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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

This issue of *SPF* is the first following the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that occurred January 12, 2010, centered just 10 miles west of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Given the gravity of the disaster, it seems appropriate that it should be discussed by the SSSP membership. Accordingly, I direct you to the From the Executive Office column on page three where EO Héctor Delgado comments on this disaster, and to page seven where an open letter *On Haiti Relief* reflecting the views of our professional society has been reproduced.

Also included in the winter edition is a new installment of our Student Column. In it, Roberta Kunkel shares some of the trials and tribulations she experienced as a single mother attending graduate school. In addition, this edition presents two thoughtful and engaging book reviews, one by Victor Perez considering Elizabeth Armstrong's *Conceiving Risk, Bearing Responsibility*, and the other by Frank Divonzo on Thomas Shevov's *Toxic Burn*.

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We welcome essays, commentaries, letters to the editor, book review proposals, photo essays, and announcements of interest to SSSP members. Submissions by email are preferred. For a list of books available for review, see <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/274>. **The deadline for submitting material for the next issue is May 12, 2010.**

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From the Executive Office — Héctor L. Delgado

I'd like to devote most of my column to Haiti, but first let me remind you of some things and ask you to do others. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so, and, while you're at it, encourage a student or colleague to join. We need new members and the most effective way to do that is through you. Once you have recruited a new member, allow me to remind both of you to **pre-register** for the **annual meeting**. Also, there is a lot of interest in the 2010 congressional elections, as there should be, but hopefully we can stir up as much excitement for our own 2010 General Election. As always, this year's slate is a strong one. Please read the bios and vote. In addition, I'd like to encourage you to submit a paper to one of the **Student Paper Competitions** and **Outstanding Scholarships Awards** sponsored by the **Divisions**. Each award has its own deadline. For more information, please visit our website and click on the appropriate division or divisions: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/296>. Finally, I'd like to make a personal appeal to you to seriously consider changing your **newsletter copy** request from paper to **electronic**. We've gone from 83% to 53% requesting a paper copy, but I'd like to see us go down even lower.

Howard Zinn

Before turning to Haiti, I want to note the death of Howard Zinn, someone whose work, including his *A People's History of the United States*, and activism many of us respected, if not admired. In his autobiography, Zinn wrote, "From the start, my teaching was infused with my own history. I would try to be fair to other points of view, but I wanted more than 'objectivity'; I wanted students to leave my classes not just better informed, but more prepared to relinquish the safety of silence, more prepared to speak up, to act against injustice wherever they saw it." Zinn was 87 when he died on January 27, 2010 of a heart attack. To learn more about his life and work, to listen to some of his lectures, to read press obituaries, and more, visit his website: <http://www.howardzinn.org>.

Haiti

I'd like to turn my attention now to Haiti and the devastation wrought by the earthquake of January 12, 2010. The images coming out of Haiti have been heart wrenching. The aid pouring into Haiti from so many countries has been gratifying to witness. And while the distribution has been equally frustrating, it is getting better, as more and more individuals are receiving aid every day. No doubt many of you have contributed to the relief effort and plan to continue giving aid to people who have endured more than their share of tragedy, both "man-made" and natural. Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly,

the news coverage of the earthquake and relief effort by the mainstream media has ignored the larger historical and political context. While we can take some pride in the United States government's response to the earthquake, we will have failed the people of Haiti if we, France, and other "first-world" countries fail to acknowledge and take responsibility for our and their complicity in Haiti's misery and poverty. When Haitian slaves won their independence from France in 1804, the United States initially did not recognize the hemisphere's second oldest republic and participated in an economic embargo of Haiti for sixty years. We occupied Haiti from 1915 to 1934, backed the repressive dictatorships of "Papa Doc" and his son for thirty years, and supported a military coup that removed from office a democratically elected president months after he assumed the presidency. The economic exploitation of the island, including sweatshops, and lending policies that have buried the country under suffocating debt, is part of that history as well. If you have yet to do so, I encourage you to visit alternative media sites for very different perspectives on the tragedy. One that I find especially thought provoking is <http://www.counterpunch.org/>.

In the short run, the people of Haiti need relief, principally in the form of medical aid, food, and water. And we should do what we can as individuals and as members of organizations to see that they receive it. In the long run, Haitians need to rebuild. It is during this rebuilding period that we, as a nation, must recognize that what we're providing is not so much charity as it is reparations. We need to do what we can to ensure that the amount is commensurate with the damage done over the last two centuries in this beleaguered country and that the manner in which the rebuilding is carried out does not bury Haitians in even more debt or is not done at the expense of their sovereignty. As *teachers*, we can make a difference by contextualizing the disaster for our students to help them better understand what is happening in Haiti and to think more critically about the role of the United States government, lending institutions, and other corporations in countries like Haiti. Too often it is the victim who is blamed. Hopefully we can find time in Atlanta to discuss Haiti and ways in which the SSSP can play a role, even if only a small one, in the rebuilding effort. In fact, the Board and Administrative Office are in the midst of an e-mail discussion on the "internationalization" of the SSSP, and these events underscore the importance of continuing the discussion in Atlanta.

Héctor L. Delgado
Executive Officer

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Book Review:

**Thomas Shevory. *Toxic Burn: The Grassroots Struggle against the WTI Incinerator*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2007, Pp. 280. \$19.95 (paperback)
Reviewed by Frank Divonzo, Penn State Harrisburg***

The irony in predominantly working-class East Liverpool, Ohio, an ailing former pottery making giant, is that the all-too-common pitch to create jobs and generate revenues has focused on reconstructing the economic base around the Waste Technologies Industries (WTI) hazardous waste incinerator. As waste officials claim that hazardous waste facilities are necessary components of productive capitalist societies confronting waste and energy crises and deindustrialization, citizens realize that incinerators are destructive in their own right and also represent more broadly the destructive nature of our capitalist system.

Like a good *film noir* or seedy detective novel complete with waterfront setting and intrigue, Shevory (re)scripts how and why ordinary citizens in East Liverpool were turned into modern day private eyes – by choice, accident, or necessity – dedicated to exposing the elusive, shadowy persons acting in concert to sustain WTI. These shadowy figures moved amid and through monolithic entities and complex bureaucracies, all the while presenting themselves as acting on behalf of the community and employing a do-gooder rhetoric. Citizens developed a *noir sensibility* – a conscious and nuanced awareness and understanding of the layered and complex natures of the players, networks, and formal and informal institutions which were embedded in this unfolding drama. Emerging contradictions and unexplained twists and turns drew citizens in further as they were “motivated by the desire to know – to know why a facility with so many problems and so much opposition has been politically protected for so long” (p. 214).

Early in the book Shevory describes a Friday picnic that WTI officials at times hosted on the facility’s grounds for local residents and schoolchildren. Similarly, he closes the book depicting a barbeque held there to celebrate WTI’s recertification as a wildlife habitat for setting aside six acres for native trees, plants, and wildflowers. Oddly, some of the newly introduced vegetation did not survive while some birds initially attracted to the area failed (or refused) to return. Shevory juxtaposes these seemingly joyous scenes with a sense of impending doom that the reader can imagine creeping in like a thick fog and fading to black with no certain (but hardly an unimaginable) ending. Viewers (like the activists) sense that corporate “greening”, public relations, and *noblesse oblige* are tactics meant to assuage residents and divert attention from the facility’s (and the industry’s) problem-laden technical, legal, and regulatory track records, as well as the host of known and unknown risks the incinerator (and incineration) poses.

In order for citizens to understand why WTI came to be, they set out to determine who was instrumental in WTI’s genesis, who was protecting WTI, and *who* stood to gain from WTI – engaging in something akin to C. Wright Mills’ structuralist analyses of the power elite (1956). Citizen-activists identified and linked the powerful business leaders, politicians, and regulators who colluded to bring and keep the WTI incinerator on-line despite a plethora of procedural

missteps and technical faults. Players ranged from revolving door regulators-waste industry executives to politicians on the take to middling bureaucrats to lax enforcement officers – these latter “with social position and interest[s]” (p. 151) to protect. Two key players of particular note were local high school alumni and long-time friends John Payne and Don Brown. As East Liverpool Mayor, John Payne embraced and promoted WTI as a means to economically revitalize the city. Don Brown was then a WTI executive. Brown was also closely linked to investment banker Jackson Stephens who plowed money into WTI. Notably, Stephens was implicated in financial scandals related to the Arkansas-turned-D.C. Clintons, which may explain why Vice-President-to-be Albert Gore suddenly lowered the gun he had pointed at WTI and left residents standing alone to confront a seemingly senseless, shadowy figure beholden to many bosses.

Activists discovered that the “bosses” who had financial and controlling interests in WTI morphed as they shifted assets into and divested various corporations, subsidiaries, holding companies and partnerships in order to complicate, obscure, and disperse accountability. Activists were taught a harsh lesson about the regulatory process. As any ownership change, even superficial and artificial, should have prompted regulators to compel WTI to cease operations until the “new” owners filed for and received proper permits. Yet regulators repeatedly failed to enforce this mandate, as if abetting WTI’s stealthy moves through the darkened abyss of a closely guarded file room.

Thickening the plot further, they uncovered some heavy hitters that could cause even the most ardent activists to wonder what they got themselves into and whether the risks, real or imagined, outweighed the potential rewards. For instance, Von Roll AG, a name that appears repeatedly, was linked to Saddam Hussein via arms deals and mafia members via the steel industry. Whoah!

Drawing from activists’ accounts, records and observations like the ones above and his own near exhaustive research, Shevory observes forty plus patterned WTI ownership arrangements. He depicts these in five figures inspired by the power mapping technique of artist Mark Lombardi along with notes to better contextualize the myriad relations underlying WTI.

Further, Shevory draws heavily from Michel Foucault to organize and present the myriad ways in which activists uncovered the hidden inner workings and trappings of power through collective action aimed at disrupting official efforts to will WTI into being. Activists charted patterns of deceit, corruption, collusion, blame-shifting, broken promises, and incompetence arising from the actions undertaken by various officials in authority. They found through legal and occasionally unorthodox means secret and not-so-secret documents that shed light on the ill-intent and egregious actions of officials aiding and abetting WTI. Activists investigated: the hazardous wastes being fed into the

incinerator; the effluents, migrating wastes, and fugitive emissions being released in, around, and by the incinerator; the compositions and synergistic effects of each of these; where toxic pollutants were likely to be dispersed; who was most at risk because of these pollutants and via which pathways; and what harms could be explained by incineration.

Energized by a righteous struggle, activists became masterful at tearing apart risk assessments, tracking money trails, mapping out convoluted business partnerships and ownership changes, orchestrating witty guerilla theater (inspired by Greenpeace and others who expose the hypocrisy of “bureaucratic standards associated with ‘civility’” (p. 117), occupying the people’s institutions (such as the EPA and the White House), attracting and drawing upon credible expert-activists (Paul Connett, Lois Gibbs, and Alan Block) and other high-profile supporters (Martin Sheen), and fending off a SLAPP suit. During their struggle, the State of Ohio enacted a “bad boy” law and a moratorium blocking new hazardous waste incinerators. And in an unprecedented move, anti-WTI activists were granted a “necessity” defense by an Ohio judge. Many officials in near and distant places broke ranks and allied with citizens – including members of the East Liverpool Council; the Columbiana County Commissioners, Board of Health, and Medical Society; the Ohio Nurses Association; the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, and the U.S. Congress. The EPA Ombudsman, Robert Martin, questioned the integrity of the methods and motives used to gather and analyze data from trial burns and monitoring. [Martin also challenged an official cover-up of health risks amid the post-9/11 clean-up at Ground Zero and uncovered favorable EPA decisions related to business interests linked to Administrator Whitman’s husband. Martin was transferred when the Ombudsman’s Office was dismantled by the Bush administration.]

