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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

This winter's issue presents readers with important SSSP business information. Specifically, it includes Nancy Naples' introduction of Héctor L. Delgado, our new Executive Officer-elect. It includes candidates' statements and related information necessary to make an informed decision in the general election being held this March. In addition, it includes calls for award nominations, conference-related announcements, conference registration materials, and hotel reservation information. Also of interest is the announcement of the *Critical Sociology*/SSSP Global division-cosponsored conference on "Rebuilding Society: A Progressive Vision," being held the day after the SSSP conference.

Similarly, readers should find this issue's scholarly features to be both interesting and provocative. Included are two insightful book reviews: one by Suzanne Goodney Lea on Lynch, Patterson and Childs' edited volume, *Racial Divide: Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Criminal Justice System*, the other by Michael DeCesare on Nicol and Wylie's *Between the Dying and the Dead: Dr. Jack Kevorkian's Life and the Battle to Legalize Euthanasia*. Also, this issue includes the first of what, hopefully, will become a frequently reoccurring feature, "Book Roundtable."

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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.ssp1.org/index/cfm/m/274>. **The deadline for submitting material for the next issue is May 11, 2009.**

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# From the Executive Office — Tom Hood

I am very happy to welcome Professor Héctor Delgado to the position of Executive Officer-elect. He will assume the office at the close of the 2009 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. With the inauguration of President Barack Obama, 2009 promises to be a year of change. Changes supported, I am confident by most SSSP members. These two changes have caused me to reflect on the purpose of SSSP as I see it.

The unofficial motto of SSSP is “Scholarship in Pursuit of Justice.” The scholarship practiced in SSSP does not respect disciplinary lines. The scholars who practice their arts of data collection and analysis, of literature review and synthesis often pay more attention to avoiding exploitation and seeking information relevant to remedying a problem than to value neutrality. SSSP members approach research contracts with care.

Contract research may imply obtaining knowledge for hire rather than for its own sake or for establishing more just social conditions. A client approaches a researcher with a project and asks their help to obtain some information with the client specifying the nature of the information sought. Some clients even go so far as to suggest what they believe the research question is. Scholarship undertaken to test a theory may start out with the idea that the social world as we understand it works a particular way, but we don't yet have enough evidence to declare that is how the individuals, groups, institutions and/or societies actually do behave. Participatory research may begin when a community or group is confronted by a problem situation, which appears to require both agreeing on the nature of the problem and collecting data to see if the understanding of the problem can be supported. The twenty-two special problems divisions of the Society represent different areas in which injustices regularly appear. Contract research, testing theories, participatory research may be undertaken in any of our twenty-two special problems divisions.

During my tenure as Executive Officer, new divisions have formed and become very strong

segments of SSSP. Institutional Ethnography is a good example. The Global division represents the increasing recognition that social problems transcend national boundaries and that different areas of the world can learn from each other as they respond to the persistent and recurring injustices arising in human societies. Because our Society has an advocacy element, divisions may form around particular groups of persons that seek to have their rights recognized as well as getting increasing recognition for problems that they face. Poverty, Class, and Inequality, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities, Disabilities, Labor Studies, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, for example, often have an advocacy dimension to the scholarship reported at the annual meeting and published in *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*.

I have come to recognize that scholarship and good research does not speak for itself. Often the scholar must become an advocate for her work. Publishing is not enough. Good books and articles must not only be read, but must produce action and a scholar must care enough to begin the movement toward justice.

We welcome many of you as new members of SSSP. Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager, Sharon Shumaker, Administrative Assistant and Webmaster, Sarah Hendricks, Graduate Research Associate and I stand ready to be of service to you in your scholarship and in your roles as advocates for justice in the areas where you feel called to work. I am very appreciative of the strengths and abilities of this team. We are happy to have each of you as members and hope that SSSP can help you achieve your aims. Don't forget to exercise your vote in the upcoming election of the Society's officers.

Tom Hood, Executive Officer

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## Introduction:

### Héctor L. Delgado: Our Incoming Executive Officer

I have the pleasure of introducing you to our new Executive Officer, Héctor L. Delgado, who will take over from our esteemed Executive Officer, Tom Hood, at the conclusion of the 2009 Annual Meeting. I have known Héctor since 1996 when he accepted a faculty position at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). We worked closely together in what was, at that time, a very small department. I recruited him to serve as Co-Chair of the Program Committee for the 2008 meetings in Boston because I admire his intellect, trust his ability to get things done and to attend to detail while keeping the larger vision in mind, and his keen sense of humor which would keep us all laughing throughout the process. SSSP is extremely fortunate that he has agreed to serve the organization in the central role of Executive Officer.

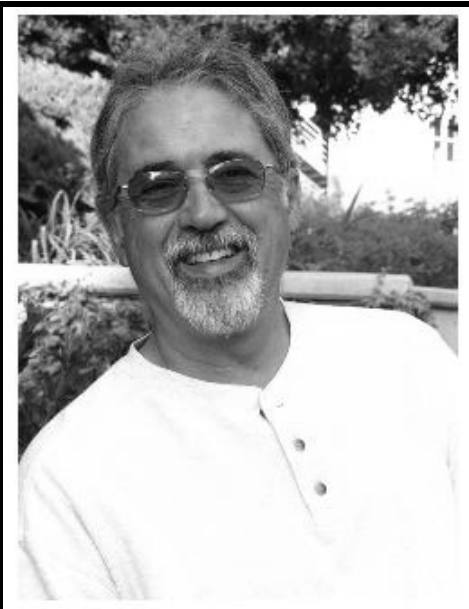
Héctor received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Michigan and accepted a faculty appointment at Occidental College in 1989. In 1993, he relocated to Tucson for a joint position in Sociology and the Mexican American Studies and Research Center at the University of Arizona. He then moved to UCI for another joint appointment, this time in Sociology and Chicano/Latino Studies. He left UCI in 2001 to accept a position at the University of La Verne where he is now Professor of Sociology and Anthropology.

His publications include the book, *New Immigrants, Old Unions: Organizing Undocumented Workers in Los Angeles* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1993), that historian Vicki Ruiz described as “an intricate and thorough case study of a trade union drive led by undocumented workers” and “a benchmark study which will further our understanding of experiences of Mexican and Central American immigrants.” Héctor’s articles on immigration, race relations, unionization of Latinas/os, and the Chicano Movement appear in numerous books and journals including *Policy Studies Review* and *New Labor Forum*. His interdisciplinary reach is evident in his publications as well as in his academic training in Political Science, Sociology, and Education and in his academic appointments in Sociology and Chicano/Latino Studies.

Héctor worked in higher education administration for twelve years before going back to graduate school. Over the years, he held a variety of important positions including serving as a residence counselor, admissions officer, and assistant director of an Equal Opportunity Fund program at Rutgers University and as an Assistant Dean of Students at Princeton University. While at Rutgers he also served as Vice-Chairperson of the Academic Foundations Department of Coordinator of Hispanic

Affairs.

Héctor has been active in SSSP for at least a decade. In addition to serving as Co-Chair of the Program Committee in 2007-2008, he chaired the C. Wright Mills Award Committee in 2006-2007 and served as a member of this extremely demanding committee on two other occasions. Héctor and I also worked together as Associate Editors of *Social Problems* from 1999 to 2000.



He cites his 25 years of marriage to Miriam Lopez and his parenting of his two sons, Andres, who is a 17 year old in his senior year in high school and Evan, who is 13 years old and in 8th grade, as his most important life achievements. Héctor’s family also includes their Black Lab Shadow and “fish who, unlike the dog, do not answer to any name, so why bother.”

In an email “interview,” Héctor said that his first 100 days will be focused on following up on the recommendations from the 2007 SSSP Retreat as well as developing strategies to increase membership, with a special emphasis on enhancing diversity with SSSP; raising the profile of the organization; and

strengthening networks with other associations such as the ASA, ABS, ISA, COSSA, NASW, regional societies, and other related societies. However, he said, that “more than anything I want the membership to recognize that THEY are the organization.” He hopes to find ways to increase the opportunities for members to participate in all of these activities.

Héctor will serve the organization from his home base at the University of La Verne in La Verne, California. Michele Koontz and her staff will continue to provide their essential support to SSSP from their base at the University of Tennessee. We owe a great deal to Tom Hood for all he has done to grow the organization through his leadership over the years and to gain the support of the University of Tennessee for providing administrative stability for SSSP as we transition to our new Executive Officer. I am excited about the possibilities this transition offers for further extending SSSP’s reach both internationally and interdisciplinarily. I cannot think of a better scholar, activist, and yes, administrator, to lead us into the future.

Nancy A. Naples

**Book Review:**

**Nicol, Neal & Harry Wylie. *Between the Dying and the Dead: Dr. Jack Kevorkian's Life and the Battle to Legalize Euthanasia*. Madison, WI: Terrance, 2006, Pp 273. \$27.95 (Hardcover)**

**Reviewed by Michael C. DeCesare, Merrimack College**

Not since the 1960s has this country seen a social movement leader like Dr. Jack Kevorkian. Charismatic, media-savvy, articulate, and controversial, Kevorkian breathed life into a gasping American right-to-die movement when he helped Janet Adkins commit suicide in the back of his van in 1990. What transpired over the rest of the decade—until he was finally convicted and sent to prison in 1999—was part media circus, part legal warfare, and part “political theater” (Fino et al. 1997). There were few dull moments as “Dr. Death” assisted in more than 100 suicides over roughly eight years.

Neal Nicol and Harry Wylie's *Between the Dying and the Dead* is easily the more detailed of the two extant biographies of Dr. Kevorkian (cf., Betzold 1993). It also covers a much longer time period, beginning with Kevorkian's birth on a snowy Michigan day in 1928, and ending in early 2006 (just over a year before Kevorkian would be released from prison). As detailed as it is, though, it was written by two of Kevorkian's closest friends. Neal Nicol worked for many years as Kevorkian's research assistant, co-authored a scholarly article with him, and even contracted hepatitis when he participated as the “receiver” during one of Kevorkian's early experiments in blood transfusion between cadavers and the living; Harry Wylie was Kevorkian's next-door neighbor, as well as a self-described “long-time friend and confidant” (p. 273). Given the authors' long-standing personal relationships with the doctor, it is not surprising that their book offers much more praise than criticism of their famous friend.

To be fair, Kevorkian has done much that is praiseworthy. The only son of Armenian immigrants who managed to escape the Turkish genocide during World War I, young Jack was, by many accounts, a genius. By just as many accounts, he established himself at a young age as a leader rather than a follower. Six years after graduating from high school, Kevorkian graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1952. After an internship at the Henry Ford Hospital, and a 15-month tour of duty in Seoul during the Korean War, Kevorkian began his residency at the University of Michigan Medical Center in 1955. He was forced to complete his residency at Detroit's Pontiac General Hospital after choosing the latter option of an ultimatum he was given in Michigan: give up his up-close-and-personal inspections of dying patients' eyes, or resign.

It was at this time that Kevorkian, who was in his mid-30s, received terrible news: his seemingly invincible father, Levon, had unexpectedly succumbed to a massive heart attack. Soon after, Kevorkian received word from his two sisters that their mother, Satenig, had abdominal cancer, and that nothing could be done for her. He implored the attending physicians to increase her morphine; unbeknownst to him at the time, his sisters simultaneously begged them to end her life. The doctors refused all of their requests. Whether Satenig's agonizing, slow death sparked her son's later interest in assisted suicide is debatable, but certainly possible. Regardless, the 1970s and 80s found Kevorkian laboring in obscurity, researching and writing about various death-related topics, including, most famously, the harvesting of organs

from death row inmates. These were “the wilderness years”, according to Nicol and Wylie.

It would not be until 1990, when he assisted in Janet Adkins' suicide, that one of the doctor's ideas for “extracting human benefit from death” would finally be realized. The rest, as they say, is history. The Jack Kevorkian who comes through in these pages is headstrong, rational, compassionate, arrogant, uncompromising, and impatient with his opposition, be it the medical establishment, the legal system, or organized religion. In other words, the man is similar to, but also quite different from, the media image of him that was created during the 1990s.

As a straightforward biography, *Between the Dying and the Dead* works—for the most part. I add the disclaimer for this reason: While the book offers many interesting and often funny anecdotes, most of which illuminate Kevorkian's quirks and eccentricities, as well as his humanity and zeal, it also suffers from some serious shortcomings. First, the authors do not provide any citations or references; the book doesn't even have a bibliography (or an index, for that matter). In addition, Nicol and Wylie do not disclose the source(s) for the many quotations scattered throughout the book.

The authors' lack of research is evident throughout the text, but perhaps most obviously where they first misspell Derek Humphry's last name (by adding an “e” to it), and then proceed to claim, on the very same page, that his Hemlock Society was “the first organised right-to-die society in the United States” (p. 160). It wasn't. Pro-euthanasia and right-to-die organizations have existed in this country for 70 years; the first, the Euthanasia Society of America, was founded in 1938 (Dowbiggin 2003), more than 40 years before Hemlock. Such a basic mistake leads me to worry about the quality of the information offered in this book; more disturbingly, it suggests that the authors didn't have any historical or sociological perspective on their subject.

This last point leads me to the book's most glaring weakness: It offers almost no discussion of either the right-to-die movement that Kevorkian suddenly found himself representing at the dawn of the 1990s, or the long history of the movement in the U.S. Instead, Nicol and Wylie present their readers a series of snapshots of one individual, without describing or explaining—or even acknowledging—the importance of the background of each picture. One might argue that this approach is excusable, given the fact that *Between the Dying and the Dead* is clearly not intended as an academic book (even though it was published by a division of the University of Wisconsin Press). But I would counter that it is incumbent upon even the barest and most straightforward of biographies to contextualize its subject.

For those who want to know more about Jack Kevorkian's life, this book, for better or for worse, is required reading. But readers who are also interested in the larger “battle to legalize euthanasia” (the book's subtitle) will find *Between the Dying and the Dead* disappointing. In my view, the story of Jack

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## 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](mailto:boudreac@gvsu.edu). I look forward to hearing your ideas.

**Cheryl Boudreaux, SSSP Vice-President 2008-2009**



## News of Note

### **Call for Articles, Book Chapters, and Teaching Materials**

(by submission deadline)

#### ***Qualitative Research in Sport & Exercise* is preparing a special edition on "Visual Methods in Physical Culture"**

Guest Editor Cassandra Phoenix is soliciting contributions for this special issue. Though employed in areas such as visual anthropology for some time, the last decade has witnessed a significant growth in the use of visual data within qualitative research more generally. Such growth reflects a rising appreciation of the ubiquity of imagery and visual culture in every day life. Indeed, scholars working within a number of different disciplines have become increasingly aware that adopting visual methods has the potential to further develop our understanding of the social world. By encompassing a multitude of forms including photographs, videos, maps, diagrams, symbols and so forth, images can provide specific information about our existence. They can also act as powerful indicators regarding the multiple meanings embedded within our culture.

Given these points, it is interesting to note that one domain where the use of visual methods has been less well documented is that of physical culture. Physical culture is taken here to mean human physical movement occurring within recognised cultural domains such as sport, dance and, more broadly, outdoor and indoor recreational activities involving expression through physicality.

We welcome empirical papers that harness the potential of visual methods to deepen our understandings of physical culture. Theoretical papers that will add to the continued development of theoretical frameworks orientated to visual methods are also invited.

Authors are requested to submit complete manuscripts (maximum 7000 words) in MS Word to the Guest Editor, Cassandra Phoenix, via e-mail sent to: [H.C.Phoenix@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:H.C.Phoenix@exeter.ac.uk) by **July 1, 2009**. The subject line should read "QRSE Submission." The first page should contain the title of the paper, along with the contact details of the author(s). The second page should show the title and the abstract. The paper should commence on the third page. Please send artwork (labeled appropriately) as a separate file, but ensure that you have indicated within the text approximately where it should appear. All papers will be subject to a process of rigorous review and there is no guarantee of acceptance or publication in the special edition.

#### ***Sexualities: Studies in Culture and Society* announces a special issue devoted to Sociology's Contribution to Understanding Sexualities**

Over the last 40 years there have been enormous transformations in the theorization of sexuality. Sexuality is now central to much groundbreaking work by sociologists, and to contemporary public interest and policy making. This Special Issue considers the innovative contribution sociology has made to understandings of sexuality in the past, and to consider new directions for contemporary times.

An important challenge for future work is to elaborate frameworks that allow more complex analyses of the

relationship between sexuality and its intersections with other theoretical traditions, social theory, social structures and broader social inequalities. This is the focus of this Special Issue. Key questions to be explored include: How does sexuality intertwine with other social divisions? What do different methodological and theoretical uses of intersectionality contribute to our understandings of sexualities? In our attempt to offer critical insights to these and related questions, we are casting a wide conceptual net in the consideration of sexuality in its broadest sense.

We aim to bring together a variety of contributions: from sociology and related disciplines, from different theoretical and methodological traditions (including quantitative and mixed methods, as well as qualitative), from contributors at different career stages, from those outside of the academy and from those based outside as well as in the UK. Potential contributions might include: (a) Sexuality and intersectionality – key ideas and theoretical traditions, (b) Sexuality, 'race', ethnicity, gender, class, disability and embodiment, (c) Sexuality, place and space, (d) Historical and contemporary innovations in methods and theory, (e) Sexuality, age and generation, (f) Comparative approaches to sexuality, (g) Material realities of sexualities, (h) Sexuality and social policy concerns, agendas and legislation, (i) Sexuality and the media.

This special issue will be edited by Mark Casey, Diane Richardson, and Yvette Taylor (Newcastle University) and Sally Hines (University of Leeds). We welcome articles of up to 7,000 words (including references) and also shorter review articles, commentaries and book reviews.

Submissions will be accepted via the journal's Manuscript Central site. Full submission instructions are available on the website on the 'Instructions and Forms page' (<http://www.sagepub.com/journalsProdManSub.nav?prodId=Journal200950>). Please read these before submitting your manuscript. Deadline for final submissions: **July 31, 2009**. Queries to Mark Casey: [M.E.Casey@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:M.E.Casey@ncl.ac.uk).

#### **Contributors sought for *Hypatia's* 25th Anniversary Special Issue: Feminist Legacies / Feminist Futures**

*Hypatia* has been published as an independent journal of feminist philosophy since 1986. Volume 25 will appear in 2010. To mark this anniversary, the final issue in Volume 25 (Fall 2010) will be a Special 25th Anniversary Issue.

Papers are welcome on any topic in feminist philosophy addressed by past contributors to *Hypatia*. We encourage a forward-looking focus that draws on retrospective assessment to envision future directions. You might, for example: (a) identify a paper or debate published by *Hypatia* that especially influenced you (positively or negatively) and assess the implications of its insights, its lacunae, its impact for future directions in feminist philosophy; (b) if you are a *Hypatia* author, return to a paper you published in the journal and assess how thinking in this area has changed, what new directions are taking shape; (c) consider how, and why, some topics that were prominent in early issues of *Hypatia* have continued to structure feminist philosophy while others have been reframed or set aside: how has work on these topics evolved and where it can be expected to go in the future?

See submission guidelines for more details. Information is available at, and papers should be submitted to <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/hypa>. The deadline for submissions



is **November 16, 2009**. Make sure to select "25th Anniversary Submission" as your manuscript type.

### **Call for Award Nominations**

The Society for Applied Anthropology presents the prestigious Margaret Mead Award in conjunction with the American Anthropological Association annually. The Award seeks to recognize a young scholar for a particular achievement, such as a book.

The deadline for receipt of nominations has been moved back to **March 15, 2009**. Additional information (including recent recipients) is available at [www.sfaa.net](http://www.sfaa.net) (click on "Awards" to get to the link to the Margaret Mead Award." Contact Sfaa Office if you have questions or wish additional information — (405) 843-5113.

### **Call for Presentations—Other Conferences** (by submission deadline)

**The American Society of Criminology will hold its annual meeting November 4–7, 2009 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** Its emphasis this year is "Criminology & Criminal Justice Policy." Program co-chairs Natasha A. Frost and Joshua D. Freilich invite policy proposals, thematic panel proposals, and individual paper submissions by **March 13, 2009** with completed submissions due by May 15, 2009. More information is available at, and submissions should be sent to [www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm](http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm).

**The 2009 International Visual Sociology Association is holding its annual conference July 22–24, 2009, in Cumbria, UK.** Its theme this year is "Appreciating the Views: How We're Looking at the Social and Visual Landscape." Proposals for papers are being accepted until **April 15, 2009**. A full list of panels and instructions on how to submit abstracts can be found at: [http://www.visualsociology.org/conf\\_2009](http://www.visualsociology.org/conf_2009).

**The Society for Utopian Studies invites you to submit abstracts for presentations at its 34<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, October 29–November 1, 2009.** Conference organizers are accepting abstracts for: papers (between 15–20 minutes), panels (usually of 3 papers), informal panel on a topic (e.g., 3 presenters, or a presenter and 2–3 respondents), acts of creative work on any topic related to utopia.

