guest (name badge only)	\$10	\$20
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Guest Badge: _____

Last Name **First Name**

ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKET/S: Friday, August 8, 8:00pm - 10:00pm, tickets \$68 each* _____

* A banquet ticket costs \$79. Thanks to the generosity of the University of Maine, a ticket will cost each attendee \$68.

Number of vegan entrees needed. _____

DONATE A BANQUET TICKET PROGRAM:

Donate a banquet ticket to a deserving graduate student, foreign scholar or scholar-activist, tickets \$68 each _____

9th ANNUAL AIDS FUNDRAISER: (students and new members will receive a complimentary ticket)

Friday, August 7, 9:00pm - 10:30pm, tickets \$15 each _____

AIDS FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TICKET/S: tickets \$5 each _____

There will be a raffle for a **two-night hotel stay at The Stanford Court Hotel**, the 2009 SSSP conference hotel.

The voucher can be applied to your 2009 conference stay. You do not have to be present to win. The winner will be announced at the AIDS Fundraiser.

CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE: I will attend. _____

Monday, August 10, 8:00am - 6:00pm, registration fee \$45 (all SSSP registrants receive complimentary registration)

MEMBERSHIP DUES: You must be a current member to attend the Annual Meeting unless you pay non-member registration. **If you are already a 2009 member, skip this section.**

___ Life Members, Emeriti before 1989	\$0	___ \$45,000-\$54,999	\$120
___ Students	\$30	___ \$55,000-\$64,999	\$150
___ Unemployed	\$30	___ \$65,000-\$74,999	\$170
___ New Emeriti/Retired Sociologist, beginning in 1989	\$45	___ \$75,000-\$84,999	\$190
___ First Time Professional Member	\$45	___ \$85,000 and up	\$210
___ \$24,999 and under	\$70	___ Sustaining Membership	\$1,700
___ \$25,000-\$34,999	\$90	___ Departmental Membership	\$85
___ \$35,000-\$44,999	\$100		

GRAND TOTAL (FROM ALL SELECTIONS PREVIOUS PAGE) _____

Make check or money order payable, in **US DOLLARS to SSSP** or provide credit card authorization below.

Credit Card Type: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature (**mandatory**) _____

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DEADLINE: Forms and payments must be postmarked by/faxed no later than July 15 to be eligible for the preregistration discount. Preregistration ends on July 15. Any forms received after June 30 will be processed at the on-site rate. **All program participants must preregister by May 31 in order to have their names listed in the online and final programs.**

REFUND POLICY: Registration fees will be refunded to persons who notify us prior to July 15. Once the final program is printed and participant packets have been prepared, the cost of processing the participant has occurred. Unfortunately, under no circumstances will SSSP issue refunds for no-shows.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES: Registrants with disabilities may request accessibility services such as sign language interpreters, sighted guides, accessible accommodations, etc., to facilitate their full participation in the Annual Meeting. If you need accessibility services, check the box below. The Administrative Officer will contact you about service arrangements.

Accessible Services Request: _____

DONATE A BANQUET TICKET PROGRAM: Some members purchase extra banquet tickets for graduate students, foreign scholars and scholar-activists. Check the box below if you are interested in applying for a complimentary ticket. Donated tickets will be distributed on a first come/first served basis. SSSP will notify all recipients no later than July 15.

Consider me for a complimentary banquet ticket. Indicate your classification. Graduate Student Foreign Scholar Scholar-Activist

MEETING MENTOR PROGRAM: Would you like to participate in the meeting mentor program? If yes, submit your mentoring request no later than June 1. The Lee Student Support Fund Committee will pair you with a mentor and provide you with his/her contact information no later than June 30.

Yes No If yes, list your areas of interest _____

WE NEED MENTORS. Would you be willing to serve as a mentor for a graduate student or new faculty member?

Yes No If yes, list your areas of interest _____

ROOMMATE MATCHING SERVICE: Would you like to participate in the roommate matching service? If yes, the Executive Office will send you a list with contact information for those who are interested in sharing a room no later than June 30. Indicate your smoking preference.

Yes No Smoking Non-smoking

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GENERAL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager
W: 865-689-1531; F: 865-689-1534; E-mail: mkootz3@utk.edu

- ◆ **Requests for exemption from meeting registration and membership dues must be approved by Program Committee Chair A. Javier Treviño, sssp2009@wheatonma.edu.** When sending an email, place SSSP in the subject line. Eligibility requirements for exemptions are posted on our website.

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Cut-off Date:

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