WTI was eventually constructed in a flood hazard zone in an existing particulate matter “nonattainment” area close to a school, residential communities, and a public water supply on land acquired by eminent domain for the explicit purpose of spurring economic development in the form of a river port. The incinerator was brought on-line without a valid permit or a comprehensive risk assessment. An extensive and expensive risk assessment conducted after the facility began operating confirmed many of the residents’ fears. Yet, officials only required WTI tweak operations, affirming the presumption built into risk assessments that a certain chance and number of deaths are “acceptable” costs of doing business. The incinerator has remained operational despite numerous violations and “accidents,” some very serious. Citizens and experts proposed that an accident assessment be conducted, based in part on the notion that the incinerator was an extremely complex technological facility, which in a realistic worst case confluence of technical failures and human errors could cause incredible harm. Nevertheless,

their requests were denied.

Should we therefore conclude that the activists’ efforts were in vain? Hardly! Shevory rightly emphasizes that victories come in many forms, with each building on the other, empowering activists, and invigorating the larger movements against incineration and the economics of destruction. For nearly thirty years, East Liverpool residents persistently “refused to accept the notion that the replacement for ... industrial work would be to manage the depleted materials of industrial production” (p. 42), despite being faced at every twist and turn with well-coordinated, well-funded, and entrenched institutional resistance. Primarily thanks to their democratic opposition and resistance, the original scope of the WTI incinerator was scaled back while scrutiny was increased exponentially.

In the course of opposing the incinerator, activists exposed the dynamics, rationales, and rhetoric powerful people have created, fostered, and employed in attempts to stealthily reorder local, national, and global political, economic, and social systems around the creation and handling of waste. The East Liverpool residents who Shevory befriended eschewed mainstream environmentalism, fragmented by NIMBYism and discredited for accepting greening and “sustainability”

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within toxic capitalism’s framework. Instead, they embraced environmental justice, imbued with and guided by humaneness and ecological sensitivity. More specifically, they developed an indigenous “radical theory of political action ... [that] seeks to prevent the siting of specific facilities and to galvanize democratic forces against corporate interests and the regulatory agencies that ... facilitate their activities” (p. 115). As Shevory suggests, the residents’ “refusal

to compromise offers a challenge to the entire system of industrial production” (p. 115). In throwing down their gauntlet, East Liverpoolians provided other communities confronting similar challenges lessons and tactics to bring powerful, pervasive, recalcitrant, and elusive corporate-politico entities out of the shadows and into the light of day. Also, their efforts further illuminated applicable theoretical underpinnings amid and added a substantial chapter to the body of grassroots activism literature. Shevory’s *study noir* goes one step further in helping the reader palpate the suspense activists felt as they struggled inside with the potential consequences of their choices and outside with a seedy world unveiled as sewn together with deceit and mistrust.

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An Open Letter:

On Haiti Relief

Dear SSSP Members:

On behalf of the SSSP Board and the Administrative Office, we are writing to ask you to give generously to the relief effort in Haiti. The loss of human life and extent of destruction is extraordinary. Many, if not all, of you have seen the images coming out of Haiti. They are heart wrenching. Please join us in making a donation. We recommend donating through one of the following organizations, but please feel free to donate through any organization with which you feel comfortable. Several members suggested these three because they were recommended by someone from or with ties to Haiti, have low overhead/operating costs, and/or are based in Haiti.

(PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH BOGUS E-MAIL SOLICITATIONS.)

Hope for Haiti - <http://www.hopeforhaiti.com/donations.php>

Doctors Without Borders - <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>

Partners in Health - https://donate.pih.org/page/contribute/haiti_earthquake?source=earthquake&subsource=homepage

We know that many of you have probably already given. But if you have not, please do.

Thank you.

Héctor L. Delgado, Executive Officer
Administrative Office

News of Note

Call for Articles, Book Chapters, and Teaching Materials (by submission deadline)

Chapter proposals for an edited book with the working title *Gender, Power and Military Occupations in Asia, the Pacific and the Middle East Since 1945* are being sought. Inspired by a successful workshop held in 2009 at the University of Wollongong (visit: <http://www.capstrans.edu.au/publications/conferences/UOW059146.html>), we are planning to edit a collection of papers dealing with issues of gender and power under conditions of military occupation, military intervention and peacekeeping, both past (post-1945) and present. The current papers in the collection examine such diverse situations as the Allied Occupation of Japan, interventions in Timor Leste and the Northern Territory in Australia, the occupation of Iraq, post-9/11 situation in the Philippines, and the US military presence on Okinawa. We are seeking to include a few more chapters focussing on the following regions: Iraq (2003-), Afghanistan (2001-), Solomon Islands (2003-) and the Palestinian territories. We will also consider other suggestions, but please contact us first to discuss your idea. The primary themes of the edited book are gender (both masculinities and femininities) and 'power' - how power is enacted by the occupier; how powerlessness is experienced by the occupied; how power is negotiated, shared, subverted, reclaimed; power as visible and invisible; institutional power; discursive constructions of power; theories of gender, power and occupation. The book will be co-edited by the convenors of the workshop, Dr Christine de Matos and Dr Rowena Ward.

Please send a 250 word chapter proposal to Dr Christine de Matos (cdm@uow.edu.au) by **Friday, March 26, 2010**. Please make sure you describe how your chapter will fulfill the main themes of the book, and include a one page research/publications CV. Notification of the outcome will be given by Friday 16 April 2010, and those with a successful proposal will then be invited to submit a full chapter by Friday 30 July 2010. For further information please contact Christine de Matos (cdm@uow.edu.au).

***Social Alternatives* announces a special issue focusing upon "The Photographic Narrative: Alternative Exposures."**

Since its invention in the nineteenth century photography has used visual prompts to narrate the world. This issue on photographic narrative explores the ways photographs connect images in a meaningful way to make sense and nonsense of the world. Photographs have the capacity to represent and reflect experiences, and also to create new and important reference points in the interface between the creative, the real, nature and culture. Photographic codes can effectively tap dimensions for space, especially the nurtured, neglected and disrespected spaces that emerge in alternative photographic exposures. Socio-cultural representations drawn from photographic genres such as photo-documentary, photojournalism and visual-art expression can bring understanding and diverse interpretation. Photographs accompanying scholarly papers will be published in black and white only, and will be limited up to six images per paper.

Scholars from a range of disciplinary background such as social science, photography, photo-documentary, photojournalism and visual art photography are invited to submit work relating to the theme of this issue. We are interested in photo-essays and academic articles (3000 words); short stories (1500 to 2000 words), poetry and general commentary. Questions this issue seeks to examine are:

- 1) How do photographic narratives illuminate social issues?
- 2) Can photographic narratives open up alternative forms of expression and understanding?
- 3) Does the photographic narrative enable alternative imaginations?
- 4) What is the relationship of photographic narratives to documentary and photojournalism genres?
- 5) What is the future of the photographic narrative as a meaningful vehicle for social commentary?

Submission Deadline: April 2010

(Potential contributors should discuss all proposals and brief with the editor(s) – details below – earlier submissions of full manuscripts are encouraged. All contributions are subject to peer review). Contributor Guidelines can be found at: <http://www.socialalternatives.com/contribute.ph>.

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The editorial staff of *Administrative Theory & Praxis (ATP)* is soliciting article proposals for a special symposium on "Public Administration & Social Media" and short essays for two Forum discussion features.

Public administration scholars and practitioners are still discovering the possible uses for continually evolving information and interactive technologies such as social media. According to the United States Federal Web Managers Council, social media are defined as "the various activities that integrate technology, social interaction, and content creation" (http://www.usa.gov/webcontent/technology/other_tech.shtml). Social technologies can be used for simple sharing of information or the facilitation of interactions, mobile texting technology can be used to mobilize "smart mobs" for civic action, and virtual worlds can be used to mimic physical worlds to allow for simulated interactions. Whatever the technology, the benefits are potentially far reaching. Paper proposals are due **July 1, 2010**. Final manuscripts will be due in April 2011. The co-coordinators of this symposium are Thomas Bryer, University of Central Florida, and Staci Zavattaro, Florida Atlantic University. Please submit questions and proposals via email to: tbryer@mail.ucf.edu.

Also, *ATP* is soliciting contributions for two Forum discussions features.

Paulo Freire's *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*

The English translation of *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2010. This Forum invites critical reflection on the contributions of Paulo Freire's work to Public Administration pedagogy, theory, and praxis. Submissions of approximately 2000 words should be sent to jennifer.eagan@csueastbay.edu by **March 15, 2010**.

Colonization

Deleuze and Guattari advocate a way of avoiding colonization by way of perpetual motion, a mode of hybridity or flight that resists concrete identity or fixed location. They claim to capture the upside of colonial movement, migration, without the liability of settling into someone else's territory. What forms of colonization come into play in public administration theory and practice? What are the consequences of these kinds of colonization? This Forum seeks reflections on various notions of colonization, their effects, and their relationship to public administration theory and practice. Submissions of approximately 2,000 words should be sent to Jennifer Eagan, Forum Editor, at jennifer.eagan@csueastbay.edu no later than **July 1, 2010**.

Call for Award Nominations—Other Organizations

(by submission deadline)

Nominations sought for the 2010 National Council on Family Relations, Feminism and Family Studies Section's Awards. The Feminism and Family Studies Section of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) is seeking applicants for TWO awards to be given at the November 2010 NCFR Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN. Applicants do not need to be members of NCFR, but we welcome new members to our section and organization.

The Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective is given in honor of Jessie Bernard. Graduate students and new professionals (with up to five years post-doctoral work) are encouraged to apply for this award of \$750 to fund feminist research. Proposals will be reviewed for their potential contribution to feminist scholarship about families and the use of feminist frameworks and methods. Applications should include: a) an abstract of 100 words or less; b) a five page (maximum) proposal (double spaced in 12-size font) outlining the project's purpose, theoretical foundation, research methods, and potential contribution to feminist scholarship; c) a reference list, and d) a half-page budget. A summary of the recipient's research results will be published in the Feminism and Family Studies Section Newsletter, and the recipient will be asked to present a report of their project and findings at the 2010 NCFR Annual Conference. The award will be presented at the 2010 meeting; recipients will receive \$350 towards their travel.

The Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award is accompanied by a gift of complimentary books and a \$250 cash award. Applications for this award are open to all graduate students and new professionals (with up to five years post-doctoral work). Papers should contribute to feminist scholarship about families and the use of feminist frameworks and methods, and should be accompanied by an abstract of no more than 150 words. Applicants should be the

sole author or first author of the paper; both published and unpublished papers will be considered, although the paper should be at near-submission status. Please limit papers to 35 pages (double spaced in 12-size font). A summary of the paper will be published in the Feminism and Family Studies Section Newsletter, and the award will be presented at the 2010 NCFR Annual Conference. Recipients will receive \$350 towards their travel to the conference.

Authors should identify themselves only in a cover letter so that all entries can be reviewed anonymously – all identifying references should be removed from the paper or proposal submissions. In a cover letter, applicants should indicate whether they are currently a graduate student or when they received their Ph.D. The cover letter should also include the address(es), telephone number(s), and email address(es) of all authors. Letters of support are not required. Only one submission per category will be accepted from any applicant. To apply, send one electronic copy (MS Word or PDF attachment) of the research proposal or paper by **April 15, 2010** to:

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Call for Presentations—Other Conferences

(by submission deadline)

XIV World Congress of Comparative Education Societies will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, June 14-18, 2010. Its theme will be "Bordering, Re-bordering and New Possibilities in Education and Society." The event is being co-sponsored by the Turkish Comparative Education Society, World Council of Comparative Education Societies, and Bogaziçi University, Department of Educational Sciences.