Scholars and artists from all disciplines are encouraged to present on difficulties and opportunities afforded by the theme "utopian theory/utopian practice." How do we understand the relationship between theory and practice in a field where the practice might seem improbable and the theory "merely theoretical." How utopian can theory be if it cannot be put into practice? How utopian can practice be if it continually strays from theory? We also welcome papers on other aspects of the utopian tradition – from the earliest utopian visions to the utopian speculations and yearnings of the 21st century, including art, architecture, urban and rural planning, literary utopias, dystopian writings, utopian political activism, theories of utopian spaces and ontologies, music, new media, or intentional communities. Please send a 100–250 word abstract by **May 10, 2009** to [curtisc@cofc.edu](mailto:curtisc@cofc.edu) (please put "sus

submission" in the subject line), or else via regular post to:

Claire P. Curtis  
Department of Political Science  
66 George St.  
College of Charleston  
Charleston, SC 29424

**The Association for Humanist Sociology's annual meeting will be held November 12–15, 2009, in New Orleans, Louisiana.** The conference theme is "Doing Change Work: The Many Paths to Peace, Equality, and Justice." Humanist sociologists are activist teachers, community activists, and activist researchers seeking to change classrooms, communities, and societies through their work with others. We also learn about the problems and change initiatives in the host cities where we meet. Through community organizations, arts initiatives, political action, and the daily efforts of its many citizens, the people of New Orleans are working to overcome the recent catastrophe that exposed the centuries of institutionalized injustice and environmental degradation to the rest of the world. Join us to learn of the continuing struggles in the Crescent City and along the Gulf Coast, experience its hospitality and beauty, and share your change work. Deadline for submission is **June 15, 2009**. Visit <http://www.altrue.net/site/humanist/section.php?id=16025> for more information. Send presentation, special session, panels and workshop proposals to: Greta Pennell, 2009 AHS Program Chair, Teacher Education Dept., University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227, or by email to [gpennell@uindy.edu](mailto:gpennell@uindy.edu).

### **Congratulations!**

#### **SSSP member receives two prestigious rewards**

In September, 2008, the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma awarded **Walter DeKeseredy** the 2008 Linda Saltzman Memorial Intimate Partner Violence Researcher Award. Also, the American Society of Criminology's Division on Critical Criminology awarded him the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award. *Congratulations on winning such acclaim and receiving these accolades!*

#### **SSSP member advances career**

**Roma Stovall Hanks** has been promoted to Professor and named Department Chair of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work at the University of South Alabama. *Congratulations and best wishes in your new position!*

#### **SSSP member receives academic prize and teaching award**

**Shirley A. Jackson** received an honorable mention from the CSA Sociological Abstracts Discovery Prize. Additionally, she was awarded the New England Sociological Association's Apple Award. *Congratulations on this well-deserved acknowledgment of your work!*

#### **SSSP's career celebrated**

The American Sociological Association Section on Sociological Practice awarded **J. Steven Picou** the 2008 William Foote Whyte Distinguished Career Award. *Congratulations on receiving this honor!*

### Student member awarded dissertation fellowship

**David Schleifer** is completing a year-long fellowship awarded by the Chemical Heritage Foundation to finish his dissertation about how food companies “cleaned up” trans fats. *Best wishes with your research, and congratulations!*

### Fellowships & Summer Institutes

(by submission deadline)

#### The Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality Postdoctoral Fellowship at Stanford University

Applicants are sought for a 2009-10 postdoctoral fellow with the possibility of extending the term of appointment. The fellow will teach one course in the new poverty and inequality undergraduate program and will serve as coeditor with David Grusky of the Center's new magazine, *Pathways* (see <http://www.stanford.edu/group/scspi/>). The fellow will also be expected to complete her or his own scholarship on issues of inequality or poverty. The appointment will be for one year with an effective start date of October 1, 2009. Candidates must have received their doctorate by the start of the appointment.

To ensure full consideration, all materials should be received by **March 20, 2009**. For more information, contact Alice Chou at 650-724-6912. Please send a letter of application with curriculum vitae, samples of original work, and three letters of recommendation to

Search Committee

Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality  
MC 2066 450 Serra Mall, Building 80  
Stanford, CA 94305-2029.

#### The Center for Population Research in LGBT Health Mentoring and Fellowship Program

The program offers aspiring junior researchers in the United States opportunities for training and mentorship. Its mission is to link promising young scholars with the resources they need to improve the reach, quality and methodological rigor of their research and to springboard their careers in LGBT health and population science. Organizers aim to foster the growth and development of the next generation of scholars by providing opportunities for additional coursework, assistance with independent research, and faculty interaction. The program links young scholars with training opportunities in the science of LGBT populations and methods, with data resources from a growing archive of LGBT datasets available for analysis through the Center and the Inter-university Consortium for Social and Political Research (ICPSR), and with a network of expert faculty in LGBT health and population research who are available to serve students as mentors.

The program is a joint endeavor of The Center for Population Research in LGBT Health, The Fenway Institute, and the Boston University School of Public Health. Selected students can benefit from the strengths and expertise of all three of these institutions. The Center provides a nationwide network of faculty with a broad range of interests and expertise in the study of the spectrum of LGBT populations. The Fenway Institute connects students with the experience, history and deep roots of Fenway Community Health – a leader in Boston and a model nationwide for excellence in LGBT community-based research, education and care. The

Boston University School of Public Health and the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences provide linkages with rich academic resources, including an outstanding multidisciplinary faculty of active researchers, and a comprehensive training curriculum for all levels of scholars in public health. Applications for pre-doctoral mentoring are accepted on a rolling basis. Contact Aimee Van Wagenen ([Avanwagenen@fenwayhealth.org](mailto:Avanwagenen@fenwayhealth.org)). For more information, visit [http://www.fenwayhealth.org/site/PageServer?pagename=FCHC\\_ins\\_populationcenter\\_home](http://www.fenwayhealth.org/site/PageServer?pagename=FCHC_ins_populationcenter_home).

### Job Announcements

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

George Mason University – Sociology and Anthropology  
(Social Science Research Center Director)  
Muskingum College – Sociology / Psychology (Lifespan Development position, assistant rank)  
University of Hong Kong – Sociology (Criminology 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

#### *Ancilla Iuris*

*Ancilla Iuris* is an online journal dedicated to recent developments in philosophically-oriented law and society scholarship in Europe. To help European contributors to gain access to the important English speaking audience, we translate selected publications into English in order to make them available to readers in both languages simultaneously. In this way, all internet published contributions will become immediately part of global academic networks, while at the same time preserving and making available the important background of the original language. With a short e-mail all interested readers will be informed about our peer-reviewed publications, which are published ready for printing as PDF-files. At the end of the year, articles will be made available to libraries in the form of an edited volume, printed by Klostermann, Frankfurt a.M.

Examples of published articles in German, English, and in both German and English are available at <http://www.anci.ch> <http://www.anci.ch/doku.php> as is information for contributors.

#### *International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology (IJSa)*

The journal is a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal that will be published monthly by Academic Journals (<http://www.academicjournals.org/IJSa>). *IJSa*, an Open Access Journal, is dedicated to increasing the depth of the subject across disciplines with the ultimate aim of expanding knowledge of the subject.

Editors and reviewers

*IJSa* is seeking qualified researchers to join its editorial team

as editors, subeditors or reviewers. Kindly send your resume to [ijisa@acadjourn.org](mailto:ijisa@acadjourn.org).

#### Call for Papers

IJSA will cover all areas of the subject. The journal welcomes the submission of manuscripts that meet the general criteria of significance and scientific excellence, and will publish: (a) original articles in basic and applied research, (b) case studies, (c) critical reviews, surveys, opinions, commentaries and essays.

We invite you to submit manuscript(s) to [ijisa@acadjourn.org](mailto:ijisa@acadjourn.org) 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 details are available on our website; <http://www.academicjournals.org/IJSA/Instruction.htm>. For more information, contact editorial assistant Emeje Cynthia via E-mail: [ijisa@acadjourn.org](mailto:ijisa@acadjourn.org).

#### Other Conferences/Workshops of Interest

(by conference date)

**The Western Social Science Association will be holding its 51st annual conference, April 15-18, 2009, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.** This year's conference theme is "New Era in a New World: Challenges facing the Social Sciences." Visit <http://wssa.asu.edu/conferences/default.htm> for more information.

**The Fifth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (QI2009) will take place at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign from May 20-23, 2009.** The theme of the 2009 Congress is "Advancing Human Rights Through Qualitative Inquiry." This theme builds on recent human rights initiatives taken by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Education Research Association, previous Congresses, the American Anthropological Association, the American Psychological Association, The American Nurses Association, the Center for Indigenous World Studies, Scholars at Risk, and the Society for Applied Anthropology. For more information, visit: <http://www.icqi.org>.

**The Canadian Sociological Association (La Société Canadienne de Sociologie) is holding its 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 26 to May 29, 2009 at Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario.** The conference is being held in conjunction with the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities of Canada. For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.csaa.ca/AnnualMeeting/AnnualMeeting2009/AnnualMeetingCall.htm#GENERAL%20INFORMATION>, ou dans le Français, la visite: <http://www.csaa.ca/AnnualMeeting/AnnualMeeting2009/Appeldepaticipation2009.htm>

**The Society for the Study of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture (EPTC) will hold its annual conference at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, from May 26 to May 29, 2009.** The conference is being held in conjunction with the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities of Canada. For more information on the Congress, visit <http://www.fedcan.ca/>.

**The 2009 Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association is taking place, Thursday, May 28 through Sunday, May 31, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Denver, Colorado.** Its theme is "Law, Power, and Inequality in the 21st Century." More information is available online at: [http://www.lawandsociety.org/ann\\_mtg/am09/call.htm](http://www.lawandsociety.org/ann_mtg/am09/call.htm).

**The Association of Black Sociologists is holding its 39th Annual Conference at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, June 17-20, 2009, in New Orleans, Louisiana.** Its theme is "Black Sociology: Advancing Social Justice and Responsibility Through Teaching, Research, and Activism." For more information, visit <http://www.blacksociologists.org/conference.htm>.

#### Recent Books Published by Members

**Ximena de la Barra & Richard A. Dello Buono.** 2009. *Latin America after the Neoliberal Debacle: Another Region is Possible*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc. ISBN: 0-7425-6606-4

**Shari L. Dworkin & Faye Linda Wachs.** 2009. *Body Panic: Gender, Health, and the Selling of Fitness*. New York: NYU Press. ISBN: 10: 0814719686

**Kathleen J. Ferraro.** 2009. *Women's Lives*. Boston: Pearson/Allyn & Bacon. ISBN: 13:9780205404476

**Beth Frankel Merenstein.** 2008. *Immigrants and Modern Racism: Reproducing Inequality*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. ISBN-10: 1588265730

**Stephen J. Morewitz.** 2008. *Death Threats and Violence—New Research and Clinical Perspectives*. New York: Springer Science+Business Media, LLC. ISBN: 10: 0387766618

**Anthony M. Orum & John G. Dale.** 2008. *Political Sociology: Power and Participation in the Modern World. 5th Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 10: 0195371151

**Lorna Rivera.** 2008. *Laboring to Learn: Women's Literacy & Poverty in the Post-Welfare Era*. Urbana Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press. ISBN 978-0-252-07555-1.

**Kenneth A. Root & Rosemarie J. Park.** 2008. *Forced Out: Older Workers Confront Job Loss*. Boulder, CO: FirstForum-Press. ISBN: 978-1-935049-03-6

**Laura Toussaint.** 2009. *The Contemporary US Peace Movement*. New York: Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-415-99192-6

#### 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>.

## Book Review:

**Michael J. Lynch, E. Britt Patterson, & Kristina K. Childs (Eds). *Racial Divide: Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Criminal Justice System*. Monsey, NY: Criminal Justice Press, 2008, Pp. 301. \$37.00 (paperback)**  
**Reviewed by Suzanne Goodney Lea, Trinity College, Washington, DC**

*Racial Divide* offers a collection of eleven essays that aspire to examine one question: Do the various aspects of the American criminal justice system evidence bias in the treatment of racial and ethnic minorities? This is hardly a novel question, but the continued inequalities in the system mandate that the fields of criminal justice, criminology, and sociology continue to engage this issue. While these authors are balanced, thorough, and creative in their treatments of the subject matter, their thesis is clear: the American criminal justice system exhibits a systematic, structural bias in its treatment of non-whites. The book breaks down into three sections: (1) two chapters devoted to a consideration of the context and theoretical basis undergirding the bias; (2) six chapters – and the real soul of this volume – that apply novel and penetrating analysis to the specific locations of bias within the criminal justice system; and, finally, (3) three chapters seemingly tacked on to the end exploring a hodge-podge of issues.

The editors' introduction locates discriminatory practices enacted by the criminal justice system within the broader context of racial and ethnic disparities in U.S. society, taking the controversial position that race – more than gender or social class – is the primary social divider in terms of the intensity and subordination it effects on people's lives. Michael J. Leiber's chapter on theory does an excellent job of examining the ways in which theorists have explained the bias extant within the criminal justice system. He deconstructs these theories in terms of two opposing assertions: there is discrimination in the system and there is no discrimination in the system. This is a well-written chapter that posits this literature in an accessible and incisive way.

The next section of the book examines the three main sites of discrimination: perceptions of racial prejudice in policing, racial and ethnic bias in sentencing, including an examination of sentencing of juveniles for drug offenses, and whether minority overrepresentation in the prison population can be attributed to justice system processing biases, which includes an examination of the death penalty. This section is by far the richest part of the book; its chapters are creative and theoretically-driven. In the first of the section's two chapters on policing, Lorie A. Fridell deconstructs the bad apple thesis, asserting instead an examination of the impact that the social-psychological association of Black with crime has on law enforcement and its governing policies. For instance, do police forego community policing in lieu of racial profiling because of such associations? The next chapter, by Brian N. Williams and Billy R. Close, uses focus groups to explore both African-American police officers' and citizens' perceptions of bias by police. While the chapter might have offered a bit more subtle analysis of the data, the data itself is fascinating to read.

The next two chapters of the section consider sentencing discrepancies by race and ethnicity. Amy Farrell and Donna M. Bishop contribute a chapter exploring race and sentencing, and while they cover the usual ground, they do so in a theoretically-driven manner that attempts to make sense of

sentencing discrepancies. The chapter examines the intersection of race, class, and gender on sentencing and raises the important issue of data reporting, noting that there is no breakdown in sentencing data by ethnicity for African-American or Asian immigrants or by white v. non-white Hispanics. There is also limited data available for Native Americans, specifically. Moreover, very little research on sentencing utilizes a qualitative approach. E. Britt Patterson's chapter on race, drugs, and processing within the juvenile court system is a very readable update to some of the issues raised by William Chambliss in his famed *Saints and Roughnecks* article, which is now forty years old. Sadly, many of the discriminatory patterns remain.

The last two chapters of this section examine corrections. Michael J. Lynch's chapter on the racial divide in U.S. prisons presents the numbers but then goes on to consider the life-course effects of those numbers, including a look at disenfranchisement. This is a unique and accessible chapter that would be interesting to undergraduate students taking a corrections course. It would, in fact, be interesting to have heard more about the social structural impact on the affected communities when up to one-third of their male members are being subjected to the criminal justice system and its various corrections efforts. Finally, the last chapter of this section, by Judith Kavanaugh-Earl et al., compiles a complete archive on research finding bias in the implementation of the death penalty. The authors consider the legal standard by which assertions of bias can be made (*McCleskey v. Kemp* 1987) and posit the question: With all this research demonstrating bias, why has there been no impact on the use of the death penalty?

The last section of the book includes three seemingly unrelated chapters: (1) findings from a study by Shaun L. Gabbidon and George E. Higgins examining the racial profiling of white customers in retail stores, (2) Tom Mieczkowski's examination of the ways in which race and racial identification have been reified within the field of forensic science, and (3) Paul Stretesky's exploration of corporate dumping of environmental waste in terms of the racial disparity in residents' proximity to those hazards and in terms of the enforcement of environmental regulations. The first of these chapters seems almost completely misplaced, justified in terms of there not being much information on the extent to which whites are profiled and that "funding agencies must be made aware that other forms of racial profiling also warrant consideration for their funds (p. 209)." The authors conclude with the claim that "making it more widely known that Whites are also victimized and 'scarred,' to some extent, by profiling might spur more immediate action from the people most likely to hold the power to stop the practice – powerful White Americans (mostly male) in key governmental and justice system positions (p. 209)." Considering that there is no nationally-maintained database indexing the use of lethal force by police, I found myself thinking that there may be more pressing data to collect.

Mieczkowski's chapter on racial identification in forensic

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science is interesting and unique. It is largely a consideration of race as a social construct in contrast to the idea of race as a physical reality. Mieczkowski explores the issue via a history of “race markers,” and, given the unusual locale of a forensic science lab, the debate is given a new twist. The last of these three chapters is probably the most interesting and relevant. It explores the neglect of racial and ethnic inequalities within the emergent domain of environmental crime. This realm is likely to become increasingly relevant in the advent of amplified awareness of environmental issues, and this article makes a useful contribution toward understanding some of the inequities that underlie the placement and regulation of environmental waste. Obviously, as anyone who saw *Erin Brockovich* knows, such discrimination affects poor whites as well, but a specific focus on the racial and ethnic dimensions of this issue is welcome.

In sum, this volume is, overall, a useful contribution to the literature exploring one of the most central questions to the

criminal justice field: Is the system biased against non-whites? There probably cannot be too much written on this topic. Still, as someone who teaches at a college that serves a student body comprised of mostly first-generation Black and Latina women, I would like to have seen more attention given to racial and ethnic biases beyond the standard Black/white and Latino/white dimensions. What about Asians? Based upon an admittedly very limited sample size, Asian male immigrants have been the most frequent perpetrators of mass murder incidents at universities. Why is that? How about ethnic whites? As the second season of *The Wire* make clear, third and fourth generation Polish immigrants can be just as criminally-prone as any other group. It would also have been useful to see more attention given to the intersections of race, gender, and class. Though the editors assert the controversial view at the beginning of the book that race is the primary social and human divider, race is certainly amplified by gender and socio-economic status.

## *Donations Sought For AIDS Fundraiser Auction*

Join us for the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 June 1.

Becky Ancheta, Local Arrangements Committee  
Chair at [beckyancheta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beckyancheta@sbcglobal.net)

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting  
Manager at [mkoontz3@utk.edu](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS Fundraiser a big success by donating an item.

## Attention

## SAN FRANCISCO AREA MEMBERS — AIDS FUNDRAISER —

For the past eight 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:

Rebecca W. Ancheta,  
Local Arrangements Chair  
[beckyancheta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beckyancheta@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you,  
Becky Ancheta

## CANDIDATES FOR THE 2009 GENERAL ELECTION

### RICHARD A. DELLO BUONO

**Position - President Elect, 2009-2010; President, 2010-2011**

#### Current Position

Visiting Associate Professor of Sociology, New College of Florida

#### Former Positions Held

Visiting Graduate Studies Professor, Autonomous University of Zacatecas, Mexico, 2006-current; Associate Professor of Sociology (tenured 1993), Dominican University, 1987-2005; Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Colgate University, 1986-1987

#### Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Social Economy and Social Justice, Boston College, 1986; M.A., Sociology, University of Maryland, 1980; B.A., Sociology and Anthropology, West Chester University, 1978

#### Major Publications

*Latin America after the Neoliberal Debacle* (co-authored with Ximena de la Barra). 2008. Rowman and Littlefield.

*Neoliberalismo y Luchas Sociales en América Latina [Neoliberalism and Social Struggles in Latin America]*, (co-editor with José Bell Lara). 2007. Editorial Ántropos.

*Un Continente en la Encrucijada: Nuestra América en Transformación [A Continent at the Crossroads: Latin America in Transformation]*, edited by R.A. Dello Buono and M.A. Gandásegui, Jr., 2007. CELA / Universidad de Panama.

"The Changing Face of Latin America's Political Parties." Pp. 277-300 in *Imperialism, Neoliberalism and Social Struggles in Latin America*, edited by R.A. Dello Buono & J.B. Lara, 2007. Brill Academic Publishers Inc.

*Diálogo Sudamericano: Otra Integración es Posible [South American Dialogue: Another Integration is Possible]*. 2006. PCS/Bellido Ediciones (2nd ed., Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar/Ediciones Tierra; 3rd ed., Universidad Bolivariana).

"The Hostile Tides of Cuban-U.S. Relations." Pp. 233-260 in *Cuba in the Twenty-First Century: Realities and Perspectives*, edited by R.A. Dello Buono & J.B. Lara, 2005. Editorial Jose Martí.

"Critical Perspectives on Law and Society: A *Social Problems* Approach." Pp. 3-18 in *Social Problems, Law and Society*, edited by R.A. Dello Buono, W.J. Chambliss & A.K. Stout, 2004. SSSP Presidential Series/Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.

"Political Prisoners as an Emergent Contradiction of State Repression" (co-authored with Kathryn Stout). 1992. *Humanity and Society* 16:338-49.

"State Repression and Popular Resistance: The Criminalization of Puerto Rican Independentistas." 1991. *Humanity and Society* 15(1):110-130.

"From Critique to Constructive Action: Concrete Steps Towards a More Progressive SSSP." 1990. *The American Sociologist* 1990:337-341.

#### Honors and other Professional Commendations

Fulbright Professor, University of Panama, 2001-2002; Excellence in Teaching Award, Dominican University, 1992-1993

#### SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Lee Scholar-Activist Support Committee, 2007-current  
Chair, Global Division, 2005-2007

Vice-President, 2002-2003

Editor, SSSP Newsletter, 1993-1999

Program Committee, 1992-1993

#### Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

*Critical Sociology*, Latin American and Caribbean Editor/  
Editorial Board Member, 1987-current; American Sociological Association, Sections on Marxist Sociology & Political Economy of the World System, 1987-current; Caribbean Studies Association, Program Chair and Board Member, 1997-1998

#### Candidate Statement

I have been a SSSP member since I was a graduate student in the mid-1980s. I was drawn to the SSSP's commitment to scholarship in the pursuit of social justice. One of my first projects in the Society was to work on an initiative to increase participation of foreign scholar-activists in the annual meetings. This resulted in the creation of the Lee Foreign Scholar-Activists Support Fund. I later served on various committees and before long found myself working on the program committee for an annual meeting. Eventually, I would sit eight years on the SSSP Board of Directors, first as editor of the *SSSP NEWSLETTER* (now *SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM*) and later as Vice-President of the Society. In recent years, I have been privileged to serve in other capacities, including as the Global Division's first elected Chairperson. I have also worked closely with the Executive Office in organizing post-conference meetings and special sessions. The common thread to over twenty years of involvement has been my commitment to broaden and deepen the critical, activist and global character of the Society. This is the path envisioned for us by the SSSP founders well over half a decade ago.

As President, my energies would be devoted to managing the ongoing initiatives of the Society as well as introducing specific new proposals before the membership in three broad, overlapping areas. First, I have always believed that the Society could take better advantage of the local resources available at our annual meeting sites. Since we hold our meetings in conference hotels, it is time to think more creatively about organizing meaningful, on-site activities in the surrounding community. This can dovetail with Society efforts to strengthen its ties with surrounding universities and local activist groups. I would be well-situated to pursue such efforts since the conference site for this presidency will be Chicago, a place where I taught and lived for 18 consecutive years. Secondly, I believe that the Society could be more effective at media outreach, particularly in the context of our annual meetings. I will ask the Vice-President (whose duty includes organizing the annual resolutions of the Society) to work along with myself and interested others on an effective media strategy for the Chicago meeting. Third, I believe that the Society should consider additional ways of systematizing the groundbreaking work being produced by our members. To this end, I would propose to form a working group to garner proposals for innovative research and dissemination initiatives designed to complement our existing flagship journal. This could, for

example, include the creation of online journals within our social problems divisions. Through these and other initiatives already in place, we can push forward in bolstering the SSSP's unique position as the leading professional association of scholar-activists engaged in confronting 21st Century social problems.

### **A. JAVIER TREVIÑO**

**Position - President Elect, 2009-2010; President, 2010-2011**

#### **Current Position**

Professor of Sociology, Wheaton College (Norton, Mass.)

#### **Former Positions Held**

Visiting Research Fellow in Sociology, University of Sussex (England), 2006; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Marquette University, 1989-1995; Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Holy Cross College, 1987-1988

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Boston College, 1990; M.A., Northern Arizona University, 1981; B.A., University of North Texas, 1979

#### **Major Publications**

*Talcott Parsons on Law and the Legal System* (editor). 2008. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

*Classic Writings on Law and Society: Contemporary Comments and Criticisms* (editor). 2007. Transaction Publishers.

*George C. Homans: History, Theory and Method* (editor). 2006. Paradigm Publishers.

*Understanding Crime: A Multidisciplinary Approach* (edited with Susan Guarino-Ghezzi). 2005. Lexis Nexis/Anderson Publishing.

*Goffman's Legacy* (editor). 2003. Rowman & Littlefield.

*Talcott Parsons Today: His Theory and Legacy in Contemporary Sociology* (editor). 2001. Rowman & Littlefield.

*The Sociology of Law: Classical and Contemporary Perspectives*. 1996. St. Martin's Press.

*The Sociology of Law: A Bibliography of Theoretical Literature, 4th edition*. 2007. The Edwin Mellen Press.

"Remembering George Washington on the Rio Grande." Pp. 35-47 in *Storytelling Sociology: Narrative as Social Inquiry*, edited by R.J. Berger & R. Quinney, 2005. Lynne Rienner Publishers.

"Truth and Environmental Justice in the Woburn Toxic Waste Case." 2000. *Contemporary Justice Review* 3(3):335-43.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Associate Editor, *Contemporary Justice Review*, 2000-current; General Editor of Law & Society Series, Transaction Publishers, 1998-current; Career Achievement in Sociology Award, University of North Texas, 2003

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Chair, Program Committee, 2008-current  
Member, Editorial and Publications Committee, 2005-2008  
Advisory Editor, *Social Problems*, 2002-2005  
Member, Board of Directors, 2002-2005  
Member, C. Wright Mills Award Committee, 2002-2003

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society), Council Member, 2002-2005; Justice Studies Association, President, 2000-2002; American Sociological Association, Member of Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching, 1996-1998

### **Candidate Statement**

Throughout my membership in SSSP during the past 20 years, I, like many of us in the Society, have been particularly attracted and attuned to its injunction of "Scholarship Pursuing Justice." Though much of my work is of a largely theoretical nature—particularly in the social problematic areas pertaining to law, deviance, and crime—I am also, and equally, keenly interested in the pragmatics of envisioning and realizing just communities. In a tiny step toward the practical procurement of the latter, I was a founding member, in 1998, of the Justice Studies Association and later served as that organization's President. And in an equally slight attempt at conceptualizing the notion of "justice" (whether in problematic form or not) I have structured my scholarship within the parameters of social theory. This convergence of the theoretical and the practical, of scholarship pursuing justice, helps, I believe, to reinforce our understanding of social problems.

If elected President of SSSP I would endeavor to promote, among our membership of scholars, activists, and practitioners, a more positive orientation, informed by a justice framework, toward social problems. Too often when we teach, research, and organize in regard to various social problems, we tend to focus on the negative. But as we enter, on the national scene, a new era of hope and change, a more optimistic outlook on the part social problems study may yield different results.

A second initiative will be to promote greater diversity of membership by appealing specifically to various populations in regard to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and nationality (encouraging in this respect, greater participation by Mexican and Canadian scholars/activists, in particular).

### **NANCY MEZEY**

**Position – Vice-President Elect, 2009-2010  
Vice-President, 2010-2011**

#### **Current Position**

Associate Professor of Sociology, Monmouth University

#### **Former Positions Held**

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Monmouth University, 2002-2008; Research Assistant, Michigan State University, 2001-2002; Instructor, Michigan State University, 1994-2000

#### **Educational Degrees**

PhD, Michigan State University, 2002; BA, Vassar College, 1987

#### **Major Publications**

"Family: Youth and Adults." In *Collaborative Forensic Social Work*, edited by T Maschi, C. Bradley & K. Ward, 2009 (under contract). Lyceum Books, Inc.

"The Privilege of Coming Out: Race, Class, and Lesbians' Mothering Decisions." 2008. *The International Journal of Sociology of the Family* 34(2):257-276.

*New Choices, New Families: How Lesbians Decide about Motherhood*. 2008. The Johns Hopkins University Press.

"Conducting Multiracial Feminist Family Research: Challenges and Rewards of Recruiting a Diverse Sample." 2005. *Michigan Family Review* 10:44-65.

"Redefining Intimate Partner Violence: Women's Experiences with Physical Violence and Non-Physical Abuse by Age." 2002. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 22(7/8):122-149.

"The Rape Tax: Tangible and Intangible Costs of Sexual Violence." 2002. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 17



(7):773-782.

### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Associate Director, Institute for Global Understanding, Monmouth University, 2008-current; Chair, Faculty Council, Monmouth University, 2008-2009

### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Chairperson of the Council of the Division Chairs, 2006-2009  
Family Division Chair, 2005-2007

Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Family Division, 2004-2005

Reviewer, Graduate Student Paper Award Competition, Family Division

### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Sociologists for Women in Society, Member, 1996-current;  
Sociologists for Women in Society, Representative to the United Nations' ECOSOC, 2005-2007; American Sociological Association, Member, 1996-2002

### **Candidate Statement**

It would be a privilege and an honor to serve as Vice-President of SSSP. I became a member of SSSP as a graduate student in 2002 and was immediately drawn to the organization, particularly because of its activist mission, welcoming members, and serious scholarship. Not only did I find it easy to become an active member, but I found myself drawn to participate in SSSP because of how comfortable the organization felt to me both professionally and personally.

Since my early days with SSSP, I have served in a variety of capacities. I have organized numerous sessions that span a variety of divisions. In addition, I served as a reviewer in 2003, and a year later chaired the committee for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition. From 2005-2007, I chaired the Family Division. My most recent position, Chairperson of the Council of the Division Chairs, has been my most involved and rewarding position. Being "Chair of Chairs" has provided me great insight into the inner-workings of SSSP. In this position, I have served as an ex-officio voting member of the Board of Directors and as the Chair of the Nominations Committee. I have organized and run numerous business meetings at the annual meetings, and worked closely with Division Chairs, as well as the President, Vice-President, members of the Board of Directors, and other committee members, to ensure that the mission of SSSP thrives.

In addition to reporting on resolutions, I see the role of the Vice-President as supporting the President, the Board of Directors, and other committee and Special Division members as needed. If elected, I would work with the various constituencies in whatever capacity necessary, and would encourage new members, including graduate students, to become involved in the organization.

My work with SSSP invigorates me, and I hope it equally invigorates SSSP. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Vice-President of SSSP.

**CAROLYN C. PERRUCCI**

**Position – Vice-President Elect, 2009-2010**

**Vice-President, 2010-2011**

### **Current Position**

Professor of Sociology, Purdue University

### **Former Positions Held**

Department Head, Sociology Department, Purdue University,

1998-2003; Chair, Women's Studies, Purdue University, 1996-1998; Associate Dean, Graduate School, Purdue University, 1992-1998

### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Sociology, Purdue University, 1965; M.A., Sociology, Purdue University, 1963; B.S., Social Science, Middle Tennessee State University, 1961

### **Major Publications**

*America at the Crossroads: The Crisis in Hope, Trust And Caring*. 2009. Roman & Littlefield.

"Surviving Widowhood: Gender and Race Effects On Health-Related Coping Strategies." 2008. *JAI Advances in Gender Research*, Vol. 12.

*The Transformation of Work in the New Economy*. 2007. Roxbury Publishing.

"Black Women: Truly Disadvantaged in the Transition from Employment to Retirement Income." 2007. *Social Science Research* 36:1184-1189.

*Plant Closings: International Context and Social Costs*. 2005. Oxford University Press.

"Enduring Inequality: Marriage, Gender and Employment Income in Late Career" (co-authored with R. Hogans & A. Behringer). 2005. *Sociological Spectrum* 25(1):53-77.

"Unemployment As a Public Health Problem" (co-authored with R. Perrucci). Pp. 10-17 in *Agenda for Social Justice*, edited by R. Perrucci, K. Ferraro, J. Miller & P.C. Rodriguez Rust, 2004. Society for the Study of Social Problems.

"Producing and Reproducing Class and Status Differences: Racial and Gender Gaps in U.S. Employment and Retirement Income." 1998. *Social Problems* 45(4):529-549.

*Women in Scientific and Engineering Professions*. 1984. University of Michigan Press.

*Marriage and the Family: A Critical Analysis and Proposals for Change*. 1974. David McKay Company.

### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Distinguished Alumna Award, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, 1997; Fellow, CIC (Big Ten) Academic Leadership Program, Purdue University, 1996-1997; Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, Purdue University, 1992

### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Chair, Lee Founders Award Committee, 2007-2009

Board of Directors, 2006-2009

Chair, Division of Youth, Aging & the Life Course, 2005-2007

Chair, Permanent Organization And Strategic Planning Committee, 2003-2005

Chair, Membership Committee, 1986-1988

### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Elected Member, American Sociological Association, Council, 1990-1993; VP and President, North Central Sociological Association, Elected VP and President, 1984-1987; Chair, American Sociological Association, Section on Sex and Gender, 1979-1980

### **Candidate Statement**

I have been a member of SSSP for a number of years and am honored to run for its position of Vice President. I feel at home in this Society, for much of my scholarship has had a justice focus; e.g., our co-authored monograph *Plant Closings: International Context and Social Costs*. In connection with that project, I served as an unpaid consultant to the North West Indiana Central Labor Council for proposal development, "Project CARE: Job Clubs for Displaced Workers," which was

funded by the Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA), for \$75,000. I also contributed "Unemployment As a Public Health Problem" to the *SSSP Agenda for Social Justice* 2004, and I donate financially to its continued production every four years.

For all of my professional career I have been attentive to furthering the participation of women and minorities in sociology and elsewhere and would continue to do so as a member of the governing Council. I would also aim to work with Divisions to recognize and support worthy activist organizations, and work to strengthen scholarship in the pursuit of justice by SSSP members.

### **MARTHA A. HARGRAVES**

**Position – Secretary, 2009-2010**

#### **Current Position**

Director, Associate Professor OB/GYN, Health Policy & Health Services Research, University of Texas Medical Branch

#### **Former Positions Held**

Senior Program Management Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, PHS, DHHS, 1981-1988; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Licensing and Regulations, State of Louisiana, 1979-1981; Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, 1977-1979

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D. in Management and Policy Sciences and Health Services Research, The University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, TX, 1992; M.P.H. in Health Services Administration and Community Health, The University of Texas School of Public Health Houston, TX, 1975; B.S. in Business Administration, Jarvis Christian College, 1967

#### **Major Publications**

- "The Diabetes in Pregnancy Dilemma: Leading Change with Proven Solutions." 2007. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 356(1):98-99.
- "Elevating the Voices of Rural Minority Women." 2002. Guest Editor, Special Issue, 'Minority Women's Health Issue.' *American Journal of Public Health* 92:580-587.
- "Current Dilemmas in Medical Care Rationing: A Pragmatic Approach." 1996. *New England Journal of Medicine* 335(20):1539.
- "Immigrants Needing Health Care in Texas." 1996. *Texas Medicine* 92(10):64-77.
- "Preterm Birth in the African American Community." 1995. *Seminars in Perinatology* 19(4):255-262.
- "Class, Race and Infant Mortality in the United States." 1998. *American Journal of Public Health* 83(1):9-11.
- "Infant Mortality-Its History and Social Construction." 1993. *American Journal for Preventive Medicine(Supp.)* 9(6):17-26.
- "Hemophiliac Patients' Knowledge and Education Needs Concerning Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome." 1987. *American Journal of Hematology* 26(1):115-124.
- "Health Promotion and the Church." 1986. *Church in Society* 77(1):38-41.
- Minority Health in America: Findings and Policy Implications from the Commonwealth Fund Minority Health Survey* (co-edited with Carol J.R. Hogue & K.S. Collins). 2000. Johns Hopkins University Press.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

*Who's Who in America*, 2007 Edition, *Who's Who in America*, 2007-Current; Chair, Health Disparities Task Force – The State of Texas, Gubernatorial Appointment, State of Texas, 2005-Current; Fellow, Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women, Institute for Women's Health at MCP Hahnemann University, 2002-2003

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Member, Committee on Establishing a SSSP Foundation, 2006-2007

Member, Long-Range Planning Committee, 2003-2006

Vice President, 2004-2005

Membership Chair, 2002-2003

Member, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, 1999-2002

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, Best Practices Committee, 2001-current; National Rural Health Association, Rural Minority/Multicultural Health Committee, 2005-2008, 1999-current; International Society on Hypertension in Blacks, Poster and Abstract Committee, 2003

#### **Candidate Statement**

The SSSP's expressed and validated commitment to social justice and equity, under girded by scholarship, brought me to its doors some twenty plus years ago as a graduate student. I was seeking a community of scholars committed to this expressed view of how the world could be; I found such a community in the Society for the Study of Social Problems and have participated actively in its mission. I have served the Society on the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, Strategic Planning, Chaired and served as a member of the Minority Scholarship Committee, Membership Committee and as Vice President. I see the Society entering into a new and exciting phase while embracing changes that have guided its successful mission to this point. Being a part of this "new era" of opportunity and challenge, as Secretary to the Board last year and requesting your support to remain in that position for 2009-2010, your continue support will allow me to serve the Societies' commitment to social justice policy in our world among its diverse communities.

### **SUSAN M. CARLSON**

**Position – Treasurer, 2009-2010**

#### **Current Position**

Associate Professor, Western Michigan University

#### **Former Positions Held**

Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 1990-1993; Lecturer, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 1988-1990

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Florida State University, 1987

#### **Major Publications**

- "Social Structures of Accumulation and the Criminal Justice System" (with M.D. Gillespie & R.J. Michalowski). *Understanding Contemporary Capitalism: Social Structure of Accumulation Theory for the Twenty-First Century*, in edited by T. McDonough, D.M. Kotz & M. Reich. 2009 (forthcoming). Cambridge University Press.
- "Crime, Punishment, and Social Structures of Accumulation: Toward a New and Much Needed Political Economy of Justice" (with R.J. Michalowski). 2000. *Journal of*

*Contemporary Criminal Justice* 16(3):272-292.

"Unemployment, Imprisonment and Social Structures of Accumulation: Historical Contingency in the Rusche-Kirchheimer Hypothesis" (with R.J. Michalowski). 1999. *Criminology* 37(2):217-50.

"Crime, Unemployment, and Social Structures of Accumulation: An Inquiry into Historical Contingency" (co-authored with R.J. Michalowski). 1997. *Justice Quarterly* 14 (2):101-33.

"Quality and Quantity in Comparative-Historical Analysis: Temporally-Changing Wage Labor Regimes in the United States and Sweden" (co-authored with L.W. Isaac & M.P. Mathis). Pp. 93-135 in *The Comparative Political Economy of the Welfare State: New Methodologies and Approaches*, edited by T. Janoski & A. Hicks. 1994. Cambridge University Press.

"Trends in Race/Sex Occupational Inequality: Conceptual and Measurement Issues." 1992. *Social Problems* 39(3):268-90.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching, Graduate Student Union, Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University, 2006; Alfred R. Lindesmith Award, Law and Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1995; Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Mentoring, Graduate Student Union, Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University, 2007

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Investment Advisor, Budget, Finance, & Audit Committee, 2006-current

Chair, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, 2008-09, Member 2006-2009

Treasurer, 2003-2006

Investment Advisor, Budget, Finance, & Audit Committee, 1996-2003

Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, 1995-1996, Member 1993-1996

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE), 2000-current; American Society of Criminology, 1992-current

#### **Candidate Statement**

Since 1993, I have served on the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee in four capacities: elected member, elected chair, Board-appointed Investment Advisor, and Treasurer. During my tenure with the Committee, I provided leadership in moving the Society's reserve funds from investments made through Merrill Lynch into socially responsible investments: socially-responsible mutual funds (presently the Pax World Balanced and Parnassus Funds) and certificates of deposit with community development financial institutions. The income derived from these investments is used to fund the minority scholarship, annual awards, and other Society expenses. As Treasurer, I will continue to provide leadership on financial matters during these challenging economic times. Specifically, I hope to work closely with the new Executive Officer to increase funding for new initiatives. In addition, I will seek to safeguard the financial health of the SSSP, and to ensure that the Society's reserve funds are invested in a manner consistent with the financial and social objectives of the SSSP investment policy, and the values of the Society's membership.

#### **SARAH JANE BRUBAKER**

#### **Position - Board of Directors, 2009-2012**

#### **Current Position**

Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Delaware, 1999; M.S., Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1992; B.A., Sociology, James Madison University, 1990

#### **Major Publications**

"Gender and disability: A first look at rehabilitation education program courses" (co-authored with A.N. Lewis & A.J. Armstrong) 2009 (Forthcoming). *Review of Disability Studies* 5.

"Pack a more powerful punch' and 'lay the pipe': The erectile enhancement discourse of masculinity." 2008. *Journal of Gender Studies* 17(2):131-146.

"Sexual assault prevalence, reporting, and policies: Comparing college and university campuses and military service academies." 2008. *Security Journal* 21(4):56-72.

"Neighborhood rituals and routines that support healthy adolescent development." 2007. *Children, Youth and Environments* 17(4): 54-85.

"Denied, embracing and resisting medicalization: African American teen mothers' perceptions of formal pregnancy and childbirth care." 2007. *Gender & Society* 21:528-552.

"Identity transformation and family caregiving: Narratives of African American teen mothers." 2006. *Journal of Marriage & Family* 68:1214-1228.

"Intersectionality and childbirth: How women at different social locations discuss epidural use. 2006. *Race, Gender & Class* 13(3-4):16-41.

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Member, Youth, Age and the Life Course Division Student Paper Award Committee, 2008

Member, Accessibility Committee, 2005-2006

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

American Sociological Association, 2003-current; Sociologists for Women in Society, 2003-current; Southern Sociological Society, Co-Chair Local Arrangements; Member, Committee on Sociological Practice, 2007-2010

#### **Candidate Statement**

I have been actively involved with SSSP for several years, and I have come to value the organization as a tremendous source of professional support and vision. I have served on the Accessibility Committee in 2005-2006 and the Student Award Committee for the Division of Youth, Aging and the Lifecourse in 2008. As a member of the Divisions on Youth, Aging and the Lifecourse, Sexual Behavior, Politics and Community, I have organized and presided over sessions at the annual meetings. I have attended several Awards Banquets where I am always inspired by the scholarship and activism of faculty, students and community organizations which come together at this event to renew our commitment to social justice and honor those whose work has contributed to that end. I have found SSSP to be a supportive and valuable environment for sociologists seeking to participate in social change, and my own work in applied sociology directed toward ending violence against women and improving services and programs for girls in the juvenile justice system has benefited from my participation in SSSP. As Graduate Coordinator of Sociology at my university, I created a track in applied sociology that focuses on

social activism and change, as well as a graduate certificate in gender violence intervention. I view these areas of focus as very much aligned with the goals and mission of SSSP. In addition to my roles in SSSP, I have co-chaired the local arrangements committee and am currently serving on the Committee for the Practice of Sociology for the Southern Sociological Society and I am also active in Sociologists for Women in Society. I am committed to supporting and serving professional organizations that focus on social justice and provide avenues for sociologists to engage in activism through their scholarship. I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors for SSSP.