Organizers welcome theoretical and empirical papers that address issues from different thematic group perspectives. Thematic groups include: (a) Educational Governance, Policy Within and Across Borders; (b) Education, Conflict and Transitions Within and Between Societies; (c) Critical Perspectives in Teacher Education and Development; (d) Identity, Space and Diversity in Education; (e) New Technologies and Accessibility to Learning; (f) Education and Children's Rights in a "Globalized" World; (g) Education, Politics of Dominance, the Suppressed and Disappearing Languages; and (h) Privatization and Marketization in Education. The deadline for submitting proposals is **February 28, 2010**, but organizers suggested they may extend the deadline for submission. Visit <http://www.wcces2010.org/> or email info@wcces2010.org for more information.

The American Society of Criminology is holding its annual meeting in San Francisco, CA, November 17-20, 2010. "Crime and Solutions" is this year's conference theme. Organizers are accepting proposals for presidential panel papers, complete thematic panels, individual paper presentations, roundtable submissions and author meets critic

sessions now. Deadlines for submissions begin **March 12, 2010**. More information is available at http://www.asc41.com/Annual_Meeting/2010/2010_Meeting_Call_for_Papers.pdf.

Announcing the 2nd Global Conference on *Strangers, Aliens & Foreigners*, to be held September 20-22, 2010 in Oxford, UK. This multi-disciplinary project seeks to explore the crucial place that strangers, aliens and foreigners have for the constitution of self, communities and societies. Looking to encourage innovative trans-disciplinary dialogues, we warmly welcome papers from all disciplines, professions and vocations which struggle to understand what it means for people, the world over, to forge a sense of self in rapidly changing contexts where it is no longer possible to ignore the importance of strangers, aliens and foreigners for our contemporary nations, societies and cultures. The 2010 meeting of *Strangers, Aliens and Foreigners* will run alongside a second of our projects on *Monsters and Monstrous* and we anticipate holding sessions in common between the two projects. Accordingly, we welcome any papers considering the problems or addressing issues of, for example, Monstrous Strangers, Foreigners as Monsters, Alien Monstrosities.

Papers will be considered on any related theme. 300 word abstracts should be submitted by **March 26, 2010**. Abstracts should be submitted to the Organising Chairs; abstracts may be in Word, WordPerfect, or RTF formats, following this order: a) author(s), b) affiliation, c) email address, d) title of abstract, e) body of abstract. E-mails should be entitled: Strangers Abstract Submission. For more information, visit the conference website, <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/diversity-recognition/strangers-aliens-and-foreigners/call-for-papers/> or contact conference chairs:

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The Justice Studies Association will hold its 12th annual conference in Knoxville, TN, June 2-5, 2010. This year's theme is "Reducing Social Harms: Seeking 'Just Living' in Our Communities and Our Selves." JSA conference organizers invite you to participate and submit proposal for presentation. The due date for abstracts is **April 9, 2010**. JSA is dedicated to social justice work - whether research, activism, teaching, or direct practice. Past speakers have included Noam Chomsky, Medea Benjamin, Daniel Berrigan, Arundhati Roy, and Renny Cushing. More information about JSA and about the conference, including registration form and call for papers is available online at <http://www.justicestudies.org/>.

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JSA 2010 Program Co-Chair

The Association for Humanist Sociology 2010 annual meeting has been scheduled for November 3-7, 2010; to be held at the Lodge at Santa Fe, in Santa Fe, NM. We live in a distinct time — war in the midst of the call for peace, economic recession during unprecedented growth of corporate wealth, continued environmental devastation as oil dependency heightens, food insecurity amidst gluttony, and the entrenchment of institutionalized inequality when we seek justice. At this historical juncture, how then shall we proceed? Santa Fe, the oldest capitol city in the U.S., provides a unique meeting place to vision the future. Literally, Santa Fe is the crossroads of the Pueblo, the Navajo, the Mexican, the Spaniard and the Anglo people. Santa Fe is also the hub of art in the southwest: all forms and styles of sculpture, painting, photography and music coalesce here. Please join us to examine this distinct time, to explore these crossroads, and to forge a way forward.

Direct submissions to:

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Congratulations!

Members makes professional career advance

Member **Peter Riley Bahr** began an assistant professorship at the University of Michigan's Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education.

Member serves on US Congressional Panel

John Dale served as moderator and presenter at a U.S. Congressional panel hearing on "Burma: Addressing the Challenges Ahead." The panel was sponsored by Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic and Indiana University Maurer School of Law in conjunction with U.S. Campaign for Burma, Genocide Intervention Network, and American Jewish World Service. (U.S. Capitol – Senate Room 6 (SC-6), Washington, DC. May 15, 2009).

Member's book recognized as outstanding

Howard Lune received the 2009 Outstanding Book in Non-profit and Voluntary Action Research award from ARNOVA - The Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action - for his book *Urban Action Networks: HIV/AIDS and Community Organizing in New York City* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007).

Member awarded prestigious dissertation fellowship

Doctoral candidate **Rashawn Ray** (Indiana University Department of Sociology) was awarded a Ford Dissertation

Fellowship for his dissertation, entitled "Class Identification in the United States, 1974-2008: Reassessing the Influence of Race, Gender, Family, and Age."

Member accepts faculty position

Michael Ryan joined the faculty at the University of Eastern New Mexico University, where he is now an assistant professor of Criminal Justice.

Member's work to promote fair housing recognized

Professor Emerita of Sociology from Kent State University, **Dr. Juliet Saltman**, was honored with a "Civil Rights Hero 2009 Award" from the California Department of Fair Employment & Housing. The award was given for her "significant contributions to the achievement of fair housing opportunities in California."

Member awarded dissertation grant

Dennis P. Watson is the recipient of a \$108,000 grant from NIDA for his dissertation study titled "Housing First Model Fidelity and Implications for Substance Abuse Treatment."

Member defends doctoral dissertation

Fiona Webster successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, *The Social Organization of Best Practice for Acute Stroke: An Institutional Ethnography*.

Congratulations on your achievements, one and all!

Job Announcements

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

Case Western Reserve University – Samuel Rosenthal
Professor of Judaic Studies (Endowed faculty position)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice – Sociology (Sociology, assistant professor rank)
Miami University/Hamilton Campus – Family Studies & Social Work (Clinical position in Social Work position)
Valdosta State University – Sociology, Anthropology, Criminal Justice and Marriage and Family Therapy (Department Head position, professor rank)
Western Washington University – Sociology (Sociology position, assistant professor rank)

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

New Books Series of Interest

Announcing a New Book Series: *Solving Social Problems*

Solving Social Problems provides a forum for the description and measurement of social problems, with a keen focus on the concrete remedies proposed for their solution. The series takes an international perspective, exploring social problems in various parts of the world, with the central concern being always their possible remedy. Work is welcomed on subjects as diverse as environmental damage, terrorism, economic disparities and economic devastation, poverty, inequalities,

domestic assaults and sexual abuse, health care, natural disasters, labour inequality, animal abuse, crime, and mental illness and its treatment. In addition to recommending solutions to social problems, the books in this series are theoretically sophisticated, exploring previous discussions of the issues in question, examining other attempts to resolve them, and adopting and discussing methodologies that are commonly used to measure social problems. Proposed solutions may be framed as changes in policy or practice, or more broadly as social change and social movement. Solutions may be reflective of ideology, but are always pragmatic and detailed, explaining the means by which the suggested solutions might be achieved. If you would like to submit a proposal for this series, please email:

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Commissioning Editor, Neil Jordan
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New Journals of Interest

The Journal of Transformative Leadership and Policy Studies (JTLPS) is a peer-reviewed journal sponsored by the Educational Doctorate Program at California State University, Sacramento. *JTLPS* accepts articles that focus on current research promoting and documenting work in P-16 public education including: schools, community colleges, and higher education.

JTLPS encourages submissions that effectively seek to answer the following three themes:

1. Transformational Leadership: How do transformative leaders understand, implement, and evaluate strategic equitable leadership practices based on various theories, models, and approaches for achieving organizational transformation, especially in educational settings?
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Specifically we seek examples of scholarship related to showcasing educational environments that promote: learning, equity, and achievement for all students; how educators manage the complexities of educational organizations; affect school change processes; and shape the educational policies that bear on the practice of education in the public setting. This is an online academic journal. We expect that all submitting authors agree to serve as a reviewer of no more than two articles. Jurors name will appear in each edition.

Formatting: contributions must be in APA style, and must be submitted electronically. Send your submission to:

Daniel Clark Orey, Editor
The Journal of Transformative Leadership and Policy Studies
orey@csus.edu

The journal, *Rural Society* welcomes manuscript submissions that demonstrate original research drawing upon appropriate theoretical frameworks and employs sound social science (health science, behavioural science, environmental science) research methodology. Manuscripts may explore a broad-range of globally-relevant issues relating to social problems and/or community sustainability/well-being that will interest rural and regional populations.

Manuscripts are presently being sought for social science research that explores rural issues from disciplinary or multidisciplinary perspectives relating to: communication & media, criminology, cultural studies, demography & population studies, drugs, ecology & environment, economics, education, ethnicity & indigenous studies, governance, health, history, law, management, organisations, perma-culture, planning, policy & politics, psychology, science & technology, skills, social work, sociology, sustainability, tourism, waste management, welfare. Timeline for submissions for the next general issue:

1 May 2010 – Manuscript submission deadline

31 December 2010 – Intended publication date

Publication & submission guidelines:

- Manuscripts may range from 4000–8000 words in length in addition to the abstract, which should range from 100–200 words;
- Manuscripts must be fully referenced using guidelines presented in APA Style Manual;
- Illustrations (tables, charts, photos [300 dpi], etc.) must be supplied as separate files;
- A statement that the article has not been submitted elsewhere must be included;
- A list of 8 keywords should be included immediately below the abstract

- Contact details, position, university/professional affiliations must be provided for all contributing authors immediately following the manuscript's title. Please bold the author's name who will serve as the key contact for communication.
- Any acknowledgments should be included below the list of keywords.
- Manuscripts should be submitted via the website:
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Questions should be directed to the *Rural Society*'s Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Angela T. Ragusa at ruralsociety@csu.edu.au

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Other Conferences/Workshops of Interest

(by conference date)

The 2010 Eastern Sociological Association annual conference will be held March 18-21, 2010 in Cambridge, MA. This year's theme is "Economic Crisis and New Social realities." For more information and the preliminary program, visit http://essnet.org/AnnualMeeting_highlights.aspx.

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The Society for Disability Studies is holding its 22nd annual conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 2-5, 2010. Hosted by Temple University's Institute on Disabilities, its theme will be "Disability in the Geo-Political Imagination. Visit <http://www.disstudies.org/conference/2010> for more information.

Announcing the 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development, to take place June 10-14, 2010 in Hong Kong, China. The event is co-sponsored by the International Federation of Social Workers, the International Council on Social Welfare, and International Association of Schools of Social Work, among others. For more information, visit: <http://www.swsd2010.org/en/index.html>.

Recent Books Published by Members

Fran Ansley & **Jon Shefner** (Eds). 2009. *Global Connections and Local Receptions: New Latino Immigration to the Southeastern United States*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press. ISBN-13: 978-1572336520

Scott Barclay, **Mary Bernstein** & Anna-Maria Marshall (Eds). 2009. *Queer Mobilizations: LGBT Activists Confront the Law*. New York: NYU Press.