### **KATHLEEN LOWNEY**

**Position - Board of Directors, 2009-2012**

#### **Current Position**

Professor of Sociology, Valdosta State University

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Religion and Society, Drew University, 1986; M.Ph., Religion and Society, Drew University, 1984; B.A., Sociology and Comparative Religion, University of Washington, 1981

#### **Major Publications**

*Teaching from a Constructionist Perspective: A Manual to Accompany Joel Best's Social Problems Text.* 2008. W.W. Norton.

"Overcoming Student Disengagement and Anxiety in Theory, Methods, and Statistics Courses by Building a Community of Learners" (co-authored with G.E. Macheski, J. Buhrmann & E.L. Melanie). 2008. *Teaching Sociology* 36 (1):42-47.

"Claimsmaking, Culture, and the Media in the Social Construction Process." Pp. 331-353 in *Handbook of Constructionist Research*, edited by J. Gubrium & J.A. Holstein. 2007. Guilford Press.

*Teaching About Families: A Collection of Syllabi and Other Material* (co-edited with G. Macheski, M. Capece, K. Warner & M. Laughlin). 2004. ASA Teaching Resources Center.

"A Long and Winding Road: Curricular Development as Social-Context Based Assessment" (co-authored with G. Macheski). 2002. *Teaching Sociology* 30(4):454-466.

*Teaching About Families: A Collection of Syllabi and Other Material* (co-edited with G. Macheski, C. Knudson-Martin & M. Capece). 2000. ASA Teaching Resources Center.

*Baring Our Souls: TV Talk Shows and the Religion of Recovery.* 1999. Aldine de Gruyter.

"Reducing 'Theory Anxiety' Through Puzzles." 1998. *Teaching Sociology* 26(1):69-73.

"Teenage Satanism as Oppositional Youth Subculture." 1995. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 23(4):453-484.

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Division Chair, Teaching Social Problems, 2008-2010

Chair, C. W. Mills Award Committee, 2007-2008

Chair-elect, C. W. Mills Award Committee, 2006-2007

Member, Accessibility Committee, 2006-2007

Board of Directors, 2003-2006

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Pacific Sociological Association, Editorial Board, *Sociological Perspectives*, 2008-2009; American Sociological Association, Member, Council for Section on Teaching & Learning in Sociology, 2006-2009; American Sociological Associations,

Member, Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award Selection Committee, 2005-2008

#### **Candidate Statement**

The SSSP is my intellectual home and I want to serve it any way that I can. The Board of Directors is the place where the vision of our organization is set and where policy is decided — we want to be sure in this time of organizational change that we have individuals who are committed to our shared mission and willing to work hard to see it come to fruition. I will strive to include all our membership in decision-making: graduate students, practitioners, activists, and academic sociologists.

### **GLENN W. MUSCHERT**

**Position - Board of Directors, 2009-2012**

#### **Current Position**

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Miami University

#### **Former Positions Held**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Purdue University, 2002-2003; Graduate Instructor, University of Colorado, 1996-2000

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Colorado, 2002; B.S., International Area Studies, Drexel University, 1992

#### **Major Publications**

"Frame-Changing in the Media Coverage of a School Shooting: The Rise of Columbine as a National Concern." 2008 (Forthcoming). *Social Science Journal*.

"Simmel on Secrecy: A Legacy and Inheritance for the Sociology of Information" (co-authored with G.T. Marx). In *The Possibility of Sociology: 100 Years of Georg Simmel's Investigations into the Forms of Social Organization*, edited by C. Papiloud & C. Rol. 2008 (In press). VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

"Personal Information, Borders, and the New Surveillance Studies" (co-authored with G.T. Marx). 2007. *Annual Review of Law & Social Science* 3:375-395.

"Research in School Shootings Sociology." 2007. *Sociology Compass* 1(1):60-80.

"The Columbine Victims and the Myth of the Juvenile Super-predator." 2007. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 5 (4):351-366.

"The Columbine High School Shootings" (co-authored with R. Larkin). Pp 253-266 in *Crimes and Trials of the Century, Vol. 2*, edited by S. Chermak & Y. Bailey. 2007. Greenwood Press.

"Media Salience and Frame Changing across Events Coverage of Nine School Shootings, 1997-2001" (co-authored with D.C. Carr). 2006. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly* 83(4):747-766.

"'Smart' Policy Decisions to Combat a Social Problem: The Case of Child Abductions 2002-2003" (co-authored with M. Young-Spillers & D.C. Carr). 2006. *Justice Policy Journal* 32(2):1-32.

"Self-Affirmation through Death: A Contribution to the Sociology of Suicide through Literature." 2006. *Sociological Inquiry* 76(3):297-315.

"Surveillance Technologies." Pp. 55-62 in *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2004*, edited by R. Perrucci, K. Ferraro J. Miller & P.C. Rodriguez. 2004. Society for the Study of Social Problems.

**SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Justice 21 Committee Member, 2004-current

Chair, Division on Crime and Juvenile Delinquency,  
2007-2009

Chair, Division on Teaching Social Problems, 2004-2006

**Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Association for Humanist Sociology, 2008-current; American

Society of Criminology, 2002-current; American Sociological

Society, 1994-current

**Candidate Statement**

I am delighted to receive the nomination to serve on the SSSP's board of directors. If elected, I would gladly serve the Society, with an eye toward balancing the teaching, research, and social justice roles of our organization. I first joined the SSSP in 1996 and am now a Lifetime Member. I consider the SSSP my "core professional institution," and this commitment to the Society has translated into my frequent service roles. Perhaps the best explanation for my suitability for this position lies in a statement of my past service to the SSSP. My service roles have included elected Division Chair, Teaching Social Problems (2004-2006), and Division Chair, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency (2007-2009). These are two of the largest special divisions, in which I was responsible for helping to organize paper sessions, preside over annual business meetings, delegate the preparation of a newsletter, balance a budget, and participate in the Council of Chairs Committee to propose resolutions and nominate candidates for all elected offices. I believe that my commitment to teaching social problems accounts for my early leadership in the Teaching Division, and the strength of my scholarship accounts for my most recent Division Chair election. In my years as a member of SSSP I have organized numerous sessions, served as a discussant, and delivered numerous paper presentations. In addition, I have recently become a mentor to new members and served twice as chair of the Student Paper Award Committee for the Teaching Social Problems Division.

In addition, I am committed to the promotion of public sociology, and have served the Society in this regard. Since 2004, I have been a member of the SSSP's Justice 21 Committee (J21), which edits and distributes the quadrennial document Justice 21: Agenda for Social Justice. The J21 project aims to reach key government leaders and social policy organizations as the nation prepares for presidential elections. This year, I was an editor of the 2008 Agenda, and took the initiative to develop a cost-efficient marketing plan for distributing the documents, putting summaries of the nation's most pressing social problems into the hands of as many readers as possible.

**BARBARA KATZ ROTHMAN****Position - Board of Directors, 2009-2012****Current Position**

Professor of Sociology, City University of New York

**Former Positions Held**

Visiting Professor, Charite Universitätsmedizin Berlin,

Germany, 2005-current; Leverhulme Professor, now Visiting

Professor, Plymouth University, UK, 2002-current

**Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., NYU, 1979; M.A., Brooklyn College, 1972; B.A.,

Brooklyn College, 1969

**Major Publications**

*Bioethical Issues, Sociological Perspectives, Vol. 9 (Advances in Medical Sociology)* (co-edited with E. Armstrong & R.T. Elsevier). 2008. JAI Press.

*Laboring On* (co-authored with W. Simonds). 2007. Routledge.

*Weaving A Family: Untangling Race and Adoption*. 2005. Beacon.

*The Book of Life: A Personal and Ethical Guide to Race, Normality and the Implications of the Human Genome Project*. 2001. Beacon.

*Centuries of Solace: Maternal Grief in Popular Literature* (co-authored with W. Simonds). 1992. Temple University Press.

*Recreating Motherhood*. 1989. Norton.

*The Tentative Pregnancy: Prenatal Diagnosis and the Future of Motherhood*. 1986. Viking/Penguin.

*In Labor: Women and Power in the Birthplace*. 1982. Norton.

"Of Maps and Imaginations: Sociology Confronts the Genome, Presidential Address." 1995. *Social Problems* 42:(1):1-10.

"Midwives in Transition: The Structures of a Clinical Revolution." *Social Problems* 30(3):262-71.

**Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Independent Investigators Award, Robert Wood Johnson, 2006-current; Lee Founders Award, SSSP, 2006; Fulbright Visiting Professor, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 1995

**SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Publications Committee, 2007-current

anything asked of me!, 1980-current

Member, Board of Directors, 1990-1995

President, 1993-1994

Local Arrangements Chair, 1981-1982

**Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Midwives Alliance of North America, supporter, 1983-current;

ASA, ESS, ABS, assorted, 1980-current; SWS, President,

1997-1998

**Candidate Statement**

My career has revolved around SSSP; it is my intellectual home. SSSP is a place where a politically engaged sociologist need not apologize for activism, for work beyond the academy, for socially conscious and engaged sociology. My goal is to see to it that it remains as open to, and supportive of, new sociologists and our fellow travelers as it was for me.

**WENDY SIMONDS****Position - Board of Directors, 2009-2012****Current Position**

Associate Professor of Sociology, Georgia State University

**Former Positions Held**

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Georgia State University, 1998-2002; Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Georgia State University, 1996-1998; Visiting Assistant Professor,

Emory University, 1990-1996

**Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Sociology, City University of New York, Graduate Center, 1990; B.A. Design of the Environment, University of Pennsylvania, 1984

**Major Publications**

*Laboring On: Birth in Transition in the United States* (co-authored with B.K. Rothman). 2007. Routledge.

*Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader* (co-editor

- with M. Stomblor, D.M. Baunauch, E.O. Burgess & D. Donnelly). 2007. Allyn & Bacon.
- Abortion at Work: Ideology and Practice in a Feminist Clinic.* 1996. Rutgers.
- Women and Self-Help Culture: Reading Between the Lines.* 1992. Rutgers.
- Centuries of Solace: Expressions of Maternal Grief in Popular Literature* (co-authored with B.K. Rothman). University of Temple Press.
- "The Death of the Stork: Sex-Ed Books for Children," Pp. 186-196 in *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*, co-edited with M. Stomblor, D.M. Baunauch, E.O. Burgess & D. Donnelly. 2007. Allyn & Bacon.
- "Sexuality and Social Theorizing" (co-authored D. Donnelly & E. Burgess). Pp. 85-96 in *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*, co-edited with M. Stomblor, D.M. Baunauch, E.O. Burgess & D. Donnelly. 2007. Allyn & Bacon.
- "Culture, Cognition, and Parenthood" (co-authored with R. LaRossa & D.C. Reitzes). Pp. 423-436 in *Sourcebook of Family Theory and Research*, edited by V.L. Bengston, A.C. Acocck, K.R. Allen & D.M. Klein. 2005. Sage.
- "Emergency Contraception and Morality: Reflections of Health Care Workers and Clients" (co-authored with C. Ellerston). 2004. *Social Science & Medicine* 58:1285-1297.
- "Watching the Clock: Keeping Time During Pregnancy, Birth, and Postpartum Experiences." 2002. *Social Science & Medicine* 55(4):559-570.

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Social Action Award Committee Co-Chair, -current  
2008 Annual Meeting Program Co-Chair, 2007-2008  
Board of Directors member, 2005-2008  
Committee on Committees Chair, 2005-2007  
C. Wright Mills Award Committee Chair, 2004-2005

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Midwives Alliance of North America, member, 1999-current;  
ASA, member, 1988-current; SWS, member, 1987-current

#### **Candidate Statement**

I care about SSSP and am willing to sit in long meetings for the good of the organization and in support of social justice.

**LISA ANNE ZILNEY**

**Position - Board of Directors, 2009-2012**

#### **Current Position**

Assistant Professor, Montclair State University

#### **Former Positions Held**

Visiting Lecturer, Southern Illinois University, 2003-2004;  
Graduate Teaching Associate, University of Tennessee, 2002-2003; Research Assistant, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2000-2002

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Tennessee, 2003; M.S., Criminal Justice, Eastern Kentucky University, 1997; B.A., Psychology & Criminology, University of Windsor, 1995

#### **Major Publications**

- Perverts & Predators: The Making of Sexual Offender Laws* (co-authored with Laura Joan Zilney). 2009 (Forthcoming). Rowman & Littlefield.
- "Decriminalization of Drugs." In *Encyclopedia of Race and Crime*, edited by H.T. Green & S.L. Gabbidon. 2009

(Forthcoming). Sage Publications.

"Controversies Surrounding the War on Drugs." Pp. 785-794, in *Battleground: Criminal Justice*, edited by G. Barak. 2008. Greenwood Press.

"Controversies Surrounding Sex Offender Laws" (co-authored with L.J. Zilney). Pp 671-681 in *Battleground: Criminal Justice*, edited by G. Barak. 2008. Greenwood Press.

*Linking Animal Cruelty and Family Violence.* 2007. Cambria Press.

Environmental Justice and the Role of Criminology: An Analytical Review of 33 Years of Environmental Justice Research" (co-authored with D.M. Gurrin & S. Zahran). 2006. *Criminal Justice Research* 31(1):47-62.

"Reunification of Child and Animal Welfare Agencies: Cross-Reporting of Abuse in Wellington County, Ontario" (co-authored with M. Zilney). 2005. *Child Welfare* 84(1):47-66.

"Proposal for More Equitable Allocation of Environmental Health Risks: The Case of 'Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Installations'" (co-authored with S. Zahran & D. Hastings). Pp 22-30 in *Agenda for Social Justice 2004: Solutions*, edited by R. Perrucci, K. Ferraro J. Miller & P.C. Rodriguez. 2004. Society for the Study of Social Problems.

"Exploration of a Link: Child and Animal Cruelty in Wellington County, Ontario." 2003. *Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies* 47:1.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Faculty Advisor, Alpha Phi Sigma, 2007-current; Chair, Animals & Society Section, American Sociological Association, 2007-2008; Member of the Task Force on Teaching Ethics Throughout the Sociology Curriculum, American Sociological Association, 2006-2008

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Chair, Environment & Technology Division, 2008-2010  
Chair, Lee Scholar Activist Fund Committee, 2008-2009  
Board of Directors, Student Representative, 2002-2004  
Research Assistant, Executive Office, 2000-2002  
Acting Administrative Officer during maternity leave of Michele Smith Koontz, 2001

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

American Sociological Association, Chair, Animals & Society Section, 2007-2008; American Sociological Association, Member of the Task Force on Teaching Ethics Throughout the Sociology Curriculum, 2006-2008

#### **Candidate Statement**

My initial involvement with the SSSP was largely a result of completing my doctorate at the University of Tennessee, the home of the SSSP administrative office. I became involved through the presentation of papers and immediately recognized the very welcoming feel of the Society. From 2000 thru 2002, I was the research assistant to the SSSP, and acted as administrative officer during the maternity leave of Michele Smith Koontz in 2001. This involvement was followed by a position as Student Representative to the Board of Directors from 2002-2004. Since that time I have been actively involved with the organization of SSSP sessions and am currently serving as Chair of the Environment & Technology Division, as well as Chair of the Lee Scholar Activist Fund. I admire the SSSP for its combination of sociological interests and grassroots activists which make the meetings and the organization unique. This is one Society I can always envision myself an active part of, and

I seek a Board of Directors position to increase my level of participation. I believe it is imperative to encourage graduate students to attend and present at annual meetings, making them a greater force in the future direction of the Society. I hope the SSSP continues work that challenges the status quo and informs policy, as do the Agenda for Social Justice publications. The SSSP is an organization I am proud to be a part of, an organization with goals I believe in, and a mission I share with other colleagues and students. I would be honored to continue my involvement with the Society as a member of the Board of Directors.

### **LIAT BEN-MOSHE**

**Position - Board of Directors: Student Representative,  
2009-2011**

#### **Current Position**

Ph.D. Candidate and part time Instructor, Syracuse University

#### **Educational Degrees**

Certificate in Disability Studies, Syracuse University, 2006;  
Certificate in Women's Studies, Syracuse University, 2005;  
B.A., Tel Aviv University, 2000

#### **Major Publications**

"Regimes of normalcy in the academy: The experiences of disabled faculty" (co-authored with S. Colligan). In *Academic Repression in the US*, edited by A.J. Nocella & S. Best. 2009 (Forthcoming). AK Press.  
"Sign of our times? Revisi(tin)g the International Symbol of Access" (co-authored with J. Powell). 2007. *Disability & Society* 22(5):489-506.  
"The State of Disability in Israel/ Palestine" (co-authored with S. Colligan). 2007. *Disability Studies Quarterly* 27 (4).  
"Infusing Disability in the Curriculum: The Case of Saramago's Blindness." 2006. *Disability Studies Quarterly*, 26(2).  
*Building Pedagogical Curb Cuts: Incorporating Disability in the University Classroom and Curriculum* (co-edited with M. Feldbaum, R. Cory & K. Sagendorf). 2005. Syracuse University Press.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Francis Macmillan Parks Women of Influence Award recipient (2004), Syracuse University; Who's who in American Universities & Colleges, Students List (2007)

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Co-Founder and active member of the Disability Division, 2007-current

Member, Institutional Ethnography Division, 2004-current  
Chair, Accessibility Committee, 2007-2009

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Sociologists for Women in Society, member, 2007-current;  
Society for Disability Studies, Active member, presenter, sessions organizer, 2002-current; American Sociological Association, Co-Chair, membership committee, Disability section, 2008-2009

#### **Candidate Statement**

I have been a SSSP member since 2002, when I came to the US to pursue a doctoral degree in sociology and disability studies at Syracuse University. I have found SSSP to be a very welcoming academic home for emerging sociologists and a place in which students can present and share ideas in a non-threatening environment.

I also believe SSSP could be an even better organization,

and I am very happy for the opportunity to be serving on its board as a student representative. I have been the chair of SSSP access committee for almost 2 years now and found that the board is very open to new and innovative ideas about becoming more inclusive to its membership. I hope to continue this work as a student representative, as there are many groups which are under-represented at SSSP and could increase our constituency and visibility. I would like to be a vocal representative to make sure our ideas and concerns are part of any deliberations within SSSP, as students have a unique positionality that needs to be acknowledged and acted upon.

I have been an activist in a variety of venues for over a decade and would like to bring these experiences as well as my international sensibility and deep commitment to the organization, to aid SSSP become a stronger and more inclusive organization. I hope you will entrust me with the ability to be your representative and I thank you for this chance.

### **LOUIS EDGAR ESPARZA**

**Position - Board of Directors: Student Representative,  
2009-2011**

#### **Current Position**

Minority Fellow, American Sociological Association

#### **Former Positions Held**

W Burghardt Turner Fellow, SUNY Stony Brook, 2004-2008;  
Researcher, Luis Angel Arango Library, 2007; Visiting Scholar, Sophia University, 2004

#### **Educational Degrees**

M.A., SUNY Stony Brook, 2006; B.A., Tufts University, 2003

#### **Major Publications**

*Identity Formation in the World Trade Organization Societies Without Borders*. 2009 (Forthcoming). Brill.  
"The Limits of the Connected Lives Theory" (co-authored with P. Lapegna). 2007. *Sociological Forum* 22(4):606-611.  
"Social Movements" (co-authored with M. Schwartz). Pp. 13-21 in *Teaching the Sociology of Collective Behavior and Social Movements: A Curriculum Guide*, edited by L. Wood, P. Almeida & B. Roth. 2008. American Sociological Association.

*Working By Consensus* (co-authored with R.B. Winn). 2003. University College of Citizenship and Public Service.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Beatrice and Sidney Webb Award, Sociologists Without Borders; Minority Fellow, American Sociological Association, 2008-Current; W Burghardt Turner Fellow, SUNY Stony Brook, 2004-2008

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Member, Global Section, 2006-current  
Member, Conflict, Social Action and Change, 2006-current  
Member, Social Problems Theory, 2006-current  
Panelist, "Is the cultural critique an enemy to movements?: A Review of Social Movement Theory," 2006

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Sociologists Without Borders, Executive Board Member, 2007-current; *Contexts*, Journal of the American Sociological Association, Student Editor, 2006-2007; American Sociological Association; Student Forum Advisory Board, Member; Chair; Past Chair, 2005-2007

#### **Candidate Statement**

I am applying to become a student member of the SSSP Executive Board. I have been an active and effective member



of the organizations and committees on which I have served over the past several years and offer this engagement to SSSP.

I was elected Chair of the Student Forum Advisory Board to the American Sociological Association in 2005 and in that capacity, emphasized community building and transparency. I oversaw a user-friendly re-design of our website and created a discussion list available to the more than 4,700 student members, or close to a third of the ASA membership base. I also directed the review process for travel grant applications and oversaw the organization of three panels and a dozen student roundtables at the 2006 ASA meetings. This year the ASA honored me with a Minority Fellowship.

As a Student Editor of Contexts, I wrote research notes on new research in the popular Discoveries section and reviewed article submissions. At Sociologists Without Borders, I serve as Associate Editor of the journal *Societies Without Borders*, am the organization's liaison to the ASA, have sat on the Brazil Fellowship Award Committee for the past three years, and was recently awarded the Beatrice and Sidney Webb Graduate Student Award. I have experience working under both Robert's Rules of Order and consensus processes. In 2008, I served as the Vice-President of the Graduate Student Senate at SUNY Stony Brook and in 2003, I co-authored *Working by Consensus*, a handbook for committees and student groups on efficient and effective decision-making using the consensus process, published by the University College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University.

To the SSSP Executive Board I offer my experience, my commitment to the discipline, and my demonstrated disposition to work well with a wide range of people. I would like the opportunity to continue my service by bridging my professional and personal interests as a member of the SSSP Executive Board. I bring a record of experience as well as a continued commitment to diversity.

#### **ANDREW GOLUB**

**Position – Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee,  
2009-2012**

#### **Current Position**

Principal Investigator, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

#### **Former Positions Held**

Lecturer, Sociology, University of Vermont, 2005-Current;  
Assistant Professor, Public Administration, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 1993-1997

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Public Policy Analysis, Carnegie Mellon University, 1992; M.S., Operations Research, Cornell University, 1982; B.S., Operations Research, Cornell University, 1981

#### **Major Publications**

- “The racial disparity in misdemeanor marijuana arrests in New York City” (co-authored with B.D. Johnson & E. Dunlap). 2007. *Criminology and Public Policy* 6(1):131-164.
- “The severely-distressed African-American family in the Crack Era: Empowerment is not enough” (co-authored with E. Dunlap & B.D. Johnson). 2006. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 33(1):115-139.
- “Does quality-of-life policing widen the net? A partial analysis” (B.D. Johnson, A. Taylor & J. Etero). 2004. *Justice Research and Policy* 6(1):1-22.
- “Girls’ sexual development in the inner city: From compelled

childhood sexual contact to sex-for-things exchanges” (co-authored with E. Dunlap & B.D. Johnson). 2003. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse* 12(2):73-96.

“The lived experience of welfare reform in drug-using welfare-needy households in inner-city New York” (co-authored with E. Dunlap & B.D. Johnson). 2003. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 30(3):39-58.

“The misuse of the ‘gateway theory’ in U.S. policy on drug abuse control: A secondary analysis of the muddled deduction” (co-authored with B.D. Johnson). 2002. *International Journal of Drug Policy* 13(1):5-19.

“Variation in youthful risk of progression from alcohol/tobacco to marijuana and hard drugs across generations” (co-authored with B.D. Johnson). 2001. *American Journal of Public Health* 91(2):225-232.

“The rise and decline of drugs, drug markets, and violence in New York City.” Pp. 164-206 in *The Crime Drop in America*, edited by A. Blumstein & J. Wallman. 2006. Cambridge University Press.

“The rise of marijuana as the drug of choice among youthful adult arrestees” (co-authored with B.D. Johnson). 2001. *National Institute of Justice Research in Brief*. NIJ Publications.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Junior Scholar Award, Drinking and Drugs Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2001

**SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**  
Chair, Division on Drinking and Drugs, 2002-2004

#### **Candidate Statement**

I have enjoyed being an active member in SSSP for over 15 years. I believe that the social progress that SSSP promotes through intellectual exchange is the finest goal for scholarship. Like any organization, SSSP must manage its finances carefully and in a socially responsible manner. It would be my pleasure to help SSSP meet this essential function by serving on the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee.

#### **DAVID L. LEVINSON**

**Position – Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee,  
2009-2012**

#### **Current Position**

President, Norwalk Community College

#### **Former Positions Held**

Academic Vice President, Bergen Community College, 2000-2004; Dean, Massachusetts Bay Community College, 1992-1999; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Merrimack College, 1986-1992

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1987; MA, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1978; BA, State University of New York at New Paltz, 1975

#### **Major Publications**

*Community Colleges: A Reference Handbook*. 2005. ABC-CLIO Press.

*Education and Sociology: An Encyclopedia*. 2002. Routledge Falmer Press.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Strengthening Families Award, Family and Children's Agency, 2008; Commendation for Outstanding Service, American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Section, 2003; Giles Distinguished Advisor Award, Phi Theta Kappa,

1998

**SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Co-Chair, Membership Committee, 1997-1998

Co-Chair, Program Committee, 1995-1996

Chair, Educational Problems Division, 1991-1994

**Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

American Sociological Association, Member; American

Education Research Association, Member; American Council

on Education, Member

**Candidate Statement**

I oversee a \$37 million annual budget and have raised over \$30 million in corporate and individual support since becoming president of Norwalk Community College in 2004. In addition my institution has received a number of significant grants from foundations and federal, state and local agencies. Given SSSP's applied focus and commitment to address a plethora of social problems, I believe that the Society can actively attract external funding. As a member of the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee, I will utilize my financial acumen to oversee and hopefully grow our assets.

**KATHLEEN ASBURY****Position – Committee on Committees, 2009-2012****Current Position**

Adjunct Professor, Community College of Philadelphia

**Former Positions Held**

Adjunct Professor, Peirce College, 2005-current; Adjunct

Professor, Rutgers University Camden NJ, 1998-current;

Adjunct Professor, Thomas Edison State College, 1998-current

**Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Temple University, 1997; M.A., Applied Sociology,

Temple University, 1990; B.A., Temple University, 1987

**SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Co-Chair Sports Sociology, 2008-current

Membership Committee, 2007-current

Registration Worker, 1995-current

Lee Founders Award Committee, 2007-2008

Division Chair, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities,  
2001-2002**Candidate Statement**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the SSSP in the few capacities I have had the honor to serve. I think the committee on committees would be a place where my extensive organizational skills could best be utilized.

**CARY YANG COSTELLO****Position – Committee on Committees, 2009-2012****Current Position**

Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1999; J.D., Harvard

Law School, 1990; B.A., Yale College, 1986

**Major Publications**

*Professional Identity Crisis: Race, Class, Gender and Success at Professional Schools*. 2006. Vanderbilt University Press.

“Researching Identity in Second Life.” 2008. *Communications* 32(12):19-21.

“Teratology: ‘Monsters’ and the Professionalization of Obstetrics.” 2006. *Journal of Historical Sociology* 19(1):

1-33.

“Changing Clothes: Gender Inequality and Professional Socialization” 2004. *National Women’s Studies Association Journal* 16(2):138-155.

**Honors and other Professional Commendations**

C. Wright Mills Award Finalist, SSSP, 2006

**SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Graphic Designer for Programs, Bags and Posters, 2003-

current; Vice President, 2007-2008; Board of Directors, 2004-

2008; Chair of the Council of Division Chairs, 2004-2007;

Chair, Family Division, 2001-2003

**Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

American Sociological Association; Sociologists for Women in

Society; Connecticut Bar Association

**Candidate Statement**

It has been my honor, pleasure, and occasional source of cheek-biting laughter to serve the SSSP in an administrative capacity throughout the 21st century. One lesson among the many I have learned from my experience is the importance of assembling great committees. The smooth functioning of the SSSP relies on it, and at their best, our committees are sources of innovation and forces for good in furthering social change.

To establish strong committees, I believe we need to seek a broad and diverse slate. Diversity to me exists along several axes. It is vital that the committee appointees be diverse in race/ethnicity, and in gender, age and other demographic characteristics. It is also important to include both seasoned veterans and enthusiastic fresh faces; to locate people from different geographic areas and different national backgrounds; and to select people with different academic (and nonacademic) backgrounds.

Having served with the SSSP for a substantial number of years, I believe I have a sense of institutional history, of the social networks that exist in the Society, and of the administrative channels that can be employed in order to secure a strong pool of committee members. It would be my pleasure to serve in this manner.

**STEPHEN J. MOREWITZ****Position – Committee on Committees, 2009-2012****Current Position**

Lecturer, San Jose State University

**Former Positions Held**

Lecturer, California State University, East Bay, 2004-current;

Dean of Research, Professor, Consultant, California School of

Podiatric Medicine, 1997-current; President, Stephen J.

Morewitz, Ph.D., &amp; Associates, IL &amp; CA, 1988-current

**Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1983; M.A., College of William

&amp; Mary, 1978; B.A., College of William &amp; Mary, 1975

**Major Publications**

*Death Threats and Violence: New Research and Clinical Perspectives*. 2008. Springer Science+Business Media, LLC.

*Aging and Chronic Disorders*. 2007. Springer Science+Business Media, LLC.

“Conflict Management” in *Encyclopedia of Police Science* 2006.

*Chronic Diseases and Health Care*. 2006. Springer Science+Business Media, LLC.

“Stress: Coping Mechanisms” in *Encyclopedia of Police Science* 2006.

*"Domestic Violence and Maternal and Child Health.* 2004. Springer Science+Business Media, Inc.

*"Obsession."* In *Encyclopedia of Criminology*, edited by C.A. Wright & M. Miller. 2004. Routledge.

*Stalking and Violence: New Patterns of Obsession and Trauma.* 2003. Kluwer/Plenum.

*The Medical Malpractice Handbook.* 1996. Austin & Winfield, Publishers.

*Sexual Harassment and Social Change in American Society.* 1996. Austin & Winfield, Publishers.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Outstanding Scholar Book Award, SSSP, Crime & Delinquency Division, 2004; Outstanding Scholar Book Award, SSSP, Crime & Delinquency Division, 2003; Top 10 Injury Research Poster, American Public Health Association, Injury Control & Emergency Health Services Division, 2000

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Lee Founders Award Committee, 2006-2007  
Social Action Award Committee, 2003-2004  
Conference Arrangements Co-Chair, 2003-2004  
Chair, Crime & Delinquency Division, 2001-2003

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

American Diabetes Association, Member, 2000-current; Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Science, Elected Member, 2000-current; Sigma XI, Elected Member, 2000-current

#### **Candidate Statement**

My goal is to serve the SSSP in any way possible. I consider the SSSP my intellectual home, and it is an honor to serve in any capacity.

#### **SANDRA E. SCHROER**

##### **Position – Committee on Committees, 2009-2012**

#### **Current Position**

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Muskingum College

#### **Former Positions Held**

Instructor, Western Michigan University, 2001-2004;  
Instructor, Kellogg Community College, 2000-2002

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Western Michigan University, 2004; M.A., Western Michigan University, 2001; B.A., Western Michigan University, 1999

#### **Major Publications**

*State of 'The Union': Marriage and Free Love in the Late 1800s.* 2005. Routledge.

"Abstinence Only Education: A Barrier to Healthy Sexual Development" (co-authored with D. Atwood-Harvey). Pp. 52-55 in *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions*, edited by R. Perrucci, K. Ferraro, J.L. Miller & G. Muschert. 2008. Society for the Study of Social Problems.

"Teaching Human Sexuality: Fantasy vs Reality" (co-authored with G. Hammerle). 2006. *Electronic Journal of Human Sexuality* 9.

#### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Honored/Recognized as an "Emerging Professional" in the field of sexuality education and research, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), 2007-2008

#### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Chair, Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities Division (SBPC), 2006-2008  
Chair Elect, SBPC, 2005-2006

Chair - Student Paper Competition Committee, SBPC, 2003-2006

Newsletter Editor, SBPC, 2002-2004

#### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Member, Association for Gravestone Studies, 2007-current;  
Member, North Central Sociological Association, 2004-current; Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality & Midwest Region Secretary, 2001-current

#### **Candidate Statement**

I have been an active member of SSSP since 2000. During my nine years of membership and service to the organization I have developed relationships with both senior scholars and emerging professionals. These relationships will inform the way I participate in the committee on committee's as I reflect on the strengths of our colleagues and the roles they may play in our organization. I also value the energy of young scholars and will seek opportunities for their involvement and professional development.

#### **JOHN C. ALESSIO**

##### **Position – Editorial and Publications Committee, 2009-2012**

#### **Current Position**

Dean & Professor of Sociology, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Minnesota State University, Mankato

#### **Former Positions Held**

Dean, Undergraduate College, Marywood University, 2000-2003; Professor of Sociology, St. Cloud State University, 1984-2000; Professor of Sociology, Penn State University-Behrend, 1980-1984

#### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D. Sociology, Southern Illinois University, 1981; M.A., Sociology, Eastern Illinois University, 1973; B.A., Sociology, Loyola University of Chicago, 1969

#### **Major Publications**

"Increasing Stratification by Gender: The Results of a Gender Equity Adjustment." In *Transforming the Academy: Struggles and Strategies for Women in Higher Education, Volume II*, edited by R. Martin. 2007. GrayMill Publications.

"Moving the Mountain: Social Justice Education at the University" (co-authored with J. Andrzejewski). Pp. 297-310 in *Teaching Inclusively: Diversity and Faculty Development*, edited by M. Ouellett. 2005. New Forums Press.

"Unveiling The Hidden Glass Ceiling: An Analysis of the Cohort Effect Claim" (co-authored with J. Andrzejewski). 2000. *American Sociological Review* 65(2):311-315.

Disabilities and Prejudice Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior. 2000.

"Using Discriminant Analysis to Predict Professorial Rank By Gender" *Journal of Applied Sociology* 16:123-143.

"Subverting Gender Equity at the University." 1999. *Concerns* 26(2):78-90.

"Education for Global Citizenship and Social Responsibility" (co-authored with J. Andrzejewski). 1999. *Progressive Perspectives Monograph Series, Vol. 1, No. 2*. John Dewey Project For Progressive Education.

"Social Responsibility: A New Graduate Program" 1998. *Sociograph* 16(3):7.

"Common Myths About Crime Oppression and Social Justice:

Critical Frameworks.” In *Oppression and Social Justice – Critical Frameworks, Fifth Edition*, edited by J.

Andrzejewski. 1996. Simon & Schuster.

### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Public Commendation and Special Award for Accomplishments as Dean, Marywood University, 2003; Distinguished Alumnus Award, College of Liberal Arts, Southern Illinois University, 2000

### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Member & Chair (one year) of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning, 1998-2002

Member of Activist Support Fund Committee, 1997-2001

### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, member, 2006-current; American Educational Research Association, member, 1995-current; American Sociological Association, member, 1978-current

### **Candidate Statement**

I have been a member of the SSSP for many years and have been an avid supporter of what I believe the organization represents. As chair of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee I conducted a survey of the membership to determine whether SSSP should continue to meet with the ASA or have meetings with other smaller organizations that share a similar purpose. While there was not adequate support for SSSP to move in a different direction, it is clear to me from that work and from my interactions with others in SSSP, that many members want to see our mission kept separate from the mission of the ASA. That is, they want to see us focused on activism and solving social problems rather than just studying social problems from a distance. I believe it is no accident that the ASA in recent years has moved more in the direction of recognizing the importance of social action, activism and social responsibility. Indeed, the ASA has become more like SSSP rather than the other way around. The many problems that we face as a species are, in one way or another, connected with poverty, class, and inequality. These three issues are either the cause of, or the consequence of, all that we strive to study and remedy as SSSP members.

**MARJORIE L. DEVAULT**

**Position – Editorial and Publications Committee,  
2009-2012**

### **Current Position**

Professor, Syracuse University

### **Former Positions Held**

Assistant to Associate Professor, Syracuse University, 1987-2001; Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1986-1987; Lecturer, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 1985-1986

### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University, 1984; M.S., Curriculum & Instruction, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1976; B.A., Psychology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1972

### **Major Publications**

*People at Work: Life, Power, and Social Inclusion in the New Economy* (editor). 2008. NYU Press.

“Knowledge from the Field.” Pp. 155-182 in *Sociology in America*, edited by C. Calhoun. 2007. University of

Chicago Press.

“Feminist Interviewing: Experience, Talk, and Knowledge” (co-authored with G Gross). Pp. 173-197 in *Handbook of Feminist Research: Theory and Praxis*, edited by S.N. Hesse-Biber. 2006. Sage Publications, Inc.

“What is Institutional Ethnography?” 2006. *Social Problems* 53 (3):294-298.

“Institutional Ethnography: Using Interviews to Investigate Ruling Relations” (co-authored with L. McCoy). Pp. 751-776 in *Handbook of Interview Research*, edited by J. Gubrium & J. Holstein. 2002. Sage.

“Comfort and Struggle: Emotion Work in Family Life” 1999. *Annals of the American Academy for Political and Social Sciences* 561: 52-63.

“Between Science and Food: Nutrition Professionals in the Health-Care Hierarchy.” Pp. 287-312 in *Research in the Sociology of Health Care*, J.J. Kronenfeld. 1995., JAI Press.

*Liberating Method: Feminism and Social Research*. 1999. Temple University Press.

*Feeding the Family: The Social Organization of Caring as Gendered Work*. 1991. University of Chicago Press.

“Surplus and Scarcity: Hunger and the Origins of the Food Stamp Program” (co-authored with J.P. Pitts). 1984. *Social Problems* 31:545-57.

### **Honors and other Professional Commendations**

Maxwell Professor of Teaching Excellence Award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2003-2006; Daniel P. Moynihan Award for Outstanding Teaching, Research, and Service by an Untenured Faculty Member, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 1991

### **SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Institutional Ethnography Division Chair, 2007-Current

Chair, Social Action Committee, 2006-2007

Lee Founders Award Committee, 2004-2005

Member, *Social Problems* Editorial Board, 1996-1999

Member (Chair), C. Wright Mills Award Committee, 1996-1998 (1998)

### **Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

American Sociological Association, Council Member at Large, 2007-current; *Qualitative Sociology*, Editorial Board, 1992-current; Sociologists for Women in Society, Editorial Board, *Gender and Society*, 1995-1998

### **Candidate Statement**

The SSSP provides valuable space for scholarly engagement and collaborative work toward greater social justice. One measure of the importance of that space is the quality of the work published in our flagship journal, *Social Problems*, and the creativity of our other publications. I welcome the opportunity to help sustain these efforts.

**LARA FOLEY**

**Position – Editorial and Publications Committee,  
2009-2012**

### **Current Position**

Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Tulsa

### **Former Positions Held**

Assistant Professor, University of Tulsa, 2001-2006

### **Educational Degrees**

Ph.D. (and Grad Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies),

University of Florida, 2001; M.A., Georgia State University, 1996; B.A., University of Georgia, 1994

### Major Publications

*Gendering Bodies*. 2007. Rowman & Littlefield.

"Midwives, Marginality, and Public Identity" 2005. *Symbolic Interaction* 28(2):183-203.

"White Privilege, Color Blindness, and Services to Battered Women" (co-authored with D.A. Donnelly, K.J. Cook & D.vAusdale). 2005. *Violence Against Women* 11(1):6-37.

"Doing Family Values: Social Movement Framing, Discourse, and Interpretive Practice." 2004. *Sociological Quarterly* 4 (3):509-527.

"How I Became a Midwife: Identity, Biographical Work, and Legitimation in Midwives' Work Narratives." Pp. 87-128. 2004. *Advances in Gender Research Volume 8*.

"Medicine as a Discursive Resource: Legitimation in the Work Narratives of Midwives." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 2003 25(2):165-184.

"The Parenting Self: Narrative Resources and Identity Work in Parent's Stories." Pp. 235-254. 2000. *Perspectives on Social Problems, Volume 12*.

"A Dating Game: An Exercise Illustrating Homogamy in Mate Selection." 1999. *Teaching Sociology* 27:145-149.

"A Research Note on Post-Dating Relationships: The Social Embeddedness of Redefining Romantic Couplings." 1998. *Sociological Perspectives* 41(1):209-219.

### SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

C. Wright Mills Book Award Committee, 2007-current  
Chair, Social Problems Theory Division, 2008-2010  
Editorial Advisory Board, *Social Problems*, 2005-2008  
Chair, Social Problems Theory division student paper competition, 2005

### Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Editorial Advisory Board member, *Equal Opportunity International* 2005-current; Editorial Advisory Board member, *Journal of Family Issues*, 2003-current; Sociologists for Women in Society, Elected member, career development committee, 2006-2008

### Candidate Statement

With journals and publications being the largest source of income for SSSP, the responsibilities of the Editorial and Publications Committee are very important. I would look forward to overseeing the appointments, contracts and editorial policies of *Social Problems*, *Social Problems Forum* and other SSSP publications. Having recently completed the tenure process, I remember quite vividly the importance of journal turnaround time especially for graduate students and pre-tenure faculty. I applaud the efforts of *Social Problems* to be vigilant about turnaround times and the move to electronic submissions and would work to maintain and continue to improve turnaround times. I would also support and encourage recent efforts to make *Social Problems* more accessible internationally.

**LOIS PRESSER**

**Position – Editorial and Publications Committee,  
2009-2012**

### Current Position

Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee

### Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of Cincinnati, 2002; M.B.A., Yale

University, 1994; B.S., Cornell University, 1987

### Major Publications

"The Micro-Politics of Victim Offender Mediation" (co-authored with C.A. Hamilton). 2006. *Sociological Inquiry* 76(3):316-342.

"Negotiating Power and Narrative in Research: Implications for Feminist Methodology" 2005. *Signs* 30(4):2067-2090.

"Violent Offenders, Moral Selves: Constructing Identities and Accounts in the Research Interview." 2004. *Social Problems* 51(1):82-101.

"Remorse and Neutralization Among Violent Male Offenders." 2003. *Justice Quarterly* 20(4):801-825.

"Can Restorative Justice Reduce Battering? Some Preliminary Considerations" (co-authored with E. Gaarder). 2000. *Social Justice* 27:175-195.

"Strange Bedfellows: Is Sex Offender Notification a Form of Community Justice?" (co-authored with E. Gunnison). 1999. *Crime and Delinquency* 45(3): 299-315.