Roberta Coles & Charles Green. (Eds). 2009. *The Myth of the Missing Black Father*. New York: Columbia University Press. ISBN-10: 0231143532

Jessie Daniels. 2009. *Cyber Racism: White Supremacy Online and the New Attack on Civil Rights*. Lanham, MD: ISBN-10: 0742561577

George W. Dowdall. 2008. *College Drinking: Reframing a Social Problem*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger. ISBN-10: 0275999815

Anna Romina Guevarra. 2009. *Marketing Dreams, Manufacturing Heroes: The Transnational Labor Brokering of Filipino Workers*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. ISBN 978-0-8135-4634-6

Scott R. Harris. 2010. *What Is Constructionism? Navigating Its Use in Sociology*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. ISBN 978-1-58826-727-6

Mary Hollowell. 2009. *The Forgotten Room: Inside a Public Alternative School for At-Risk Youth*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. ISBN-10: 0739134957

James Ptacek (Ed). 2009. *Restorative Justice and Violence Against Women*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN-10: 0195335481

Kimberly D. Richman (2008). *Courting Change: Queer Parents, Judges, and the Transformation of American Family Law*. New York: NYU Press. ISBN-10: 0814775950

SSSP Matters

The 2009 Board of Directors Minutes and 2009 Business Meeting Minutes have been delayed but will be posted online at the SSSP website when they are available. Once posted, SPF will present its specific web address.

2010 Scholar's Choice Book Exhibit

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 book exhibit for our 60th Annual Meeting taking place August 13-15, 2010, at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, GA. 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. 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. Debby Pitts is the contact at The Scholar's Choice. Your publisher may reach her at djpitts@scholarschoice.com or (585) 262-2048 x.108.

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

Most sincerely,

JoAnn L. Miller, SSSP President

Book Review:

Elizabeth M. Armstrong. *Conceiving Risk, Bearing Responsibility: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome & the Diagnosis of Moral Disorder*. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008, Pp 296. \$25.00 (Paperback)
Reviewed by Victor Perez, University of Delaware*

I have proffered, flippantly, an idea for a classroom research assignment over the years: have a woman, clearly pregnant (really a prosthesis), drink at a local college bar and record her experiences. Clearly, if "...fewer than 5 percent of the babies born to women who drink *heavily* during pregnancy are affected by FAS [fetal alcohol syndrome]" (Armstrong 2003, p. 4, emphasis added), then a few drinks should pose no alarm to her companions, much less any strangers at the bar. Students' reactions have been universal and in line with what any reasonable person knows: drinking during pregnancy is dangerous and irresponsible (Armstrong 2003), and the woman will bear the brunt of those social reactions for what *she is doing to her unborn child*. However, if fewer than 5 percent of babies born to heavy drinkers are defined as having FAS, Armstrong astutely asks: "how can we reconcile this fact with claims that all pregnant women must avoid alcohol?" (2003, p. 4).

The title of Elizabeth M. Armstrong's *Conceiving Risk, Bearing Responsibility: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome & the Diagnosis of Moral Disorder* is witty and illustrative, hinting at several of the major issues and their interconnections that she explores in the social construction of the FAS and drinking during pregnancy "problems." Though the theoretical framework can broadly be considered social constructionist, medicalization is an underlying analytical guide throughout the text. Mixed-methods, involving interviews with 30 obstetrician-gynecologists, pediatricians, and family practitioners in the Philadelphia area, a rich examination of historical documents concerning drinking during pregnancy and its place in social and medical history, and original quantitative analyses, provide data for the book. In essence, it is a case study of the creation and diffusion of medical knowledge (e.g., symptoms, diagnosis, etiology, epidemiology) and its impact on lay behavior and social policy.

A well-documented examination of the history of a medical diagnosis, the book explores how somatic diagnoses often reflect attempts to give order to perceived social and moral disorder or decay through control of the body, and how the individual women who drink during pregnancy and give birth to children with symptoms of FAS are the literal embodiment of immorality, disorder, and dysfunction. Among others, it asks important questions about the relationship between the mother and unborn fetus as separate (and thus possibly conflicting) entities, responsibility for individual and societal health, social intervention into individuals' lives to prevent ill-health of others and promote the health of future generations, and the relationship that the institution and practice of medicine has with individuals and broader society in the form of diagnoses and behavioral control.

The production of medical knowledge and its effect on public (i.e., lay) knowledge and behavior concerning FAS is probably

the book's most substantial contribution. Early on in the introduction, Armstrong (2003) asks "Why does medical knowledge become codified even in the face of uncertainty?" She responds that "The answer lies with the power of medical knowledge to capture social anxieties" (Armstrong 2003, p. 5). In other words, how does the equivocal scientific evidence concerning the teratogenic catalyst and the (at best) vague diagnosis of FAS (resulting in prevalence estimates ranging between 2,000 and 12,000 per year) serve so well to make pregnant women avoid alcohol consumption during pregnancy? Armstrong demonstrates how medicine is at a loss to explain the majority of birth abnormalities; several of the doctors she interviewed in the Philadelphia area remarked that "don't know" is the reason for most adverse or undesirable outcomes in childbirth. Even doing everything right while a woman is pregnant, so to speak, can result in an atypical or abnormal birth, as much about fetal development is still unknown and the outcome thus uncertain. It is precisely because pregnancy is full of uncertainties and potential risks, because the evidence concerning drinking during pregnancy is so weak, and because there is no wide-spread agreement among physicians concerning what level of alcohol consumption during pregnancy constitutes a significant threat that the most prudent thing for doctors to do is to recommend not drinking. Alcohol, nevertheless, is a modifiable risk, one that can be eliminated (p. 146).

In this way, minimizing any purported risk, however minute (and scientifically valid), reinforces the social value of the woman as a fit mother, one who is selfless, and is concerned not only with the well-being of her unborn child, but that of society and future generations as well. Even though the risks of pregnancy and childbirth (etiology, epidemiology, prevalence, and incidence) are uncertain, women have taken on almost full responsibility for the well-being of their children. In more recent medical history, in utero effects are of most concern, whereas in the past, the moment of conception was a focal concern. It is in this modern instance and medicalized framework that we can see that it is *women* who are inclined to try and reduce risks for an improbable outcome because it has this moral undertone, and the consequences (though unlikely) are catastrophic and would bring social condemnation, if not civil or criminal liability (Armstrong 2003; see Chen 2009). The undercurrent of fitness for motherhood and its moral imperative is reflected in how we think about the fetus as a separate entity in pregnancy. Quoting one of her interviewees, "...to what *protections* is the fetus entitled?" (p. 139, emphasis in original).

Social conditions regarding alcohol were vital for understanding how problems associated with drinking during pregnancy were understood in the late 19th century, as the temperance movement and attention to issues of race both contributed to hereditary-, genetic, and eugenic explanations of problem

births. A focus on the causal mechanism for adverse outcomes of drinking during pregnancy initially focused on the moment of conception, where alcohol was a “germ poison” (detrimental to sperm and ova), involving the alcohol use of both men and women. Furthermore, the notion that “like produces like” reflected the idea that alcoholic parents not only would spawn alcoholic kids, but inferior ones (i.e., detriments to society). Even as this gave way to the causal explanation that a mother’s physical effect on the fetus prenatally was more important for influencing an adverse birth (due in part to medical technology that allowed doctors to see the fetus), it remained that: there was concern for how private individuals and their behaviors impact larger society; how does this “warrant” medical intervention; the rhetorical power of “fetal harm” utilized by doctors, the moral entrepreneurs, was evident in promoting their definition of problem behavior.

The book connects the topic of FAS to the wider complexities and conundrums that expanding medicalization is having on individual level behavior and risk, agency/responsibility, morality, and medical surveillance. Though medicalization can absolve responsibility for some behaviors adverse to physiological health and the well-being of society (e.g., alcoholism) (Conrad 2007, p. 152), medicalization has also recently reallocated the responsibility more strongly for some human outcomes to the individual themselves (Shilling 2002); that is, their volition, and thus reallocated the burden of agency on individuals for some experiences and not others. This presents a curious problem for addressing, or even theorizing, the nature of certain medical and behavioral experiences involving alcohol use/abuse. For example, today alcoholism may be at least partly medicalized and thus framed within the perspective of disease, something in need of outside intervention as the individual cannot control him/herself, but this is not often reflected in the rhetorical discourse of FAS. Women are routinely identified as the volitional body that can control the outcome of her pregnancy. As Armstrong notes, “FAS is the exception that proves the rule: the medical diagnosis of FAS heightened rather than diminished the degree of personal responsibility for birth outcomes imputed to women” (p. 210). This is an excellent point for future research to assess how medicalization affects responsibility for adverse outcomes depending on *who* is affected.

Furthermore, as Armstrong notes, medicalizing something like FAS has had the effect of locating the source, and consequently the solution, of FAS and drinking during pregnancy in the pregnant woman (i.e., individualizing the social problem when medicalized); a process that ignores important social factors and social context such as poverty, malnutrition, smoking, poor pre-natal care, etc. Holding women accountable for reproductive outcomes distracts us from the possible larger social sources of FAS and drinking during pregnancy. Many of these factors may well be needed, along with the abuse of alcohol, for the onset of FAS. Alcohol may be a necessary, but certainly not singularly sufficient, causal agent for FAS. However, the early scientific evidence produced in the 1970’s, though empirically weak, focuses on alcohol as the primary etiological source of FAS. Armstrong remarks: “Thus, these three articles—a total of eleven case reports of the syndrome and a noncontrolled, retrospective cohort study—formed the empirical foundation for the diagnosis of FAS” (p. 79). Much

of the other research involved case studies or small, nonrandom samples, and expanded from studying alcoholism to alcohol use in pregnancy, thus democratizing the risk of FAS and widening the definition from problem or heavy drinking during pregnancy to any drinking at all.

Another important aspect of public understanding of FAS is determining who is most at risk for drinking during pregnancy, and who is more at risk for adverse outcomes because of prenatal drinking (p. 158). Armstrong’s analysis of the 1988 National Maternal and Infant Health Survey demonstrated two key findings, both of which seem to oppose dominant discourse on FAS: most women do not drink during pregnancy; and those that are most at risk for drinking at high risk levels during pregnancy include Black women, less educated women, older women, and those with less income-groups that are less likely to drink overall, but more likely to continue their drinking habits during pregnancy. Others, including White, better educated, and wealthier women, are more likely to modify their drinking behavior once pregnant. Thus, the claim that FAS is a widespread problem, being predicated on many women drinking problematically during pregnancy, is not borne out. Furthermore, the source of the disparities in drinking behavior pre-pregnancy and the outcome of FAS lies in the continuation of high risk alcohol use during pregnancy.

Interviewing 30 doctors in the Philadelphia area, Armstrong spends a considerable amount of time studying how these doctors reflected on and understand their interactions with and responsibilities to patients who drink, any experiences with children with fetal alcohol effect of some sort, and how they understand the causal role of the woman, and the alcohol, in the etiology and prevention of FAS. Though some of Armstrong’s interviewees were compassionate to the social context that may produce drinking during pregnancy, many still regard women as having some level of control, or volition, in their drinking (at times prompted by “atrocious tales” and the “emotional memory” that can shape the diagnosis). This is not surprising, as the individual is all the doctor can treat, but the patients and their bodies represent the internalization of social order (see p. 11). Curiously, in light of the social context and disease models of alcoholism, responsibility and volition for the well-being of the woman’s child (in utero) trumps explanations for these same behaviors in individuals who are not pregnant in the public’s imagination, though doctors she interviewed did range in their level of opprobrium for drinking during pregnancy (depending on if they were obstetricians-gynecologists, pediatricians, or family practitioners).

Another of Armstrong’s interviewees remarked that alcohol has not shown to have any beneficial effects on fetal development, but in excess, can and does have negative consequences. As such, drinking during pregnancy, like FAS, is controllable and reflects one aspect of how individual and social problems can be prevented. Being able to control pregnancy outcomes, though not certain, also reflects the pursuit of the “perfect child,” which is, in essence, the pursuit of the perfect society. Control over reproduction and fertility (i.e., the birth control pill and legalized abortion) is central to the “discovery” of FAS, as this too lodged responsibility for reproduction more firmly in the hands of the woman. Furthermore, in a society focused on risk assessment for disease and illness, one that is

full of “the potentially ill,” and subsequently is subjected to greater and more intimate levels of medical scrutiny and surveillance (Armstrong 1995; Conrad 2007; Lee 2006), individuals are now bearing the brunt of the responsibility for minimizing risk and maintaining good health in general (Conrad 2007; Hallowell 1999; Jaeger et al. 2001; Luhmann 1993; Lupton 1999). And in the case of pregnant women, for their *child's* good health.