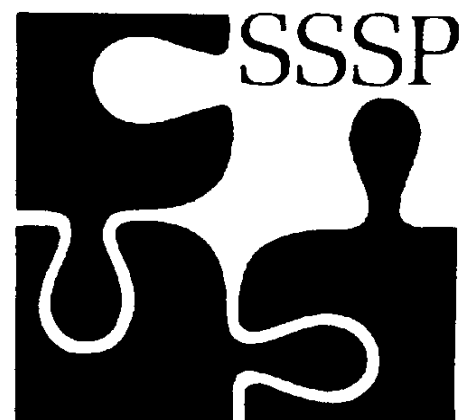
### Honors and other Professional Commendations

Associate Editor, *Contemporary Justice Review*, 2003-current  
**SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions**

Associate Editor, *Contemporary Justice Review*, 2003-current  
**Professional Affiliations other than SSSP**

Membership Chair, Justice Studies Association, 2003-current  
**Candidate Statement**

The work of the Editorial and Publications Committee matters a great deal in shaping what we read in *Social Problems* and *Social Problems Forum*, largely by evaluating and guiding, on behalf of the membership, the work of its editors. The journal *Social Problems* is arguably the most important outlet for scholarship on social problems today, and so I take the Committee's stewardship very seriously. Some years ago, as a newly minted Ph.D., I was asked to assume the position of Editor-in-Chief of the *Contemporary Justice Review*. I declined on account of the pressures of my new tenure-track faculty position at a research institution. (I accepted the position of Associate Editor of that journal instead.) But in considering the post, I came to grasp just how much responsibility is entailed in delivering a quality scholarly journal on a consistent basis, and how the very many tasks of the editorial staff contribute to the intellectual product that is 'the current issue'. On the way to publishing my own work in *Social Problems*, I was humbled by the close attention and keen insight Jim Holstein provided as Editor-in-Chief. I am excited by the prospect of supporting and helping to maintain the excellence of the SSSP's publications.



## Book Roundtable:

### Irene Baird & Toni DuPont-Morales Discuss Kathleen Ferraro's *Neither Angels nor Demons*

*SPF* invited two scholar-practitioners working to address the plight of women inmates and domestic violence victims, Irene Baird and Toni DuPont-Morales, to reflect upon Kathleen Ferraro's book, *Neither Angels nor Demons* (2006). The plan was to engage in a written "Author Meets Critics" feature with Kathleen Ferraro. Unfortunately, Kathleen had to drop out of the project before she could respond to their initial reflections. Fortunately for *SPF* readers though, both "critics" agreed to discuss each other's reflections and to engage in a written exchange prompted by Ferraro's work. What follows is that back and forth exchange. Each contributor provided an initial reflection, and then responded to the other's reflection. Finally, each contributor was offered an opportunity to address the other's response, and to offer any closing thoughts arising from the exchange.

#### Toni DuPont-Morales on *Neither Angels nor Demons*

Ferraro's book is a provocative work meriting serious consideration. Writing from the perspective of an academic Victimologist and a practitioner, let me raise two points. First, while the book may be good for graduate classes in Victimology, it would not serve well as a primary text for an undergraduate class. Unfortunately, the intermittent use of the oral histories requires memorization by the reader or a constant return to the appendix to recall the women's story. Placing each story into one chapter or single chapters would have enabled students to read the theory, the sociological explanations and the legal limitations, and then apply them to the case studies. It is here that students would more easily learn about the systemic minimization of the violence. Presented in such a manner, students would clearly see that the law seeks standard operating procedures and definitions, and that it cannot function without the shelter of this artificial support scaffolding. The issue is that the legal system's need for universal rules and inflexible definitions affords no shelter for these women and the generations to follow. Nevertheless, despite its organization, this is an important work. It is well researched, and its practical application for victim services, legal advocacy and some graduate classes is evident.

Second, Ferraro writes of social versus personal violence within private intimate relationships using terminology that balances victimization with adjudication and legal constraints. To write about this violence is a hazard rift with allegations of misogyny, feminism, and/or indifference. Ferraro recognizes that the Madonna-whore binary is too simplistic given the oral histories chronicled in this work. However, to write about the predation, torture, and debasement within intimate violence, we are forced to rely upon an ill-equipped and limited language. In essence, our very language reflects society's limited comprehension of violence against women while acquiescing to the power and entitlement that often accompanies violence in general society. Further restrictions are incorporated into the discussion as the justice system uses criminal procedure, statutory design, and case law to sanitize the context in which such violence occurs. For Ferraro's women, there is no convergence of safety and support, thus resulting in oral histories of character flaws and lives of denigration. What is ironic is that the women themselves participate in their self-debasement, adding to their despair.

Victimology theory shares Ferraro's view of the impossibility of seeing women exclusively as victims or offenders. However, these theories add to the evaluative worth of this

review even as they appear simultaneously to victimize some of the women. As such, review of Ferraro's work in light of some of the more classic Victimology works may prove provocative and offer some insight into the experiences of Ferraro's contributors. The words of the women, the terminology of the researchers, and the construction of the experiences to fit a particular niche skew the analytical analysis of the book. In essence, the victims, the author, this reviewer, and the readers are constrained by the discipline of Victimology. It is an imperfect, limited lens though it offers the promise of bringing greater understanding to the women's accounts. Still, readers should keep in mind that even as it brings light and clarity to some aspects of these women's accounts, its lens obscures others.

For example, Hans von Hentig (1948) would look at the inadequacies within these women, their families, and the men they have placed in their lives. It is not solely the violence that the predator and the victim bring to their relationship that must be considered, but also the psychological, social, and biological factors that merge within their toxic environments. Hentig's categories of victims as depressed, lonesome, heartbroken, blocked, exempted, and fighting reflect the realities of the women in *Angels and Demons* and the disintegration that follows them. Their subjugation and the violence they experience as part of that subjugation not only come from their tormentor but from themselves and the views they hold of themselves. Further, von Hentig would point out that their gender and the societal roles that limit their ability to change the pathways of subjugation, assault, and fear of abandonment add to the complexity of their situations.

Mendelsohn (1956) acknowledged victim's culpability in their victimization. Abused women are not "completely innocent victims" as they have engaged in a relationship that might be seen as provocative and aggressive. For Mendelsohn, victims' guilt may have been minor as they became enmeshed in the scenario but as they became aware of the violence their inability to leave the abuser adds to their responsibility in the abuse. Thus, the women are doubly penalized as they are labeled with some character flaw whereby if the relationship ends in homicide they become guiltier than the offender. For example, think of some of the comments and criticisms of Anna Nicole Smith's fate vis-à-vis O. J. Simpson. Here then is the beginning of the debate about the victim and offender relationship. However, belief that "she should have left him" or "she likes the abuse" would allow some to blame the women in this book for their victimization in a moralistic tone that is naïve.

Unfortunately, naïve morality often constrains advocacy

and too many readers are titillated by news stories of battered, abused and enslaved women, not inspired to provide the assistance and support for the successful transformation of the personal relationships experienced by such women. As an example drawing from *Neither Angels Nor Demons*, how is one to account for and respond to Mona's predicament as presented? To what degree can Mona be held to account for continuing to stay with her abuser given her culture, her family ties, and her potential? Does she have greater culpability because of the danger she placed her children in by believing her abuser's homicidal threats and staying to maintain their safety?

If we are to judge Mona then the language we use against her or in support of her efforts is that of Stephen Schaefer (1969, 1977). Schaefer introduced concepts of "victim blaming" and "victim defending" to reflect the social doctrines and legal procedures that frame society's response to the violence women experience in abusive situations. True victim advocates would ignore the idea of culpability in victimization while jailed members of society and the legal system would likely assign blame based upon the victim's personal choices and character flaws. Superimposed on these two concepts is Schaefer's "victim precipitation" indicating that the victim often utters the first insult, or engages in an act of omission or commission resulting in the relationship violence.

For example, although we do not share Phyllis' and Beth's lived realities as presented in the work, the blaming and defending of their life choices, although cruel and seemingly inappropriate, reflects common social practice. Phyllis and Beth appear capable of living independently because they are employable but their partners use those strengths against them exacerbating the emotional and physical abuse. If economics is one crucial factor in escaping abuse, why would they give up their power base only to move steadily into more abusive stages of violence? How could they commit such an act as to give up their financial independence? Perhaps Schaefer's theory might explain their role in their current victimization and their possible victimizations to come. Include their ambiguity about failure, love, support and safety and disorientation follows as they reassume their role as victim. The trajectory of their lives is a study in abhorring violence, forgiving violence, living in the violence, and then relating the story as a means of purging the horror of the violence.

The Lifestyle Exposure Model of Personal Victimization (Hindelang, Gottfredson and Garofalo 1978) lessens some of the artificiality of the previous theories by allowing consideration of demographics, role expectations, adaptations, associations, and exposure to personal victimization (p.44). The victimization is not just about the victim-offender relationship but reflects the experiential path that culminates in the relationship. For example, what was it in Katy's life that facilitated her obedience to her abuser in contrast to her failure to obey the law? How did she, as with Mona, adapt to the abuser's constructed reality and how can that process be thwarted? Katy's abuse was terroristic and the actions she was forced to commit made her the greater felon in the eyes of the law; her abuser spent only six months imprisoned whereas she

was incarcerated for two years. Clearly, obedience to the law with all of its State power and enforcement pales in comparison to the sadistic reality constructed by the power of her abuser. How then do we discuss the conflicting processes of criminal law and victim advocacy as a means of sanitizing the brutality? The theorist, the legal practitioner, the victim advocate, and the victim are left with minimized categories of classifications that are process-related. The only limitless aspect in this process is the extent and brutality of the violence.

Viano (1976) brings to the discussion the lexicon of those who participate in the victimization. There is the victim, the victimizer, the victimization and the resulting victimhood. Ferraro's oral histories indicate that the terms used by society

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and social scientists fail to address the environmental pressures and structural constraints that remain unresolved. How do these women select their partners and remain in brutal scenarios that often include their children? While the majority of the women come from dysfunctional childhoods, there are those who did not. How did they allow familial and legal constraints to define their victimhood and advance their victimization? Here the terminology provides a conjugation of the violent process that is the lives of these women—it becomes a process that allows society to ignore the

visceral realities of the violence.

This book is a picture of life that for too many is routine. The tragedy is that more and more of society accepts the violence. Think as an abuser—"if it were so bad, why aren't there more places for her to escape to?" Where is the irony that protection orders are often ignored or that Castle Rock prevailed against Gonzales (545 U.S. 748, 2005) when it was determined that a restraining order does not rise to the level of a property interest under the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment. The failure of the police to uphold the order resulted in the death of children at the hands of the abusive husband—the same husband who should have been stopped by the police. If the violence is so bad why does the victim leave the home and the abuser remain? Ferraro relates that her work and that of others have educated prosecutors to the discretion they have to mitigate the law against abused women. However good it is that *one or even a few* prosecutors are changed, those to follow often fall into the same legalistic pattern employing the "objective" practices of charging and sanctioning.

It is the minimization of language that constrains society's ability to comprehend the victimizations and to mitigate their criminal acts. While their words reflect pain, torture, depression, escape, and despair, the lack of visible depictions fails to focus the resolve of society. The lives of these women and the words to reflect upon them both accuse and excuse their actions. Herman (1997) would see the trauma and the complex recovery required of the victims. These women have become adept at surviving disempowerment and unrealistic views of themselves. Herman would direct the researcher and the advocate to look at the resiliency of those who rebuild their lives and the processes that served them in the task. It is the lessons we learn from those who experienced violent trauma that formulate the most successful transitional plans.

In review, this book is well suited to the application of



Victimology theories and the introduction of advocacy. The case studies provide a foundation for evaluative discussion and the opportunity to design transitional plans for safety and eventual independence. Too often students get side-tracked by the fact that the victim returns to the abuser, but the basis of advocacy is support of the victim. In particular, relationship violence is as difficult to comprehend as the concept of love within that relationship. This is one of the strengths of Ferraro's book—the women explain how these two merge within their lives and how they live with the consequences. Such complexity is a necessity if we are to adequately address domestic violence, though as presented in this work, it may be better appreciated and received by students engaged in graduate-level work.

### Irene Baird Responds . . .

I read your review with interest in your perspectives and respect for your academic analysis. My response begins with complete agreement regarding the "serialization" of the women's stories. Your suggestion of a chapter format reminded me of Watterson's *Women in Prison* (1996). She addresses issues similar to Ferraro's; her case studies, however, are chronicled in a separate chapter (Snapshots, p.110). As I looked at the date of Watterson's revised edition, and Talvi's (2007) book, I wonder how many times the story must be (re)told for society "to get it."

Rather than from your criminal justice/academic perspectives, the women in my prison groups and I looked at the book more through a sociological lens and through the lived experiences of the inmates. As I wrote in my essay, Ferraro commented that obedience to authority, the gender issue, was outside the margins of the study. To me and the inmates this is the issue, the special consideration...the whole macho, patriarchal feeling of entitlement, of superiority, of male power and control.

You and I both know as do the women in my groups that they often are the victims of their social/cultural context. They are also victims of an entrenched gender positioning; quoting Talvi (2007, p. 5), "the most vulnerable of society en masse." In the past 15 years on the inside, I have seen and been told by the inmates that theirs is a prescribed (by home, church, community) and rigid gender role with which they are defined, inside and outside, and to which they are subjected by a patriarchal system. Ferraro's case studies also reflect this.

I concur that, "our very language reflects society's limited comprehension of violence against women while acquiescing to the power and entitlement that often accompanies violence in general society." For that very reason, I feel that the book not be reserved for the graduate level; it must be introduced as early as possible. If we are going to educate the outside world effectively, it should be in the hands of a large diverse audience along with Jonathan Katz' *The Macho Paradox* (2006) in which macho attitude and behavior is analyzed along with his case studies. The two books provide a holistic view rather than the one-dimensional (female) context that tends to be reduced

to angel/demon characterization.

You also wrote that the women's lives are "a study in abhorring violence, forgiving violence, living in the violence, and then relating the story as a means of purging the horror of the violence." Essentially, that is the basis of my prison programs for both females and male inmates. Those are personal crises that they must face, accept and resolve to achieve "balance" in their lives for successful community reentry. Rather than continuing to grant the abuser permission to exercise his perceived male superiority rights, I'd like to see Ferraro's book, along with Katz' book as a medium for educating the outside world, for turning the spotlight on the abuser and the abusive patriarchal laws and system.

### Toni DuPont-Morales' Final Remarks

The value of this discourse is that it underscores the need for a holistic approach to the issues faced by the women in Ferraro's book. I know it is the different paths we have taken to address these problems that impedes our agreeing upon a singular, prescriptive solution. I, for one, cannot offer a simple solution,

**The women inmates in my program 'all discussed [Ferraro's] book which came to life for them; five provided written comments. Rather than providing a critique, however, they offered oral and written reflections for the outside world as a confirmation, as a validation of the context and contents regarding abuse.'**

but I can describe some issues that need to be addressed. It is the hydras in these issues that must be addressed if we are to meet these challenges. New policies must take gender, culture, legal and policing practices, statutes, community development resources, and courage – both the community's and the victims' – into account as work to shape a future that offers remediation. Yes, Irene you are correct, it is collaboration that will move our agendas forward, but I believe both of us want wise participants.

I comprehend the need to see the qualitative side of this issue but legal mandates, case law, and administrative policies frame the constraints just as much as culture, gender, church and community. How does one design a program for female offenders that provides a framework for building emotional strength? Who will female offenders listen to? What qualities allow practitioners, advocates and program employees to effectively reach out and connect with these women? Can we benchmark those qualities? How do we identify such people so that programs can seek them out? How do we educate the street-level bureaucrat about parity, and make them aware that it is constitutionally permissible in the United States? There are minority groups (race, religion, cultural practices) who have been allowed to take another path in living their lives that is law abiding—but different. This position cannot be presented when those who want to work with women ignore their client's legal and welfare constraints in favor of helping them. The wise community activist works with an advocate who speaks legalese to those who hide behind it. Then they need to be prepared to follow the legal chain to the one person or group who can initiate change coupled with secure funding.

Maybe our current approach to female offenders has been distorted by a rigorous standard of what they need rather than what they could develop if they had the tools. However, they need to see the skills they have that could form the basis for a

positive, sustainable future. Irene, your programs provide the foundation for these women to pursue a new path. But this new may succeed only if the community has the resources—and will—to offer appropriate assistance, and only if their social services personnel have some discretion in how they apply rules and policies.

I do have one word of caution. I become concerned when gender issues override responsibility and potential for change. I recall that “machismo” was originally a very positive label that reflected a man who took care of his family both financially and emotionally with love. Now it is a slur—one that has traveled from one culture to several. At some point we must seriously consider community and victim responsibility. Acceptance of at least some responsibility for decisions made is a necessary precursor to victim empowerment. Ultimately, victims must make choices and act to change their lives. This is especially important when children are involved. Indeed, somehow we must effectively communicate that domestic violence victims have a responsibility to leave an abusive relationship regardless of cultural biases toward children having “a family” at any cost.

But this is not intended as an exercise in victim bashing. Clearly the community is failing to meet its responsibilities. Society must provide a safe place for victims and female offenders to go, and minimally communities have a responsibility to provide them a home during three years of transition. The state needs to adequately fund health care, education and employment training services for women. And it must find a way to offer these women emotional support during the transition.

Perhaps we could all learn about realistic relationships that are collaboration between genders, community activists, and advocates. In the end, it is realistic expectations about what we (academician, social service worker, author, female offender) might make of our skills, future, and our community, that underpin effective change.

### **Irene Baird on *Neither Angels nor Demons***

It's all about the story – who tells the story, why, and the context it provides. Guided by an inmate's writing, “Hello, is there anyone out there. Someone who can listen for a minute,” I approached Ferraro's book from the perspective of having heard endless personal stories, the focal point of a program I have facilitated at a county jail since 1994. Rather than being counseled or interviewed, the female inmates in my groups are stimulated to provide the context of their experiences by reading about the crises of “transformed” authors of similar race, class and experience. They use the parable-like nature of the authors' words as the process for identifying and acknowledging their own issues, their lived experiences. The stories they tell either imply or explicitly identify the social inequities and injustices, the culture, traditions and realities that are the fabric of their lives. The themes that consistently surface are silencing, “invisibility,” loneliness, parenting, abusive relationships, however, predominate. I do not interpret or analyze: I create the opportunity, the forum, as I “listen for a minute.”

Ferraro, alternatively, provides an almost encyclopedic text on all aspects of the affects of abuse. It is a very detailed text. She provides, for example, historical background, social evolution, gender issues and the pervasive impact of patriarchy.

She provides context by using excerpts from interviews with 45 women who had either acted out violently against the perpetrator or, out of fear, committed crimes with their abusers. Although they had not been previously incarcerated, their stories, their experiences, are not unlike those of some of the inmates' experiences. There are childhood stories of abuse for some, and of dysfunctional family life where no one listened or cared, motivating many of them to leave home, often connecting with a male to fulfill a fanaticized romantic life. What frequently started out beautifully ended in vicious physical, emotional, psychological violence. Theirs were partners who exercised power and control, reducing the women to a life of coercion and fear. Superimposed is the patriarchal system that determines policy and punishment without knowledge or consideration of the context in which women commit crimes. That raises the issue of whether she was “angelic” by nature, acting out as a survival mechanism, or whether she was so skillful in masking her fear that she was presumed to be demonic, showing no emotion in committing an alleged premeditated crime against her abuser.

For our class at the county jail, each inmate received a copy of Ferraro's book. It served as a literary source for reflecting on and addressing personal issues and Ferraro's stated purpose, “to explore the connection between victimization and offending from the perspective of women charged with crime.” The inmates, the majority having been abused and currently housed in a male prison, considered themselves experts on the topic of abuse and marginalization.<sup>1</sup> They all discussed the book which came to life for them; five provided written comments. Rather than providing a critique, however, they offered oral and written reflections for the outside world as a confirmation, as a validation of the context and contents regarding abuse.

Although the demographics between the two groups differ, contextual similarities were notable. They reflected correction's and society's implicit and explicit patriarchal gender role mindset which can be illustrated with words such as, “It's your fault. Had you behaved like a proper female...as a good girl, wife, mother you would not be in prison.” (Baird 2001, p.170; Talvi 2007, p.11, 12 & 19). Talvi further underscores the “fallen” woman label, quoting from a female prisoner, “We are still perceived under the patriarchal stigma of ‘sugar-n-spice and everything nice,’ and if you're not, then you're the lowest of the low” (p. 20).

The abused inmates were motivated to reflect on the exertion of power and control with thoughts such as, “though I cooked for you, washed your clothes, you still treat me like a whore.” And they were quick to respond to the National Violence Against Women survey's estimate that about 14 percent of women do violent crime but about 1.3 million were assaulted by intimate partners each year (2000, p.4). One woman was still, “feeling the pain of each hit...seeing the bottom of his foot coming down to meet my face...and I was carrying his child...yet he repeated no would love nor want me.” They also understood the sentencing bias in one woman's reflection about an abusive altercation when, “he ended up in the hospital and I ended up in jail.”

Their stories and those Ferraro reports bear a strong resemblance; the choice of “what” and “how much to tell” differ. Unlike some of Ferraro's interviewees, the inmates were very open, very detailed in their disclosures about their childhood. As an example, many spoke openly about having

witnessed a mother's having been abused. Some even thought at the time that this was an expression of love because she never left. An inmate who had been violently abused shared this exchange with her mother, "so you're here, Mother tried her best, deal with it, she said...but fighting the anger, the horror it seemed like a nightmare to me."