Indeed, it is immoral to *not* pursue behaviors that will contribute to health; that is, decrease the risk of ill health and disease (Ericson and Doyle 2003). Behaving in ways that can *contribute* to adverse outcomes in pregnancy is especially problematic, as it affects the woman, her unborn child, and has the potential to negatively burden society. In this context and more broadly in recent years, as more and more human experience becomes medicalized (Conrad 2007), health behavior inextricably is moral behavior, and health behavior to lower risk is a moral responsibility (Ericson and Doyle 2003; Verweij 1999; Wheatley 2005). Though scientific evidence is still equivocal concerning the role of alcohol in FAS (Abel 2009), proclamations about the devastating effects of drinking during pregnancy are common in medical journals (e.g., see Monsen 2009).

Adopting the broader framework of social construction, the book presents clearly how the medical knowledge about FAS became so quickly infused in the minds of pregnant women (and society more generally) that one should not drink any alcohol when pregnant. Several of the requisite social conditions for the explosion of FAS are discussed, like books on environmental toxins, Montagu's *Life Before Birth*, co-optation with other movements (like battered children syndrome) and the “unforgettable images of the thalidomide children ... on television and throughout the print media” (p. 191). How FAS and its behavioral mandates became so quickly and profoundly a part of the social and cultural lexicon, outside of the medical and professional journals, depended heavily on various forms of media coverage, advocacy, and governmental intervention (e.g., changing minimum drinking age laws) (Golden 2005).

Given the time passed since its publication, it is useful to ascertain how the book has influenced and is subsequently situated currently in the fields of the sociology of risk, social problems construction, medicalization, and substance abuse. Though in a book review a complete undertaking of this magnitude is impossible, the fields of medicalization and the sociology of risk have progressed in ways that illuminate a few issues that *Conceiving Risk* did not delve into.

The book does a good job of revealing the puzzling relationship between the production of scientific evidence, its content, and effect on broader individual and societal behavior. Particularly

in the realm of the doctors as moral entrepreneurs and purveyors of the diagnosis, the book demonstrates the problem of FAS is bound to how doctors conceive it and its etiology, and how that is related to what they consider to be the most clear diagnostic elements of what constitutes FAS (e.g., problematic behavior in childhood, intellectual delays, or physical/facial abnormalities, etc.). In other words, the diagnosis, and knowledge of FAS and its fundamental existence as pathology in childbirth, is simultaneously “clear” and undeniable, but “varies” across doctors and in its collective definition. Nonetheless, the book reads as if the diagnosis depends heavily, if not entirely, on the doctors as gatekeepers of this label. As others have noted, a seeming plethora of groups are involved in the medicalization of women's experiences with pregnancy and childbirth (Lee 2006), and their part (e.g., social workers) in the collective construction of the diagnosis is not discussed.

Though this may be more relevant for other rare medical phenomena (particularly those whose etiological source is equivocal and complex, and whose diagnoses are vague) and issues involving priceless/innocent children (Best 1990), *Conceiving Risk* did not consider that in this age of medicalization there is a growing and powerful movement involving the deprofessionalization of doctors and medical authority (Furedi 2006). This deprofessionalization involves social anxieties about the impact of medicine itself (and

Armstrong notes, medicalizing something like FAS has had the effect of locating the source ... of FAS and drinking during pregnancy in the pregnant woman (i.e., individualizing the social problem when medicalized); a process that ignores important social factors and social context such as poverty, malnutrition, smoking, poor pre-natal care, etc. Holding women accountable for reproductive outcomes distracts us from the possible larger social sources of FAS and drinking during pregnancy.

medical intervention) on greater society, and can involve another aspect of the social construction of medical knowledge not discussed in the book: lay ways of knowing (Brown 1992; Furedi 2006). Though hinted at when Armstrong notes how several of the doctors she interviewed were profoundly affected by and gained a great deal of their knowledge about FAS from

the highly moralized lay memoir of FAS *The Broken Cord*, little of lay ways of knowing is discussed. A discussion about the role of the patient and their experiential experience and familiarity with the scientific literature in creating, reinforcing, or contesting the FAS and drinking during pregnancy problem would be a useful addition.

This raises another point concerning the relationship between medical and scientific evidence and the public's understanding and knowledge of the condition. Take a similar example of such a diagnosis and issue: the relationship between vaccination and the onset of childhood autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Interestingly, in light of a preponderance of scientific and medical evidence to the contrary, a powerful vaccine-critical social movement exists suggesting that vaccines cause autism, which influences research agendas, Congressional hearings, litigation, parental behavior, etc. (Perez forthcoming). Why, then, is a collection of sound scientific evidence not enough to convince some people about the cause (or lack thereof) of their child's ASD? Precisely because of their personal experiences

that are in opposition to medical authority. Medical knowledge in this way has a relationship with the public imagination in a very different way than how medical knowledge does in the case of FAS: people have not reified equivocal evidence and created a social norm around it (thus embracing the authority of doctors); people have denounced or contested demonstrative evidence and resisted medical and scientific authority (Furedi 2006). Though hinted at a few times in the book, *Conceiving Risk* could have benefited by interviewing pregnant women about the issue of FAS, how they get knowledge about it, how they behave as a result, their role in its construction and continuation, etc.

Armstrong's recommendations for how to address FAS, based on her examination of the social construction of the issue, openly challenge diffuse laws and recommendations governing alcohol consumption by all women. Those most at risk for FAS births are those least accessible by mainstream policy approaches, and addressing the ills of poverty and lack of prenatal care and poor nutrition are more likely to have important effects. Similar targeted approaches (i.e., targeting groups of high risk drinkers) are practiced in some European countries, and Europe in general, though having higher rates of drinking, has a much different approach to the issue of FAS and drinking during pregnancy. Furthermore, drinking by men, arguably much more of a social problem and social cost than drinking by women, as well as non-pregnant women's drinking, are often overlooked in light of drinking during pregnancy. Armstrong writes that "It is as if a woman's drinking problems have no social meaning until she becomes pregnant" (p. 220). Focusing on high risk drinking by those most involved is a better strategy than a hyper-vigilance for those who are extremely unlikely to drink during pregnancy in the first place.

In all, this book is well-written and well-researched, and topics and discussion flow well within chapters and across chapters. The lineage of ideas across chapters is fitting, and allows the reader to follow the progression of FAS and drinking during pregnancy from hundreds of years ago to recent medical understandings in a way conducive to a social constructionist approach. At times the writing is repetitive, as major points and quotes are used a few times to reinforce the same ideas. Though the book does a good job of covering and tying together these numerous issues, at times the number of subtopics in a chapter can seem overwhelming-occasionally feeling like too many ideas at once to digest.

Nonetheless, it is exemplary for those interested in the social construction of social problems as a case study, the expanding jurisdiction of medicine to forms of individual health behavior affecting others (i.e., "the rest of us"), the medicalization and reification of vague diagnoses (and thus expansion of medical control), those interested in responsibility/agency for health and medical surveillance, as well as those interested in the history and development of medical diagnoses. Any number of ambiguous, debatable diagnoses, part phenomenological and part somatic, reflecting broader societal concerns and using the body as the site for contestation of social order and intervention and control, could be examined using Armstrong's blueprint.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION

CARY GABRIEL COSTELLO

Position - President Elect, 2010-2011; President, 2011-2012

Current Position

Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Former Positions Held

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1999-2006

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1999;

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1990; B.A., Psychology, Yale

University, 1986

Major Publications

"Caster Semenya: An Intersex Perspective." In *Different Bodies*, edited by E. Vasquez. Forthcoming.

"The Real Me: Selfhood in the Virtual World." In *Cult Pop Culture*, edited by R. Batchelor. Forthcoming

"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.

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

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

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The Sociology of Gender and Work: Syllabi and Teaching Materials (Ed). 2002. ASA Teaching Resources Center.

"Comment: Limits of Biological Determinism." 2001. *American Sociological Review* 66(4):592-598.

"Schooled by the Classroom: The (Re)Production of Social Stratification and Professional School Settings." Pp. 43-59 in *The Hidden Curriculum in Higher Education*, edited by E. Margolis. 2001. New York: Routledge.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

C. Wright Mills Award Finalist, 2006, for *Professional Identity Crisis: Race, Class, Gender and Success at Professional Schools*, SSSP, 2006; UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2003; Center for 21st Century Studies Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2000-2001

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Committee on Committees, 2009-2012

Vice President, 2007-2008

Chair of the Council of Division Chairs, 2004-2007

Board of Directors, 2003-2007

Chair, Family Division, 2001-2003

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

ASA, American Sociological Association, Race/Class/Gender Section Councilmember, 2001-2004; ASA, American

Sociological Association, Race/Class/Gender Section Article Competition Chairperson, 2002-2003

Candidate Statement

It is an honor of the first order to be nominated as a candidate for president of the SSSP. I've been serving the SSSP for fourteen years, in a variety of capacities, and, in fact, of incarnations. Many of you have known me as Carrie Yang Costello – my name prior to my gender transition. While my presentation has shifted, my loyalties most certainly have not, and they lie most strongly with the mission of the SSSP: to tie scholarship to social justice.

I have loved the SSSP since I first came to an annual meeting, and met with our vibrant community of scholars who are not afraid to meld passion with erudition. The myth of a detached, Archimedian objectivity has been long critiqued by social scientists, and yet mainstream professional standard-bearers have continued to look askance at those whose scholarship has embraced subjectivity, manifested in various formulations over time – the personal politics of second-wave feminism or the standpoint theory of the third wave, the identity politics of the century's end or the embodied theories of today. But in the SSSP, the link between personal ethical commitments and programs of research has always been affirmed.

I myself am dedicated to a public sociology that melds the person and the political. In my own large Social Problems classes, I urge my students to do as I do: to share with others the insights sociology can give us into issues that trouble us all – for example, why patterns of social stratification persist, or why we as societies decry war and environmental degradation while continuing to enact them. I also urge them to link their knowledge and their passion to take some step towards social justice.

Sharing the wealth of our sociological vision – public sociology – is twin to the goal of social justice in the aims of the SSSP. This year's annual conference focuses on the pragmatic latter, how we can contribute to social justice practice. If I am elected president, I'd like to focus the 2012 annual meeting on the other side of the coin, and help facilitate our membership's making their expertise widely available. As public sociologists we can share our theory and research in ways that enable both crucial shifts in perspective, and action in the forms of policymaking and social movements. And I believe one of our best tools for doing this well and persuasively is to link abstract theory to personal experience, acknowledging our subjectivity and using it as a resource for insight and for communication.

I have always been impressed by how open SSSP has been to the linking of theory, experience, and social justice claims. Let me give you an example. I myself am intersex by birth, a status that has been delegitimated and hidden over the past century by the medicolegal establishment. When I began doing academic research into intersex matters and teratology in the late 1990s (quite in the closet about my own status), the topic was treated as beyond the pale and/or irrelevant by mainstream sociologists to whom I showed my work. Still, when the SSSP was putting together its first *Agenda for Social Justice* volume

in 2003, I submitted a policy piece marshalling evidence to advocate for regulations prohibiting genital surgery on infants and children without their consent. The SSSP members editing the volume were nonplussed, as the topic did not fit into any expected category of social policy, but they communicated with me respectfully, and in the end the piece was included, which not only mattered deeply to me, but was of immediate pragmatic use to the Intersex Society of North America, then the most prominent intersex advocacy organization.

It has been an honor to work with SSSP members and staff in seeing the organization be at the forefront of both enabling and enacting policies respectful of intersex individuals, and others with nonprivileged sex/gender positions. In 2004, the SSSP membership issued a resolution against genital surgery performed on children without their consent, which it was my honor to draft. When SSSP officers and administrators began to collect demographic information from members, they were most respectful of my advocacy of allowing for an “other” checkbox in addition to male and female sex categories, so that the SSSP became one of the first major organizations permitting nondyadic sex/gender identification. More recently, the membership voted to adopt a resolution which I drafted to urge editors and educators to permit the use of gender-neutral pronouns. In all of these actions, I feel indebted to the SSSP for giving me an opportunity to present both my embodied experience and academic research, and for taking action based on this testimony. At every level of the organization, I have encountered openness to new ideas and respect for others, I intellectual curiosity and ethical action. My own experience working on intersex issues provides just one example of this.

So, what do I have to offer as potential president of the SSSP? First, my love for the organization. Secondly, my substantial years of institutional knowledge – I have served as a division chair, on elected and appointed committees, as the chair of the council of division chairs, on the board of directors, and as vice president, so I have seen the organization from almost every angle at a great number of committee meetings. I've been told by other meeting attendees that I manage to combine bureaucratic efficiency with a sense of fun, which I believe to be an interesting achievement. I will also bring my energy and interest in seeing the vast resource that is our members' knowledge base made more widely available to the public through an expanded *Agenda for Social Justice* volume, a searchable experts directory, and the solicitation and distribution of divisional factsheets on matters of interest to SSSP members. Also, if elected, I'll certainly be the first female-assigned-at-birth intersex man to head the organization, which will be useful should we decide someday to issue collectable presidential trading cards. . .

Thank you all for your attention, and for the good work that you all do.

WENDY SIMONDS

Position - President Elect, 2010-2011; President, 2011-2012

Current Position

Professor of Sociology, Georgia State University

Former Positions Held

Professor of Sociology, Georgia State University, 2009-current; Associate Professor of Sociology, Georgia State University, 2002-2009; Assistant Professor, Georgia State University, 1998-2002

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

Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader (3rd Edition).

(co-editor with M. Stomblor, D. M. Baunach, E. O.

Burgess, D. Donnelly & E. J. Windsor). 2010. Allyn & Bacon.

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

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 (with B.K. Rothman). 1992. Temple.

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“Emergency Contraception and Morality: Reflections of Health Care Workers and Clients” (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 Chair, 2008-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

My involvement with SSSP began in the mid-1980s, when I was a graduate student. I have always found it to be a welcoming and fun “place.” Because of my long involvement, I have a familial sensibility when I think about SSSP. Thus I am willing to sit in long meetings for the good of the organization and in support of social justice (I am currently on my second board term); and to try to help conferences run well (I served as program co-chair twice, and am currently doing local arrangements a second time). Because of this, apparently, I have been asked to run for this high office—something I never really aspired to (because of various forms of dread that I will not elaborate here). If elected, however, it would be my main goal to not screw anything up, and to follow the will of the membership. Secondary goals would be to help us to dedicate more funds and attention toward the amelioration of inequities and achievement of social activism, and to put on a good conference.

WENDY CHAPKIS

**Position - Vice-President Elect, 2010-2011;
Vice-President, 2011-2012**

Current Position

Professor of Sociology, Director of Women & Gender Studies,
University of Southern Maine

Former Positions Held

Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Southern
Maine, 2006-2008; Associate Professor of Sociology and
Women & Gender Studies, University of Southern Maine,
1999-2008; Assistant Professor of Sociology and Women &
Gender Studies, University of Southern Maine, 1995-1999

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of California at Santa Cruz, 1995; MA,
University of California at Santa Cruz, 1989; BA, University of
California at Santa Cruz, 1977

Major Publications

Dying to Get High: Marijuana as Medicine (with R. Webb).
2008. New York University Press.

"Cannabis, Consciousness and Healing." 2007. *Contemporary
Justice Review* 10(4):443-460.

"Soft Glove, Punishing Fist: The Trafficking Victims'
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Bernstein & L. Schaffner. 2005. Routledge.

"Mother's Milk and the Muffin Man: Grassroots Innovations in
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202 in *Sex for Sale*, edited by R. Weitzer. 2000. Routledge.
Live Sex Acts: Women Performing Erotic Labor. 1997.
Routledge.

"Difference and the Right to Discriminate" 1995. *Critical
Sociology* 20(3):149-154.

Beauty Secrets: Women and the Politics of Appearance. 1986.
South End Press.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

MacPherson Award for Outstanding Feminist Faculty,
University of Southern Maine, 2006; Outstanding Book Award
for *Live Sex Acts* (Routledge 1997), Organization for
Communication. Language and Gender, 1998; Finalist C.
Wright Mills Award for *Live Sex Acts* (Routledge 1997),
Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1997

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Elections Committee, Chair, 2007-2008

Editorial and Publications Committee, 2003-2006

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Governing Council
Sexualities Section, 2002-2005; American Sociological
Association, Sexuality Section Award Committee, Chair, 2002-
2004; American Sociological Association, Sexuality Section,
Simon Gagnon Scholarly Award Committee, 2001-2002

Candidate Statement

While still a graduate student in the 1980s, the SSSP quickly
became a professional home for me. It was the first academic
organization I joined and its annual conference became the first
venue in which I presented my own research. Meeting
colleagues through the SSSP reassured me that there was a
place within sociology for people like me: progressive,
politically engaged, feminist, queer. I am deeply committed to
the future of the organization and look forward to continuing to

serve it in whatever capacity I am able.

TRACY L. DIETZ

**Position - Vice-President Elect, 2010-2011;
Vice-President, 2011-2012**

Current Position

Administrative Associate Dean for Assessment and Academic
Reporting, College of Business, University of North Texas

Former Positions Held

Coordinator, Assessment and Accreditation, Office of the
Provost, University of Central Florida, 2006-2009; Associate
Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Central
Florida, 2003-2006; Assistant Professor, Department of
Sociology & Anthropology, University of Central Florida,
1997-2003

Educational Degrees

Ph.D. Sociology, University of North Texas, 1995; M.A.,
Sociology, University of North Texas, 1992; B.A. Sociology
and Communications, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1990

Major Publications

"Elder criminal victimization: Its relative rate compared to non
-elders, 1992-2005" (with D.N. Lanier). 2009. *Social
Science Journal* 46(3):446-458.

"Drug and Alcohol Use among the Older Homeless: Predictors
of Reported Current and Lifetime Substance Abuse
Problems in a National Sample." 2009. *Journal of Applied
Gerontology* 28:235-255.

"Predictors of Reported Current and Lifetime Substance Use
Related Problems among a National Sample of Homeless."
2007. *Substance Use and Misuse* 42(11):1745-1766.

"Domestic Violence Beliefs and Perceptions among College
Students" (with E.L. Nabors & J.L. Jasinski). 2006.
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Violence: An Examination of the Revised Conflict Tactics
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Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect 15(1):3-18.

"The Unrelenting Significance of Minority Statuses: Gender,
Ethnicity, and Economic Attainment Since Affirmative
Action" (with C-W.R. Tsang). 2001. *Sociological
Spectrum* 21(1):61-80.

"Disciplining Children: Characteristics Associated with the
Use of Corporal Punishment and Non-Violent Discipline
Child Abuse and Neglect." 2000. *Child Abuse & Neglect*
24(12):1529-1542.

"An Examination of Violence and Gender Role Portrayals in
Video Games: Implications for Gender Socialization and
Aggressive Behavior." 1998. *Sex Roles* 38(5/6):425-442.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award, University of
Central Florida, 2006; University Professional Service Award,
University of Central Florida, 2005; Sociological Spectrum
Award for Most Outstanding Paper, Mid-South Sociological
Association, 2001

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning, 2009-2012

User's Guide Committee, 2009-2010

Lee Student Support Fund Committee Chair Elect/Chair, 2008-2010

Board of Directors, 2005-2008

C. Wright Mills Award Committee, 2006-2007

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Southwestern Social Science Association, General Program Chair, 2007-2010; Southwestern Social Science Association, Executive Council, 2007-2010; Southwestern Sociological Association, Second Vice-President Elect – Past-President, 2001-2006

Candidate Statement

I first joined SSSP as a graduate student at the urging of my mentor in the early 1990s and attended my first meeting in Los Angeles. At that meeting, I discovered that I had found a national, scholarly home. I was thrilled when I attended sessions and business meetings and the scholars, whose names I recognized took an interest in me and my career goals and interests. Since that time, I have gone to nearly every meeting. When the life membership became available, I did not hesitate because I knew that I wanted to be associated with SSSP for the remainder of my life and have introduced several students to the organization to it. Many of them have become actively involved in the organization and remain members, even as they embark on their own careers. In addition to those positions already mentioned, I have served as chair of the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course division, as a member of the Minority Scholarship Committee and previously on the Lee Student Support Fund Committee as well as organizing sessions as serving as newsletter editor for the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course division.

I provide this information because I believe it is important for the voters to be aware of the long and deep commitment that I have to the organization. Further, I believe that it will provide a foundation in understanding my goals for the organization. It was the welcoming and nurturing environment that I felt the moment that I encountered SSSP that has developed my attachment to it and my encouragement of my own students involvement over the years. But, it is the professionalism and commitment to scholarship, activism, and acceptance of diversity that has kept me involved. My goals for the organization are simple, yet in many ways can be difficult to achieve, particularly in an organization that relies primarily upon volunteers. I seek to work with others to foster the culture that already exists in SSSP that promotes collegiality, diversity, professionalism, scholarship, and growth. To do this, we must focus on new scholars in our fields and we must seek ways to integrate applied scholars and those in social science disciplines other than sociology into the organization.

I believe that I have skills and experiences that will be beneficial in meeting these goals. In particular, my long history with the Southwestern Social Science Association gives me some insight in other disciplinary expectations and provides a background in scholarly associations that could be useful for SSSP. Further, my more recent experience in a College of Business and a Provost's Office provides a similar insight as well as administrative experience that may be useful.

I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this position and would very much like to serve as your vice president.

GLENN W. MUSCHERT**Position - Secretary, 2010-2011****Current Position**

Associate Professor of Sociology, Miami University

Former Positions Held

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Miami University, 2003-2009; 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

- "The Columbine Effect and School Anti-Violence Policy" (with A.A. Peguero). Pp. 117-148 in *Research in Social Problems & Public Policy*, edited by S. Burns & M. Peyrot. 2010, In press.
- "Elected Executions in the U.S. News Print Media" (with C.L. Harrington & H. Reece). 2009. *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society* 22(3):345-365.
- "Simmel on Secrecy: A Legacy and Inheritance for the Sociology of Information" (with G.T. Marx). Pp. 217-233 in *The Possibility of Sociology: 100 Years of Georg Simmel's Investigations into the Forms of Social Organization: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften*.
- "Frame-Changing in the Media Coverage of a School Shooting: The Rise of Columbine as a National Concern." 2009. *Social Science Journal* 46(1):164-170.
- "Personal Information, Borders, and the New Surveillance Studies" (with G.T. Marx). 2007. *Annual Review of Law & Social Science*, Vol. 3, 375-395.
- "Research in School Shootings." 2007. *Sociology Compass* 1 (1):60-80.
- "The Columbine Victims and the Myth of the Juvenile Superpredator." 2007. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 5(4):351-366.
- "Media Salience and Frame Changing across Events: Coverage of Nine School Shootings, 1997-2001" (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" (with M. Young-Spillers & D.C. Carr). 2006. *Justice Policy Journal* 3(2):1-32.
- "Self-Affirmation through Death: A Contribution to the Sociology of Suicide through Literature." 2006. *Sociological Inquiry* 76(3):297-315.