Instinctively, the inmates wanted to convey, "I feel you. I understand where you are coming from." That was their explicit message. They were also implicitly conveying to the reader, "Do you understand where WE are coming from?" That raises the question as to whether judges, lawyers, juries, corrections and the general public understand the context unless they have walked in abused women's shoes (Talvi 2007, p. 179). Ferraro illustrates this point by quoting a woman going before the clemency board, saying: "I don't want them to use domestic violence as an excuse. I just want them to understand the context for why I did what I did."

"Every crime I have is violent...in defending myself I pleaded my case to the judges...all I got was time...now I am a survivor no longer a victim even though I am incarcerated" one inmate offered. Another wrote about having been sexually abused at the age of five by a "demonic" relative..."I told my brother who told the family members, so I was beat up, busted up, bloody nose, shut eyes...but I wasn't gonna allow my children to be abused like me...I didn't allow the cycle of violence to repeat itself."

Still another inmate reflected, "This is an age old problem and even though society and our judicial system has vastly improved over the last 20 years there is still a lot that can be said and done to help making [sic] improvements in this area. I commend the book for stimulating my brain and my heart for this writing."

Ferraro notes (2006, p.203) the lack of "significant consideration" of gender in studies on obedience to authority (assuming the patriarchal male) so that is outside the margins of her research. I posit that gender is of significant consideration. Some of the inmates in my groups are faced with issues of poverty, lack of sufficient education, abuse and drugs. Some, however, come from privileged families and their issues are drug-related, common in our current society. Yet, they are collectively viewed as "fallen" women. They are victimized by rigid gender standards. Think of the women in the book who protected their abuser...an obedience to patriarchal authority and in some cases to values inherent in a culture. Think of the inmate who wrote of washing, caring for his needs—fulfilling her gender role—yet he treated her like a whore. We tend to essentialize. We place all the women in the same socio-economic boat (to quote from my group's discussion) rather than on the same boat as victims who happen to be women. We tend to overlook that they are victims not only of their social problems but also victims of an entrenched gender prescription, and, as women, "they have become the most vulnerable of our society en masse (Talvi 2007, p.5).

Ferraro is right that no progress can be made until the whole structure of male domination is dismantled...for starters. While doing so we must keep in mind a transformation of social contexts which "require that the ultimate worth of each individual be the center of analysis and action" (2006, p.252). In spite of a confusing sequencing of the women's stories in the book, I join the inmates in recommending it to "stimulate [the] brain," to generate understanding, to change the victimizing

social conditions and policies and to look at all the "hers" as human beings.

### **Toni-DuPont Morales Responds . . .**

Your opening, "It's all about the story—who tells the story, why and the context it provides." reflects the multifaceted challenge to the instructor, the student, the citizen, and the policy maker. Are the stories of these women about theory, statutes, gender, culture or a selective mix depending on the inquiry?

You are correct—it is about the story but too many of the students in large undergraduate classes respond in much the same way as society. If there has been victimization, their own or someone they know, then the context clears and the reality of the violence resonates with them. The story of these women and the women you have worked with may be a titillating account of violence and mayhem when teaching a class of 40 to 500 students. These women, their victimization, and their impact on our communities too often remain outside the comprehension of most of the students. It is a passage to "get through" with the proverbial question, "What do I need to know to get an A on the test?"

If texts such as Ferraro's are to be studied, it is in the careful and guided analysis of graduate classes, small by nature, where change may occur and derision toward patented practices may be ignited. It is the same with numerous policy makers who listen to the story and look at the victim and think, "She doesn't look so bad, now." So if the women "are prescribed (by home, church, community) a rigid gender role with which they are defined, inside and outside" how can we expect them to change when too often changing the attitudes of society is tied to political parties and private dogma?

Even in this response I should be constrained by home, community and church, but I will take this opportunity to ignore the powerful trinity. Given these times of economic devastation, it will be the same women who will be doubly victimized. Sadly, their children will also be victimized as they witness violence, neglect, and frustration. Might there be an open discussion about contraception that is independent of a nightly pill so that women can learn new ways of surviving? After all, considering that many of these women live with abusive, controlling men who sometimes see baby-making as a game or sign of male virility—or worse, as a means of further solidifying their hold on them—might it not be appropriate to make alternative forms of birth control available? Pregnancy is one of the most dangerous times for abused women as well as their fetus and yet too many jurisdictions ignore the possible enhancement for assaulting a pregnant woman. Recall the stories of women being abused while pregnant from the books you referenced and the women in your groups. So where is church and community in this aspect of victimization? Are these women demons for engaging in contraception and angels for silently standing for the abuse? Is pregnancy the enhancement for increased punishment? Is being a mother of several children while committing crime reason for mandatory minimums? Those in the criminal justice system who answer yes to these questions seem to argue from a post-chivalry perspective. Having worked as an officer of the court, served as a member of the Arizona Supreme Court Foster Care Review Board, and taught Victimology courses, I recall the numerous times judges individualized sanctions for women

with children, young women, pregnant women, and women enduring lives of violence; in other words, these judges thought they were acting out of a sense of chivalry. Such judges were often labeled “bleeding hearts” but they made attempts to protect women and their children. They once had that discretion and could draw upon community services; now judges have mandatory minimum sentencing directives requiring imprisonment. Here one might charge me with supporting an archaic form of gender bias but I refer those who might do so to the terms “equality” and “parity.” Women need a system that is just to and for them. Consider taking just ten percent of R.I.C.O. money and using it for shelters, training, and counseling.<sup>2</sup> This might not even require money if a county prosecutor would give a confiscated house to be used for a shelter. There are numerous possibilities that remain ignored because change does not come without hesitations. But the issue is to change!

In today’s system, an independently thinking Judge or Justice is constrained by the political party who appointed him or her. Thus, the presumptive sentencing schemes ignore the context of the crimes and engage in the generalization that everyone needs punishment by imprisonment and upon release, stern surveillance. I urge readers to review of *Judge, Lawyer, Victim, Thief*, edited by Stanko and Rafter (1982) who addressed the communities that frame and stigmatize the women in Ferraro’s book. Stanko and Rafter selected contributors from diversified backgrounds that chronicled or challenged the myopic view toward women and crime. In fact, the diversification within the book reflects the collaborative relationships and efforts needed if the women in Ferraro’s book are to make the changes they claim to want. The issue with Ferraro’s book and the women she writes about is that these women need to turn their “spotlight on the abuser and the abusive patriarchal laws and system.” Once that spotlight is present, it is programs like yours, as well as the work of the authors we have discussed that can foster the heightened sense of self-esteem and independence these women need to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

### Irene Baird’s Final Remarks

As I read your email response, I was reminded of the fact that our interests and concerns are so similar. Of benefit to the outside reader, therefore, should be the fact that because of the nature of my educational path I weigh in primarily on the side of gender and culture; though you also integrate those aspects into the equation, professionally you come under the heading of theory and statutes, of criminal justice. I do hope this kind of collaboration will stretch the readers’ minds, which is what this is doing for me.

Going back to the stories...when I was doing my graduate research with marginalized women—specifically single welfare mothers in a mandated learning program—I found that my statistics satisfied some members of my committee...but not me. I wanted context; I wanted to know the “who, what and why” behind those numbers—or as Chesney Lind wrote...the human face behind those prison numbers. The stories the women told reflected their truth, their lived experiences which sometimes overwhelmed me. So, also, with the female inmates. I have learned that I am more of a conduit (not a change agent) by providing them writing of authors whose parable-like words just might encourage some reflection and a decision to change

(their choice).

And so, for starters, this morning I shared your thoughts with a new group of female inmates about their needing to turn the spotlight on the abuser, etc. BINGO! You are so right, Toni. Almost without exception, this group of very young females indicated a scary need. To prove that point, one woman said she gave “her man” \$18,000, hoping she would get his affection in return; instead, he beat her badly. Hello Ferraro’s cases except the women in my group wanted to discuss this. So many said this was learned behavior—the doings of the trinity you mentioned earlier? Obviously, these women are nowhere near turning the spotlight on the abuser, the patriarchal laws and the system even though they complain. Maybe it’s my myopia, but I feel strongly that the spotlight must be turned on the abuser also. As one of the men in one of my male inmate groups wrote, “...she looked like an apple ready to be picked—she could have been the first to have my baby.” As another example, Katz (2006) refers to Kobe Bryant, his notoriety precluding “she asked for it.” For me gender/culture issues, society’s blinders, and patriarchal laws constitute three fronts in an ongoing war that is really against humanity, humaneness or, to echo Ferraro, against remembering that “the ultimate worth of each individual [should] be the center of analysis and action” (2006, p.252).

In reference to your comments on student use of the book, I cede to your class room expertise though I must add that in my doctoral classes there were students who also asked what they needed to know to get an A and protested loudly when they didn’t get that A.

I guess I’m like a relentless dog with a bone, Toni, but the issue is of such magnitude that I have managed to scrape together a bit of funding to do another DVD: the actors will be released inmates and their script, their prison writings on relationships.

I know that I haven’t touched on all of the fine points you made but I decided to focus rather than fight the whole war!

### NOTES

<sup>1</sup>The female inmates are housed in a county jail built to house 500 men. The population grew and now there are between 800–900 males at any given time awaiting hearings/sentencing or serving sentences of less than 12 months for lesser offenses. With changes in criminal justice policies over the last couple of decades women have become part of the corrections scene. Today one small wing of the jail houses 100–150 women. Interestingly, women inmates do not have as extensive programming as male inmates because typically their infractions are not as serious as the men’s so their stay is not as long.

<sup>2</sup>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) is a Federal Law for extended criminal penalties and a civil action.

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**Irene C. Baird**, D.Ed., adjunct assistant professor in adult education at Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg, has provided programs for female and male inmates since 1994 at a county jail using a unique humanities-based model. Her community outreach and national/international conference presentations address the themes that surface in her prison groups, issues such as identity/self-value, abusive relationships, addictions, learning and parenting...from a gender and cultural perspective. In 2000, a local theater presented a play using the female inmates' writing as script. In addition to journal articles and two book chapters, she oversaw the production of a DVD, *Rerighting Ourselves* and Study Guide (2006) featuring five incarcerated males who chose to share their stories and messages as a community service to deter youth from following the same path. Because of her concern about abusive relationships, she is now preparing material for another DVD, *He Said:She Said*, in which released inmates will use as their script written reflections by the inmates on relationships.

**Toni DuPont-Morales**, Ph.D., retired from Penn State with Emeritus status and is now an assistant professor at Cal State Fresno in Victimology. She worked as a probation officer in Pima County, Arizona, where she began her activism with victim services, assisted in the passage of Arizona's Domestic Violence law, served on the Child Sexual Abuse Team, and on the State Supreme Court Foster Care Review Board. Nationally and internationally she has provided workshops on topics such as family violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, crisis and trauma, school violence, policy development, and parental modeling for pre-release women, including workshops for The Joint Center on Violence and Victim Studies.

## 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](mailto:nmezey@monmouth.edu).

## 2008 SSSP Board of Directors Minutes

### Boston, MA, USA\*

#### Minutes of the SSSP Board of Directors Meeting August 2, 2008, Boston, Massachusetts

President Steven Barkan called the meeting to order and led us in introductions of all members of the Board and others present to make reports.

Report from the selection committee for the next Executive Officer indicated that site visits would be held with both candidates. The committee reported on their reactions to the two candidates, R. Scott Frey and Héctor Delgado. Both candidates had expressed the desire that Michele Smith Koontz remain as Administrative Officer.

The Board adopted the recommendation that a three to five year contract to continue to host the Administrative Office at the University of Tennessee be pursued. Tom Hood indicated that he believed that such a contract could be executed by not later than the middle of September, 2008. Several reasons supported this course of action. One reason was that both candidates indicated a desire to keep Michele Koontz in the job of Administrative Officer and the second was the strong supportive relationship that the University of Tennessee has maintained with the Society for the past eighteen years. It was suggested that Steve Barkan write a letter to the University of Tennessee requesting a proposal that the Department of Sociology and the University host the Administrative Office. Steve agreed to do this. Tom agreed to draft a letter for Steve's approval. All of these actions were approved by common consent.

The matter of who would conduct the site visits with the two candidates was discussed and completing the interviews within the timetable established in the operations manual. Site visits should be conducted as soon after the agreement with the University of Tennessee is completed. Susan Carlson will represent the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee. Ray Michalowski and Michelle Janning were selected to represent the Board of Directors. After the site visits, the visitation committee will make a final recommendation to the Board of Directors on who should serve as Executive Officer. All of these actions were approved by common consent.

Nancy Mezey presented the report of the nominations committee. Nancy noted that not all special problems divisions were present for the nominations meeting. As has often happened, the Board of Directors reviewed the lists submitted. The Board reordered each of the lists except for Student Representatives to the Board. Board members who were nominated for a particular position left the room during the time that the candidate's list was discussed. The reordered lists of names were approved to be sent to the Elections Committee Chair to learn who was willing to accept the nomination and run for office. Nominees who agree to run will be announced in December, 2008.

The Board turned to the question of nominees for the position of Secretary and Treasurer. Treasurer David Rudy indicated that he was not willing to run again. Susan Carlson was nominated for the position and Martha Hargraves agreed to run again for the position of Secretary.

The report from Antwan Jones, Student Representative to the Board, was delayed until after 10:30am.

Frances Pestello presented the 2009 Budget as approved by the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee. Based on previous experience the revenue was projected at \$574,590 and expenses at \$591,324 for a proposed deficit of \$16,734. The Board adopted the 2009 budget as presented. It was noted that the 2009 budget proposed a salary for the Executive Officer only through the month of August, since Tom will step down at that time and the new salary will be negotiated with the new Executive Officer. The spring meeting of the BFA Committee will provide an opportunity to propose appropriate modifications to the Board.

Paul Steele presented the report of the Committee on Committees. The Board adopted the report as presented with the comment that more international representation is needed on the Membership Committee--perhaps for different world regions.

Jim Holstein presented the report of the Editorial and Publications Committee. Two action items appeared in the report.

a. ***Social Problems Forum*** *discontinue paper printing of the following items, which had previously been required: 1) annual auditor's report, 2) annual budget, 3) minutes of the annual business meeting. These items will continue to be published electronically, with links noted in the newsletter and on the SSSP web site. If bylaws changes are required to do this they should be initiated.* This motion was approved by the Board of Directors. Tom Hood noted that the corporate charter should be checked to make sure this action accords with it as well as the bylaws.

b. ***Social Problems*** *shall charge a \$25 submission fee for all manuscripts. An on-line payment system will be implemented at the editor's earliest possible convenience. This fee may be waived on a case-by-case basis (determined by the editor), generally in response to financial exigencies. The current Production Fee (\$50) be discontinued for SSSP members who have manuscripts accepted for publication. **Social Problems** will continue to charge non-members a \$100 production fee who have their papers accepted.* This motion was approved by the Board of Directors.

Jim Holstein will continue to chair the 2008-09 committee and noted that the committee will begin the search for the next editor of *Social Problems*.

Ted Chiricos submitted a proposed list of forty-four Advisory Editors for approval. The list is below. The list was approved by the Board as submitted.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Kenneth (Andy) Andrews	University of North Carolina
Elizabeth Armstrong	Indiana University
Tim Bartley	Indiana University
Eric Baumer	Florida State University
Kelle Barrick	Research Triangle Institute
Kraig Beyerlein	University of Arizona
Mary Blair-Loy	University of California, San Diego
Stephanie Bontrager	Justice Research Center
Sarah Britto	Central Washington University
Michele Budig	University of Massachusetts
Penny Edgell	University of Minnesota
Rachel Einwohner	Purdue University
Rebecca Erickson	University of Akron
Dana Fisher	Columbia University
Tyrone Forman	University of Illinois, Chicago
Samantha Friedman	SUNY Albany
Charles Gallagher	Georgia State University
John Hagan	Northwestern University
Ann Hironaka	University of California, Irvine
Kathleen Hull	University of Minnesota
John Iceland	Maryland University
Larry Isaac	Vanderbilt University
Bert Klandermans	Free University
Pei-Chia Lan	National Taiwan University
Lisa Martinez	University of Denver
Monica McDermott	Stanford University
Dario Melossi	Universita di Bologna
Joya Misra	University of Massachusetts
Dina Okamoto	University of California, Davis
Irene Padavic	Florida State University
Ray Paternoster	University of Maryland
Becky Pettit	University of Washington
Jill Quadagno	Florida State University
Lincoln Quillian	Northwestern University
Deana Rohlinger	Florida State University
Louise Roth	University of Arizona
Deidre Royster	The College of William & Mary
Moshe Semyonov	Tel Aviv University
Jason Schnittker	University of Pennsylvania
Tara Shelley	Colorado State University
Eric Silver	Pennsylvania State University
Mario Small	University of Chicago
Bruce Western	Harvard University
George Wilson	University of Miami

Antwan Jones reported on the graduate student meeting and the social event. Both events had light attendance. Recommendations from the meeting were: 1. Ensure that people are invited to join the listserv more than once a year. It seems timely to invite people after each meeting and also with an updated list after the preliminary program is announced and about a month or two before each meeting. This ensures that listserv posts are getting to active SSSP members. 2. Create a list of affordable

housing alternatives to students for subsequent responses. 3. Continue dialogue of a special division or section that is geared toward increasing communication and networking among graduate students. Antwan brought the following recommendations on the social. 1. Continue to host the social in a pub (close to the hotel). 2. Continue this tradition of the graduate student contacting the bar so that the bar knows not to serve people until the contact person arrives. 3. Create a small break in between the social and graduate student reception so that people are able to return to the hotel in an efficient manner.

Cary Yang Costello reported on resolutions approved at the business meeting including disposition plans. The Society should continue to use the two week in advance deadline for submission of the resolutions to be considered.

President Barkan returned to business unfinished by the 2008 Board. The Board received a report of the Ad Hoc Retreat Implementation Committee. The Board agreed to continue to use electronic means to discuss the recommendations and their implications during the coming year.

The International Fellowship Committee will continue its work and report at the 2009 Annual Meeting and/or before that meeting convenes in San Francisco.

Under new business, Michele Koontz presented a proposal for a Mini-Workshop to be held at the 2009 Annual meeting site on August 10, 2009. The co-sponsors of the workshop are SSSP Global Division and *Critical Sociology*. *Critical Sociology* will guarantee at least 25 one day registrations at \$45 each. This total would be \$1125 in additional registration fees. *Critical Sociology* will pay Michele Koontz for agreed upon support and administrative services. A detailed proposal was provided to the Board. The add-on conference was approved. While registrants for SSSP 2009 meeting are welcome at the event at no additional charge, others may register for this event without registering for the SSSP meetings.

Under new business, Kim Cook, Membership Committee Chair, presented the committee's recommendations for restructuring the committee. 1. The Membership Committee should be renamed to the "Membership and Outreach Committee." 2. Membership and Outreach Committee members should not be selected in part on the basis of where they reside/work, geographically. 3. It should be an elected committee with members serving three year staggering terms, where the chair is a third-year member. 4. It should maintain nine members with the chair elected by committee members from among the third year members. 5. In every cohort of three elected members there should be at least one graduate student when elected. 6. The duties, as written in the bylaws, should include "recruit new members, raise awareness of SSSP, and recommend retention strategies" to the Executive Office. The recommendations were approved by the Board as submitted. The Bylaws Committee will draft bylaws amendments for the 2009 General Election ballot.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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\*Usually the complete minutes of the Board of Directors meetings and annual business meeting are made available in the Fall following the conference. The August 2, 2008, Board of Directors minutes were not available at press time last year, delayed by Hurricane Ikes's impact on Galveston and the University of Texas, Galveston, where SSSP Secretary Martha Hargraves works.



**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION****2009 Critical Sociology Conference****REBUILDING SOCIETY:  
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*Critical Sociology* is seeking panel and paper proposals for a one-day conference, co-sponsored by the SSSP Global Division, to be held in San Francisco on August 10, 2009 (the day following the SSSP Annual Meeting). The theme of the conference will be REBUILDING SOCIETY: A PROGRESSIVE VISION. Please send paper abstracts, or panel proposals with name and contact information for participants along with title and abstracts of the papers to be presented, to [critical.sociology@gmail.com](mailto:critical.sociology@gmail.com) by April 15. Notification of accepted panels and papers will be received by May 15th. Following the conference, presenters will have an opportunity to revise their papers into chapters for a peer-reviewed edited volume. *All registered participants of the SSSP Annual Meeting are entitled to complementary registration for this conference (\$45. for all others).*

Suggested topics for proposals include (but are not limited to):

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- Obama: Sea Change in US Politics?
- Can Local Organizing Shape National Recovery Policies
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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 59<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

# PERSONAL MENTORING PROGRAM

## *CALL FOR MENTORS/MENTEES*

SSSP is now offering a Personal Mentoring Program designed to match SSSP members with mentors who can offer guidance in a number of areas: job search, manuscript preparation, dissertation support, tenure and promotion review, career development, and so forth. You may request a mentor for a period of 3 months, 6 months or 1 year.

Mentors and mentees will be matched in time for them to make arrangements to meet in person at the annual meeting in San Francisco. (Participants in the program are encouraged but not required to attend the meeting.)

If you are interested in serving as a mentor or being matched with a mentor, please complete the online application form at <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageId/1092> no later than May 23, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Karen M. McCormack at [mccormack\\_karen@wheatonma.edu](mailto:mccormack_karen@wheatonma.edu).