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Justice 21 Committee Member, 2004-current

SSSP Program Chair, 2009-2010

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

Chair, Division on Teaching Social Problems, 2004-2006

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Society of Criminology, 2002-current; American Sociological Society, 1994-current

Candidate Statement

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to receive the nomination to serve as secretary of the SSSP. If elected, I would gladly serve the Society, in order to accurately record the events taking place at SSSP meetings.

Regarding my involvement in the Society, I first joined the SSSP in 1996 and am now a Lifetime Member. I consider the SSSP my core professional association, and this commitment to the Society has translated into my frequent service roles. These roles include Justice 21 Committee chair, 2010 Program Chair, and chair of two divisions: Teaching Social Problems (2004-2006) and Crime & Juvenile Delinquency (2007-2009).

Thank you for considering me for this position.

Sincerely, Glenn W. Muschert

SUSAN M. CARLSON

Position - Treasurer, 2010-2011

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). Pp. in *Understanding Contemporary Capitalism: Social Structure of Accumulation Theory for the Twenty-First Century*, edited by T. McDonough, D.M. Kotz, & M. Reich. 2010. Cambridge University Press.

"Confirmatory Factor Analyses of Collective Efficacy and Police Satisfaction" (with G.M. Rhineberger & S.M. Carlson). 2009. *Journal of Crime and Justice* 32(1):128-59.

"Crime, Punishment, and Social Structures of Accumulation: Toward a New and Much Needed Political Economy of Justice" (with R.J. Michalowski & S.M. Carlson). 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 & S.M. Carlson). 1999. *Criminology* 37(2):217-250.

"Crime, Unemployment, and Social Structures of Accumulation: An Inquiry into Historical Contingency" (S.M. Carlson & R.J. Michalowski). 1997. *Justice Quarterly* 14(2):101-133.

"Quality and Quantity in Comparative-Historical Analysis: Temporally-Changing Wage Labor Regimes in the United States and Sweden" (with L.W. Isaac, S.M. Carlson & 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 Student Mentoring, Graduate Student Union, Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University, 2007, 2009; Alfred R. Lindesmith Award, Law and Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1995; Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching, Graduate Student Union, Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University, 2006

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Treasurer, 2009-current

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

Treasurer, 2003-2006

Investment Advisor, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, 1996-2006

Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee (Member, Chair 1995-96), 1993-1996

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE), Member, 2000-current; American Society of Criminology (ASC), Member, 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 (current). 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 Income Equity Funds) and certificates of deposit with community development financial institutions that serve impoverished communities, currently the Self-Help Credit Union in North Carolina, Winthrop Federal Credit Union in Massachusetts, and the HOPE Community Credit Union in Mississippi. The income derived from these investments is used to fund the minority scholarship, annual awards, and other Society expenses. In my continuing position as treasurer, I will provide leadership on financial matters during these challenging economic times. Specifically, I will work closely with the Executive and Administrative Officers to locate potential sources of external funding for new and existing 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 members.

STEPHEN COUCH

Position - Board of Directors, 2010-2013

Current Position

Director of Academic Affairs, Penn State Schuylkill Campus

Former Positions Held

Professor of Sociology, Penn State, 1994-current; Asst., Assoc. Prof. of Sociology, Penn State, 1979-1994; Social Science Analyst, Smithsonian Institution, 1975-1979

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., SUNY Binghamton, 1979; M.A., Oberlin College, 1973; B.Mus., Oberlin College, 1970

Major Publications

"Toxic Water and the Anthill Effect: The Development of a

Subculture of Distress in a Once-Contaminated Community Research" (with A.E. Mercuri). 2007. *Social Problems and Public Policy* 14:117-137."

A Tale of Three Discourses: Doing Action Research in a Research Methods Class." 2004. *Social Problems* 51 (1):146-153.

"I Want to Barbecue Bin Laden: Humor After 9/11" (with B.A. Wade). 2003. *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disaster* 21(3):67-86.

"Collective Witness: Recovery from Catastrophes and the Social Construction of Meaning." 2001. *Humanity and Society* 26(2):114-130.

Environmental Movements and Expert Knowledge: Evidence for a New Populism" (with S. Kroll-Smith). 1997. *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology* 34 (2):185-210.

"Environmental Contamination, Community Transformation and the Centralia Mine Fire." Pp. 60-85 in *The Long Road to Recovery: Community Responses to Industrial Disaster* edited by J.K. Mitchell. 1996. United Nations Press.

"Environmental Controversies, Interactional Resources, and Rural Communities: Siting Versus Exposure Disputes" (with J.S. Kroll-Smith). 1994. *Rural Sociology* 59(1): 25-44.

Communities At Risk: Collective Responses to Technological Hazards (edited with J.S. Kroll-Smith). 1991. Peter Lang.

The Real Disaster Is Above Ground: A Mine Fire and Social Conflict (with J.S. Kroll-Smith). 1990. University Press of Kentucky.

"The Chronic Technical Disaster: Toward a Social Scientific Perspective" (with J.S. Kroll-Smith). 1985. *Social Science Quarterly* 66:564-575.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Commonwealth Speaker, Pennsylvania Humanities Council, 2006-2008; Commencement Speaker, Penn State Harrisburg Campus, 1999; Commonwealth Speaker, Pennsylvania Humanities Council, 1996-1998

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Editor, Social Problems Forum, 1999-2005

Ex-Officio Member, Board of Directors, 1999-2005

Ex-Officio Member, Publications Committee, 1999-2005

Chair, Environment and Technology Division, two times, 1994-1996

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Sociological Practice Association, Board of Directors, 1999-2002; American Sociological Association, Council, Section on Environment and Technology, 1999-2002

Candidate Statement

I am honored to have been nominated to run for election to the SSSP Board of Directors. Having sat on the Board for six years in an ex-officio capacity while editing Social Problems Forum, I know how the Board operates in overseeing and leading this wonderful organization. If elected, I will do my best to provide leadership and stewardship so that the SSSP can continue its important work in fostering progressive social change through education, scholarship and action.

LLOYD KLEIN

Position - Board of Directors, 2010-2013

Current Position

Adjunct Professor, Sociology, St Francis College

Former Positions Held

Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Grambling State University, 2006-2007; Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Bemidji State University, 2004-2006; Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, 2000-2004

Educational Degrees

Ph. D., Sociology, CUNY Graduate School, 1993; M.A., Sociology, Brooklyn College, CUNY, 1977; B.A., Sociology, Queens College, CUNY, 1974

Major Publications

"Justice for Whom?: Assessing Humanist Criminology as a Catalyst for Change in the Criminal Justice Apparatus" (with S.R. Van Ness). 2002. *The American Sociologist* 33(4):98-.

It's in the Cards: Consumer Credit and the American Experience. 1999. Praeger.

"Do Ask, Do Tell: Assessing Implications of Community Notification Requirements within Offender Rehabilitation Selective Issues" in *Victimology Research*, 1998

"Locking Up the Drug Problem: The Impact of Omnibus Anti-Drug Criminal Justice Policies." New Frontiers in Drug Research/Drug Policy Foundation. 1992.

"Big Brother is Still Watching You: The Revival of Surveillance Programs Against American Citizens." 1992. *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology*

"Taking a Bite Out of Social Injustice: Crime Control Ideology and its Peacemaking Potential" (with J. Gunther & J. Luxenburg). Pp in *Criminology as Peacemaking*, edited by H.E. Pepinski & R. Quinney. 1991. Indiana University Press.

"Not in My Backyard: The Impact of Community Sentiment Against Parolee Placement" (with J. Luxenburg & S. Rogers). 1990. *Perspectives* 14(3):13-17.

"Perceived Neighborhood Crime and the Impact of Private Security" (with J. Luxenburg & M. King). 1989. *Crime and Delinquency* 35(3):365-377.

"CB Radio Prostitution: Technology and the Displacement of Deviance" (with J. Luxenburg). 1983. *Journal of Offender Counseling, Services and Rehabilitation* 9(1/2):71-87.

"Sex Solicitation by Short Wave Radio" (with J.L. Ingle). 1981. *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology* 9:61-63, 68.

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Member, Committee on Committees, 2008-2010

Chair, Law and Society Division, 2006-2008

Chair, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division, 2004-2006

Chair, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division, 1999-2001

Chair, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division, 1996-1998

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Council, Marxist Sociology Section, 2007-2010; American Sociological Association, Council, Marxist Sociology Section, 2002-2005; American Society of Criminology, Member, Constitution and By-Laws Committee, 2003-2004

Candidate Statement

I have been a member of the SSSP since 1977. During that

time, I have become acquainted with the SSSP through participation as the Chair of three divisions and the Accessibility committee. In addition, I have served on several other committees. I am currently concluding a three year term on the Committee on Committees and have been the chair the last two years. Working with Michele Koontz, Tom Hood, and members of the Board of Directors at various stages of elected and appointed SSSP service has given me an inside view of the organization. My goals for the SSSP include a focus on promoting the visibility of the SSSP within the sociology profession. In addition, I would like to see the Board of Directors focus on seeking out more social activism between the SSSP and various organizations devoted to social change. Finally, my participation on the Board of Directors would focus on the goal of encouraging the inclusion of new members on various elected and appointed committees. The SSSP needs to look to the future and encourage the scholars and activists seeking to facilitate the development of social transformation.

VALERIE LEITER

Position - Board of Directors, 2010-2013

Current Position

Associate Professor, Simmons College

Former Positions Held

Assistant Professor, Simmons College, 2003-2008; Instructor, Brandeis University, 2003; Senior Research Associate, Brandeis University, 2001-2003

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Sociology and Social Policy, Brandeis University, 2001; A.M., Sociology, Harvard University, 1989; B.A., Sociology, SUNY at Albany, 1987

Major Publications

- "Moving Out?: Residential Independence among Young Adults with Disabilities and the Role of Families" (with A. Waugh). 2009. *Marriage and Family Review* 45(5):519-537.
- "From Lydia Pinkham to Queen Levitra: Medicalization and Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Pharmaceuticals" (with P. Conrad). 2008. *Sociology of Health & Illness* 30(6):825-838.
- "'Nobody's Just Normal': The Social Creation of Early Childhood Disability." 2007. *Social Science & Medicine* 65:1630-1641.
- "The Division of Labor Between Systems of Therapeutic Care for Children with Disabilities." 2005. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies* 16(3):147-155.
- "Claims, Barriers and Satisfaction: Parents' Requests for Additional Special Education Services" (with M. Krauss). 2004. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies* 15(3):135-146.
- "Parental Activism, Professional Dominance, and Early Childhood Disability" 2004. *Disability Studies Quarterly* 24(2): Available online: <http://www.dsqu-sds.org/article/view/483/660>
- "Medicalization, Markets and Consumers" (with P. Conrad). 2004. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 45:158-176.
- "Dilemmas in Sharing Care: Maternal Provision of Professionally-Driven Therapy for Children with Disabilities" 2004. *Social Science & Medicine* 58(4):837-849.
- Health and Health Care as Social Problems* (with P. Conrad) (Eds). 2003. Rowan and Littlefield Publishers Inc.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

William T. Grant Scholar, William T. Grant Foundation, 2006-2011; Irving K. Zola Award for Emerging Scholars in Disability Studies, Society for Disability Studies, 2004

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Chair, Disabilities Division, 2009-2011

Co-chair, Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division, 2005-2007

Member, Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division, 2003-2004

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Member, Council, Sociology of Children and Youth section, 2008-2011;

American Sociological Association, Acting Secretary/Treasurer, Disability and Society section (in formation), 2008-2009; American Sociological Association, Member, Nominations Committee, Sociology of Children and Youth section, 2003-2004

Candidate Statement

I have been an active member of SSSP for over a decade. Over that time, the nature of my participation in SSSP has changed but my commitment has not. Like many of us, I started out presenting my dissertation research. After finishing my Ph.D., I became co-chair of the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division, a lively group of scholars and activists. In more recent years, I have organized panels at five of the annual meetings. Currently I am serving as chair of the Disabilities division. If elected to the board, I will do my best to protect and promote the vibrancy of SSSP, drawing upon my experience and commitment to the organization and my experience serving on other non-profit boards.