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# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## 2009 JOSEPH B. GITTTLER AWARD

*Members of the Society are urged to submit the names of nominees for the 2009 Joseph B. Gittler Award.*

Established in 2007 at the bequest of Joseph B. Gittler, this award is made in recognition of the significant scholarly achievements that a SSSP member has made in contributing to the ethical resolution of social problems.

### PREVIOUS WINNER

2008 Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine

### NOMINATION PROCEDURE

The 2009 award will be presented at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, August 7-9, 2009. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 15, 2009 to:

**Dr. Thomas C. Hood**  
 Department of Sociology  
 University of Tennessee  
 901 McClung Tower  
 Knoxville, TN 37996-0490, USA  
 Work: (865) 974-7026; Fax: (865) 689-1534  
 Email: [tomhood@utk.edu](mailto:tomhood@utk.edu)

### NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Any member of the Society may nominate one or more persons for the award. Members of the Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee are encouraged to nominate.

All nominations must be accompanied by supporting evidence sufficiently detailed for the committee to render a decision (e.g., a resume; media accounts of activist activities inspired by the nominee's

scholarly efforts, testimonials from grass roots organizations or advocacy agencies; or additional supporting description of the nominee's work, demonstrating that the contributions meet the criteria for nomination). Please include supporting information not covered in a resume. List names of colleagues who would be willing and able to write supporting letters upon the request.

### CRITERIA FOR THE JOSEPH B. GITTTLER AWARD for the most scholarly contributions in the area of "Ethical Components in the Resolution of Social Problems"

1. The nominee must have been an active member of the Society for the Study of Social Problems for at least three years prior to receiving the award.
2. The nominee must have produced and disseminated scholarship promoting ethical solutions to social problems over the preceding three or more calendar years. *Ethical solutions* entail scholarship that promotes awareness and/or activism to increase public recognition that social problems and social injustices are ethical issues; and/or scholarship that identifies and promotes societal level responses to social problems and injustices. *Scholarship* may be undertaken from a wide variety of perspectives, including both applied research (qualitative or quantitative research) and normative work (e.g., argumentative, historical, philosophical, textual or theoretical analyses).

## THE 2009 BETH B. HESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a continuing graduate student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school. A student in an accredited PhD program in sociology in the United States is eligible to apply if she or he studied for at least one full academic year at a two-year college in the US before transferring to complete a BA.

The Scholarship carries a stipend of \$3500 from Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) to be used to support the pursuit of graduate studies as well as a one-year membership in SWS (including a subscription to *Gender & Society*). The Scholarship will be awarded at the Summer Meeting of SWS. Recognizing Beth Hess's significant contributions to SSSP and ASA as well, these organizations join SWS in supporting and celebrating the awardee at their Annual Meetings, August 8-11, 2009 in San Francisco, CA. The awardee's economy class airfare, train fare or driving mileage/tolls will be paid jointly by SSSP and SWS; ASA also supports applicants for this award via their student travel award program (more than one such award may be given, but students must apply to ASA separately). Each association will also waive its meeting registration and provide complementary banquet and/or reception tickets for the awardee.

To honor Beth Hess's career, the committee will be looking for:

- Commitment to teaching, especially at a community college or other institution serving less-privileged students.
- Research and/or activism in social inequality, social justice, or social problems, with a focus on gender and/or gerontology being especially positive.
- Service to the academic and/or local community, including mentoring.
- High quality research and writing in the proposal and letter of application.

***An application for the award should contain:***

1. a letter of application (no more than 2 pages) that describes the student's decision to study sociology, career goals, research, activism and service that would help the committee to see how the Scholarship would be a fitting honor
2. a letter confirming enrollment in or admission to a sociology Ph.D. program (and aid award if any)
3. a letter of recommendation from a sociologist (original and five copies in a sealed envelope, signed on the seal)
4. full curriculum vitae, including all schools, degrees awarded, years of study, and full or part-time in each
5. (Optional) a one-page letter describing a community college faculty member who particularly contributed in a significant way to the decision to study sociology or pursue higher education
6. A cover sheet with:
  - Name and full contact information, including phone and email
  - Current academic or organizational affiliation, with years
  - If not currently enrolled, future Ph.D. program and date of entry
  - Community college attended, with years and credits taken OR transcript
  - Name and contact information for graduate faculty reference
  - If included, name of honored faculty member

***Six complete copies of the application should be submitted to:***

Prof. Myra Marx Ferree  
Department of Sociology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1180 Observatory Drive  
Madison, WI 53706, USA

***To be considered applications must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2009***

For further information contact Myra Marx Ferree — [mferree@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:mferree@ssc.wisc.edu)

## 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:

In this feature, two scholar-practitioners, Toni DuPont-Morales and Irene Baird, engage in a written exchange ranging from domestic violence to female inmates to the criminal justice system to Victimology, an exchange prompted by Kathleen Ferraro’s work, *Neither Angels nor Demons* (2006).

As always, we welcome letters to the editor, suggestions for columns and features, commentaries and photo-essays. We invite you to review the criteria for our “Convergences and Divergences: Perspectives on Social Problems” feature (see above) as well as the general guidelines for our new “Book Roundtable” feature (see right), and to make a proposal to organize one of these features for a future issue.

Have a great end of the winter season and a wonderful spring!

Ken Kyle, Editor

### 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 the 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 the 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.



## TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

**The Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee announces funds available for Foreign Scholar-Activists to participate in the 2009 Annual Meeting, August 7-9, San Francisco, CA, USA.**

The Society for the Study Social Problems established the Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund to help bring foreign scholar-activists to the Annual Meeting. The specific purpose is to facilitate scholarly participation by persons engaged in research related to labor, gender, race-ethnicity, less advantaged countries, and other struggles. More generally, the purpose of this fund is to foster cooperative relations among persons and organizations engaged in applying sociological findings to confront social problems and create social change. Consistent with past practice, some preference may be given to applicants from less advantaged countries where access to foreign exchange is often more limited.

**Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 16, 2009 to:**

**Lisa Anne Zilney**  
**Justice Studies Department**  
**Montclair State University**  
**Dickson Hall 349, 1 Normal Avenue**  
**Montclair, NJ 07043, USA**  
**W: (973) 655-7225; F: (973) 655-4186; Email: [lisa.zilney@montclair.edu](mailto:lisa.zilney@montclair.edu)**

**Other Committee Members:**  
*Richard A. Dello Buono, Chair-Elect, New College of Florida*  
*Kathleen Asbury, Community College of Philadelphia, Rutgers University*

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**The Lee Student Support Fund Committee announces funds available for Undergraduate and Graduate Students to participate in the 2009 Annual Meeting, August 7-9, San Francisco, CA, USA.**

In recognition of Al Lee's commitment to social justice and his history of critical contributions to the Society for the Study of Social Problems, SSSP established the Lee Student Support Fund. The fund provides up to \$500.00 in travel support for undergraduate and graduate student conference participants. Awards are allocated by committee. In addition to need, the Committee may recognize among other factors, the Society's commitment to diversity, as well as consider the applicant's commitment to scholar-activism, and interdisciplinary work. Only complete applications will be reviewed, and there is only one award per applicant.

**Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 16, 2009 to:**

**Phoebe Morgan**  
**The Faculty Ombuds Program**  
**Northern Arizona University**  
**P.O. Box 15010**  
**Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5010, USA**  
**W: (928) 523-8767; F: (928) 523-8011; Email: [phoebe.morgan@nau.edu](mailto:phoebe.morgan@nau.edu)**

**Other Committee Members:**  
*Tracy Dietz, Chair-Elect, University of Central Florida*  
*Jennifer M. Santos-Hernández, University of Delaware*

## Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund or the Lee Student Support Fund Application

### APPLICATION DEADLINE–MIDNIGHT (EST) MARCH 16, 2009

**Minimum eligibility requirements:**

current SSSP membership at the time of application  
if applying for the student support fund, documentation of student status (a photocopy of current student ID)

**Applicants are advised of these limitations:**

only complete applications will be reviewed  
applications postmarked/faxed/emailed after March 16 are ineligible for review  
a maximum of \$500 dollars will be granted to any one recipient for the student support fund

Please indicate which fund you are requesting assistance from (select only one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Lee Student Support Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund **(In what way do you consider yourself not only a scholar but also an activist?)**

Name:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Current Mailing  
Address:

(Street)

(City)

(State/Province & Zip Code/Postal Code)

Phone:

(include area code) (Home)

(Work)

Email:

And country code, if applicable)

Address where you can be reached after the May 15 announcement date:

(Street)

(City)

(State/Province & Zip Code/Postal Code)

Please indicate how you plan to travel to the meeting:

SSSP will support estimated air coach fare; auto travel at \$.46 per mile; and travel by bus or train **ONLY**.

Please provide a breakdown of your anticipated costs to attend the meeting. Registration fees and dues will not be funded, and not all of the expenses for attending the meeting can be paid from these funds. **SSSP strongly suggests that other sources of funds be sought to supplement your participation.** Pre-registration for the meeting must be paid before funds will be disbursed to the applicant. Persons unable to attend the meetings **MUST** return all monies to SSSP.

**Estimated Expenses:**

Travel cost:

\_\_\_\_\_ The committee will use the lowest available fare as the basis for its estimates of travel costs.

Room cost:

\_\_\_\_\_ SSSP will support a shared room at the SSSP conference hotel (roommate matching service will be available). Our room rate is \$219 (U.S.) plus tax per night. Exceptions will be made if extraordinary personal circumstances justify an individual room.

Meal cost:

\_\_\_\_\_ SSSP will support up to \$15 U.S./per day

Grand total:

State your accepted contributions to the meeting. **ONLY** SSSP members who have been accepted for program participation will be considered.

**Applicants will receive an email confirming the receipt of their application. If you do not receive an email within two weeks of submitting your application, please contact the appropriate chair. Applicants will be notified by the chair if their application was accepted/rejected no later than May 15, 2009.**



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### 2009 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

Nominations are open for the 2009 Social Action Award. **Members of the Society are urged to submit names of organizations as nominees for this award.**

The Social Action Award, established in 1991, is awarded to a not-for-profit organization in the city/area hosting the annual meeting. The award carries a stipend of \$1,000.

The award is a fitting expression of the overall purpose of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, which is concerned with applying scientific methods and theories to the study of social problems. SSSP aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, and advocates to examine and understand social problems in order to further solutions and develop social policy based on knowledge.

When this award was established, SSSP described its purpose as follows:

The organization selected for this recognition should have a history of challenging social inequalities, promoting social change, and/or working toward the empowerment of marginalized peoples. Its work must demonstrate sensitivity to and respect for cultural diversity.

Preference is given to small, local agencies in the **San Francisco area** rather than large organizations or chapters of nationally-based organizations. The main criterion is the extent to which the organization reaches out to the disadvantaged in the community and uses innovative means for dealing with local social conditions.

The award will be presented on August 8, 2009 at the SSSP Awards Banquet in San Francisco, CA. **Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2009.**

#### PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

2008	Boston, MA	We're All in This Together (WAITT House) Haley House
2007	New York, NY	CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities
2006	Montréal, Québec, Canada	Action Réfugiés Montréal
2005	Philadelphia, PA	Alliance for a Clean Environment (ACE)
2004	San Francisco, CA	Free Battered Women
2003	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta Harm Reduction Center
2002	Chicago, IL	Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
2001	Anaheim, CA	Innecity Struggle
2000	Washington, DC	Council of Latino Agencies
1999	Chicago, IL	Rogers Park Community Action Network
1998	San Francisco, CA	People Organized to Win Employment Rights
1997	Toronto, Canada	Heritage Skills Development Center
1996	New York, NY	SAKHI
1995	Washington, DC	Foundation for Youth at Risk Friends and Jr. Friends of the Southwest Branch Library
1994	Los Angeles, CA	Coalition for Human Immigration Rights of Los Angeles
1993	Miami, FL	Women Will Rebuild P.A.C.E Center for Girls Haitian Refugee Center
1992	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh Jobs with Peace Campaign
1991	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio Welfare Rights Organization ReSTOC Inc.

## **2009 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

**(Please include the following information when making a nomination.)**

**Your name, address, phone number, and email address.**

**The name and address of the organization you wish to nominate.**

**The name, address, phone number, and email address of the organizational contact person.**

**Give an overview of the organization's work.**

**Indicate why you believe that the nominee merits the award.**

**Please submit any supportive materials in electronic form (as attachments) you believe would be helpful to the committee.**

**Nominations should be sent no later than April 1, 2009 to:**

**Wendy Simonds, Co-Chair & Chair-Elect  
Department of Sociology, PO Box 5020  
Georgia State University  
Atlanta, GA 30302-5020**

**W: 404-213-6512; F: 404-213-6505; Email: [wsimonds@gsu.edu](mailto:wsimonds@gsu.edu)**

**Other Committee Members:**

*Kimberly Richman, Co-Chair, University of San Francisco*

*Stacy L. Burns, Loyola Marymount University*

*Airin D. Martinez, University of California, San Francisco*

*Stephen J. Morewitz, Morewitz and Associates, IL & CA, California State University, East Bay*

*Christine Oh, University of California, Los Angeles*

*Cynthia Siemsen, California State University, Chico*

*Kristin J. Wilson*

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **2009 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD**

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Lee Founders Award. **Members of the Society are urged to submit the names of nominees.**

Established in 1981, this award is made in recognition of significant achievements that, over a distinguished career, have demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanist tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee.

#### **PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE**

- 2008 David A. Snow, University of California, Irvine
- 2007 Peter Conrad, Brandeis University
- 2006 Barbara Katz Rothman, Baruch College, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2005 Robert Perrucci, Purdue University
- 2004 Mary A. Romero, Arizona State University
- 2003 Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University and Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide
- Jerome Scott, Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide
- 2002 Thomas J. Scheff, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2001 Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine
- 2000 Beth B. Hess, County College of Morris & Norma Williams, University of Texas at Arlington
- 1999 Gary L. Albrecht, University of Illinois, Chicago
- 1998 John I. Kitsuse, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 1997 Irwin Deutscher, University of Akron
- 1996 No Winner Chosen
- 1995 Gideon Sjoberg, University of Texas
- 1994 Joyce A. Ladner, Howard University
- 1993 Irving Kenneth Zola, Brandeis University
- 1992 Marvin B. Sussman, University of Delaware
- 1991 Richard Cloward, Columbia University & Francis Fox Piven, CUNY, Graduate Center
- 1990 Louis Kriesberg, Syracuse University
- 1989 Arlene Kaplan Daniels, Northwestern University
- 1988 James E. Blackwell, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- 1987 John Useem, SSSP Life Member & Ruth Hill Useem, SSSP Life Member
- 1986 Jessie Bernard, Pennsylvania State University
- 1985 Butler Jones, Cleveland State University
- 1984 Elliot Liebow, National Institute of Mental Health
- 1983 Charles V. Willie, Harvard University
- 1982 S. M. Miller, Boston University & Joan Moore, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

The 2009 award will be presented at the 59th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, August 7-9, 2009. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 15, 2009 to:

**Dr. Carolyn C. Perrucci**  
**Department of Sociology, Purdue University**  
**700 W. State Street**  
**West Lafayette, IN 47907-2059**  
**Work: (765) 494-2019; Fax: (765) 496-1476**  
**Email: [perruccic@purdue.edu](mailto:perruccic@purdue.edu)**

#### **CRITERIA FOR THE LEE FOUNDERS AWARD**

1. The nominee must have been an active member of the Society for some years prior to receiving the award.
2. The nominee must have made significant achievements embodying the ideals of the founders of the Society. These achievements may be in the areas of scholarly research, teaching, or service leading to the betterment of human life. Nominees for the award must have demonstrated a commitment to social action programs that promote social justice.
3. The nominee's achievements should reflect the humanistic tradition of sociology, as exemplified in the contributions of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee, for whom the award is named.
4. The nominee's achievements may be expressed in a body of work that provides understanding and insight for practical application and the development of social conflict, including one or more of the following.
  - a. Studies of peace and war, ethnic and/or racial conflict and social movements.
  - b. The role of mass media as related to social problems.
  - c. The role of propaganda in the creation of and the persistence of social problems.
  - d. The systematic study of social inequality (for example, problems of poverty, discrimination, racism, sexism and unequal distribution of wealth).
5. The achievements should include substantial community service at the local, state and/or national level.
6. It is assumed that the above achievements will have been accomplished by the nominees over a distinguished career and that they will reflect a long-term commitment to the ideals of the Lees.

#### **GUIDELINES**

1. Any member of the Society may nominate one or more persons for the award. Members of the Lee Founders Award Committee are encouraged to nominate.
2. All nominations must be accompanied by supporting evidence sufficiently detailed for the committee to render a decision (e.g., a resume; additional supporting description of the nominee's work, demonstrating that the contributions meet the criteria for nomination). Please include supporting information not covered in a resume. List names of colleagues who would be willing and able to write supporting letters upon the request of the committee or include letters of support with your nomination.

## TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

**The Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee announces  
funds available for Unemployed and Underemployed Sociologists  
to participate in the 2009 Annual Meeting, August 7-9, San Francisco, CA.**

The Erwin O. Smigel Award was established in 1975 to provide assistance to unemployed and underemployed sociologists. Applicants should be sociologists with an advanced degree who are not full-time students and who are not fully employed. Erwin O. Smigel was a professor and Chair of Sociology at New York University, and the author of *The Wall Street Lawyer* as well as other works. He was the second editor of *Social Problems*; serving from 1958-61. He was also a friendly and good humored man who supported colleagues exceptionally well. The fund was established in Erwin's honor the year he passed away.

Erwin O. Smigel Award Guidelines: 1) the Smigel Fund monies are to be used to help pay for three or four unemployed or severely underemployed sociologists' transportation to and registration fees for the SSSP meeting; 2) applicants must be SSSP members who are presenting a paper at the main SSSP meeting (rather than at an adjacent workshop or meeting) or participating as a SSSP elected or appointed officer or committee member; 3) a maximum of \$500 dollars is to be granted to any one recipient. **Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 16, 2009 to:**

**PJ McGann**  
Department of Sociology  
University of Michigan  
Room 3001 LSA Bldg, 500 S. State Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382, USA  
W: (734) 764-6321; F: (734) 763-6887; Email: [pjmcgann@umich.edu](mailto:pjmcgann@umich.edu)

### 2009 CONFERENCE MENTORING PROGRAM

#### ATTENTION MEETING PARTICIPANTS, STUDENTS, AND NEW MEMBERS

Are you a **new member** or **graduate student**? Sign up for the conference mentoring program! Learning to navigate meetings is not difficult, but a meeting mentor can make the process less awkward and lonely. SSSP will match you to a person who will meet with you and help orient you to the organization and meeting activities.

If you are a **meeting veteran**, would you be willing to help out a graduate student or new faculty member at the meetings as a mentor? Do you remember those awkward days when you were trying to meet people? Although the meetings are often too jam-packed with work and catching up with old friends, being a mentor is absolutely worthwhile. Mentoring a new member gives you a fresh perspective on the meetings and allows you to give something invaluable to them ~ a connection.

Whether you are an old hand or a newcomer (however you want to define that), please complete the online application form at <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageId/1094> no later than June 1, 2009. The Lee Student Support Fund Committee will pair people together by June 30. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Phoebe Morgan, Chair, Lee Student Support Fund Committee ([phoebe.morgan@nau.edu](mailto:phoebe.morgan@nau.edu)).

See you in San Francisco!

**Applications postmarked/faxed/emailed after March 16 are ineligible for consideration.)**

**Applicants will receive an email confirming the receipt of their application. If you do *not* receive an email within two weeks of submitting your application, please contact the chair, PJ McGann, [pjmcgann@umich.edu](mailto:pjmcgann@umich.edu). Applicants will be notified by the chair if their application was accepted/rejected no later than April 1, 2009.**



# 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 <b>Including Banquet*</b>	\$173	\$188
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration	\$105	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Unemployed/Emeritus Member Registration <b>Including Banquet*</b>	\$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 ( <b>name badge only</b> )	\$10	\$20
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Guest Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name	First Name
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**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**) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**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

**RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT IN US DOLLARS TO:**

SSSP, University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower  
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490

or fax to 865-689-1534 (**credit card payments only**)

or register online at <http://www.sssp1.org> (**credit card payments only**)

**GENERAL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager  
W: 865-689-1531; F: 865-689-1534; E-mail: [mkoontz3@utk.edu](mailto:mkoontz3@utk.edu)

- ♦ **Requests for exemption from meeting registration and membership dues must be approved by Program Committee Chair A. Javier Treviño, [sssp2009@wheatonma.edu](mailto: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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Kevorkian's life, as interesting as it is, becomes significantly *more* interesting when it is treated not as *the* story, but as a major subplot of the broader story about the American right-to-die movement. Unfortunately, the book that accomplishes this has yet to be written.

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**Wanted:****Older issues of *Social Problems***

A recent member has requested that the Executive Office receive any older issues of our journal that you may have taking up shelf space or box space in your basement. He has exhausted our supply of older issues. If you send them to us, we will reimburse you for the shipping and will send them to him. He pays us for each issue, plus the cost of shipping. We use this money to increase income for the SSSP General Fund. We will be happy to issue you a receipt for your contribution. He is interested in issues published before Volume 25 (1977-1978).

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

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**Cut-off Date:**

*Reservations must be confirmed by Tuesday, July 14, 2009 to guarantee our negotiated group rate. Reservations received after July 14 or after the room block is filled, whichever comes first, are subject to availability and rate increase.*

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