NANCY MEZEY

Position - Board of Directors, 2010-2013

Current Position

Associate Professor of Sociology, Monmouth University

Former Positions Held

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

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Michigan State University, 2002; B.A., Vassar College, 1987

Major Publications

- "Family: Youth and Adults" (with R. Sanford). In *Forensic Social Work* edited by T. Maschi, C. Bradley & K. Ward. 2009. Spring Publishing.
- "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. 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 International" (with C.D. Maxwell & L.A. Post). 2002. *Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 22(7/8):122-149.

"The Rape Tax: Tangible and Intangible Costs of Sexual Violence" (with C.D. Maxwell, L.A. Post & W.N. Wibert). 2002. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 17(7):773-782.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Associate Director, Institute for Global Understanding, Monmouth University, 2008-current; Sociology Program Coordinator, Monmouth University, 2002-current

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Nominations Strategic Committee, 2008-current
Permanent Organization & Strategic Planning Committee, 2009-2012

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

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Member, 1996-current; Sociologists for Women in Society, Member, 1996-current

Candidate Statement

It would be a privilege and an honor to serve on the Board of Directors of SSSP. As "Chair of Chairs", I was an ex-officio voting member of the Board, and am very familiar with and interested in the Board's work. I have been a member of SSSP since 2002, first drawn to the organization as a graduate student. I am particularly attached to SSSP because of its activist mission, welcoming members, and serious scholarship.

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" provided me great insight into the inner-workings of SSSP. In this position, I 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. I wish to continue to serve SSSP and hope you give me the chance to do so by voting me onto the Board of Directors.

MOON CHARANIA

**Position - Board of Directors: Student Representative
2010-2012**

Current Position

Georgia State University

Educational Degrees

Ph.D, Georgia State University, 2011; M.A., Georgia State University, 2001; B.A., Agnes Scott College, 1998

Major Publications

"Bifurcation: Personal Identity and Larger Feminisms." 2000. *Asian Journal of Women's Studies* 6:148-163.

"Reading the Body: The Rhetoric Of Sex, Identity and Discipline in Girls' Education." 2009. *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education* 22.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Ethel Woodruff Draper Fellowship, Georgia State University, 2000-2001

Candidate Statement

I have always had an enormous amount respect for SSSP for its attention to feminist and critical issues. I would love the opportunity to be more active as both a student and an educator.

MANDY FRAKE-MISTAK

**Position - Board of Directors: Student Representative
2010-2012**

Current Position

Doctoral Candidate, York University

Former Positions Held

Movement Specialist, Brock University, 2008-2009; Pre-Service Instructor, Trent University, 2007-2008; Pre-Service Instructor, Brock University, 2006-2008

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., York University, 2011; MEd, Brock University, 2005; B.Ed., Brock University, 2003

Major Publications

"Quality Education and the Marketplace: An Exploration of Neoliberalism and its Impact on Higher Education." 2008. *Brock Education: A Journal of Educational Research and Practice* 18(1):44-54.

"The development of relationships in sport: A hand-in-hand experience." 2008. *Women in Sport and Physical Education Journal* 17(1):47-53.

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Association for the Study of Higher Education, Student, 2009-current; Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education, Student, 2008-current; Canadian Society for the Study of Education, Student, 2003-current

Candidate Statement

Having been nominated for the position of graduate student representative, I feel privileged. This position is one that I can foresee great potential. SSSP conferences are dynamic and unique. In my experience as a graduate student, I have attended no other conference where there are so many critical issues being presented and interrogated. This is how we make a difference. From my position, my goal would be even greater outreach to graduate student attendance and participation within SSSP. How is it that we will be able to take up the flag as those who have been so inspirational and purposeful, move on with future pursuits. This is my imperative and can only hope that I have the chance to see this through to fruition. Many thanks.

PATRICK DONNELLY

**Position - Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee
2010-2013**

Current Position

Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Dayton

Former Positions Held

Assistant Professor to Professor, University of Dayton, 1979-2009; Department Chair, University of Dayton, 1985-1993,1997; Director, Social Science Research Center,

University of Dayton, 1989-1992

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of Delaware, 1981; Master of Arts,
University of Delaware, 1977; Bachelor of Science,
St. Joseph's University, 1974

Major Publications

- "The Origins of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970." 1982. *Social Problems* 30(1):13-25.
- "Using Wiseman Documentaries for Social Problems Courses." 1984. *ASA Teaching Newsletter* (February):9-10.
- "Cohesiveness Within a Heterogeneous Urban Neighborhood: Implications for Community in a Diverse Setting" (with T. Majka). 1988. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 10(2):145-163.
- "Individual and Neighborhood Influences on Fear of Crime." 1989. *Sociological Focus* 22(1):69-85.
- "Change, Cohesion and Commitment in a Diverse Urban Neighborhood" (with T. Majka). 1996. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 16(3):269-284.
- "Residents' Efforts at Neighborhood Stabilization: Facing the Challenges of Inner City Neighborhoods" (with T. Majka). 1989. *Sociological Forum* 13(2):189-213.
- "Community Organizing, Environmental Change, and Neighborhood Crime" (with C. Kimble). 1997. *Crime and Delinquency* 43(4):493-511.
- "An Evaluation of the Effects of Neighborhood Mobilization on Community Problems." 2006. *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community* 32(1):61-79.

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Lee Student Support Fund Committee, 2009-2011
Elections Committee Chair, 2008-2009
Chair, Community Research and Development Division, 2005-2007
Erwin Smigel Award Committee, 2004-2006
Budget, Finance and Audit Committee (1 year Chair), 1990-1992

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Alpha Kappa Delta, Region V Representative, 2005-2008;
Alpha Kappa Delta, Panning Committee Member, 2006-2007;
American Society of Criminology, Member

Candidate Statement

SSSP has long been a strong professional organization with one of the best journals in the discipline. All professional organizations and journals face challenges in light of the rapid changes in higher education, in technology, and the proliferation of new subfields with new publication outlets. Just as SSSP has been an organization that promotes scholarship and research promoting social change and social justice, SSSP has always been a progressive and adaptable organization capable of meeting the myriad challenges in its own environment. This is due to the deep commitment of its membership and a long track record of outstanding leadership. Particular attention needs to be paid to the recruitment of the next generation of progressive scholars to the SSSP. SSSP has long been my professional home. I presented my first SSSP paper in 1978 and have been an active member over the years. I served previously on the BFA Committee as the organization transitioned its headquarters to the University of Tennessee. I have served in a number of different capacities in the organization and have a good understanding of the support that is needed to help the divisions to prosper, the committees to be productive, and the membership to be engaged. As a member of the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee, I would

work with the Executive Office and Treasurer to ensure the continued financial and organizational strength of SSSP. I would be honored to serve the SSSP in this capacity.

ANDREW GOLUB

Position - Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee 2010-2013

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" (with Bruce D. Johnson & Eloise Dunlap). 2007. *Criminology and Public Policy* 6(1):131-164.
- "The Severely-distressed African-American Family in the Crack Era: Empowerment is not Enough." 2006. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 33(1):115-139.
- "The Rise and Decline of Drugs, Drug Markets, and Violence in New York City." Pp. 146-206 in *The Crime Drop in America*, edited by A. Blumstein & J. Wallman. 2006. Cambridge University Press.
- "Does Quality-of-Life Policing Widen the Net? A Partial Analysis" (with Bruce D. Johnson, Angela Taylor & John Eterno). 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" (with Eloise Dunlap & Bruce D. Johnson). 2003. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse* 12(3):73-96.
- "The Lived Experience of Welfare Reform in Drug-using Welfare-needy Households in Inner-city New York" (with Eloise Dunlap & Bruce D. Johnson). 2003. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 30:39-58.
- "The Misuse of the 'Gateway Theory' in U.S. Policy on Drug Abuse Control: A Secondary Analysis of the Muddled Deduction" (with Bruce 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" (with Bruce D. Johnson). 2001. *American Journal of Public Health* 91(2):225-232.
- "The Rise of Marijuana as the Drug of Choice Among Youthful Adult Arrestees" (with Bruce D. Johnson). 2001. *National Institute of Justice Research in Brief*. US Department of Justice.

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 nearly 20 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.

KATHLEEN ASBURY**Position - Committee on Committees, 2010-2013****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.

OTIS B. GRANT**Position - Committee on Committees, 2010-2013****Current Position**

Associate Professor of Law & Society, Indiana University South Bend

Educational Degrees

J.D. Juris Doctorate, University of Connecticut School of Law, 1997

Major Publications

"President Ronald Reagan and the African-American Community: Harmful Stereotyping and Games of Choice in Market-Oriented Policy Reform." 2008. *Thomas M. Cooley Law Review* 25:57-97.

"Constitutionalism Within the Political Ideologies of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr." Pp. 195-203 in *Engines of the Black Power Movement: Essays on the Influence of Civil Rights Actions, Arts and Islam*, edited by J. L. Conyers, 2006. McFarland and Company.

"Teachers as Learners in the Urban Race Conscious Classroom," Pp. 23-33 in *Learning Efficacy: Celebrations and Persuasions*, 2006. Information Age Publishing.

"Rational Choice or Wrongful Discrimination? The Law and Economics of Jury Nullification. 2004. *George Mason University Civil Rights Law Journal* 14:145-187.

"Social Justice Versus Social Equality: The Capitalistic

Jurisprudence of Marcus Garvey." 2003. *Journal of Black Studies* 33(4):490-498.

"Teaching and Learning about Racial Issues in the Modern Classroom." 2003. *Journal of Radical Pedagogy* 5:1-9.

"African American College Football Players and the Dilemma of Exploitation, Racism and Education: A Socio-Economic Analysis of Sports Law." 2003. *Whittier Law Review* 24:645-661.

"Law and Perceptions: Internal Investigations and Employee Privacy Interest in Public Sector Employment." 2002. *University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Review* 71:1-25.

"Are the Indigent Too Poor for Bankruptcy? A Critical Legal Interpretation of the Theory of 'Fresh Start' within a Law and Economics Paradigm." 2002. *University of Toledo Law Journal* 33:773-793.

"Policing Jurisdiction in Native American Sovereignty. 2002. *The Justice Professional* 15(4):313-318.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET), Indiana University, 2004-current; Trustees' Teaching Award, Indiana University, 2006

Trustees' Teaching Award, Indiana University, 2005

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Member, Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee, 2009-2010

Member, Program Committee, 2008-2009

Chair, Educational Problems Division, 2007-2009

Chair, Law & Society Division, 2005-2007

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Phi Delta Kappa, Columbia University Chapter, Member, 1992

-current; Kappa Delta Pi, Columbia University Chapter,

Member, 1992-current; American Sociological Association (ASA), Editorial Board, *Teaching Sociology*, 2010-2013

Candidate Statement

I am an Associate Professor of Law & Society at Indiana University South Bend. My work focuses on the intersection of law, business and society. I am also interested in psychodynamic pedagogy and metacognition. I am both humbled and honored to be nominated for Committee on Committees. SSSP continues to be on the cutting edge in research and social theory. I have been involved with SSSP for more than a decade. Among other duties, I have been a member of the program committee and have been chair of two divisions. Needless to say, I believe in the mission of SSSP and if elected, I pledge to uphold the high standards of our Society and continue to serve proudly as a member.

MATTHEW W. HUGHEY**Position - Committee on Committees, 2010-2013****Current Position**

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Mississippi State University

Former Positions Held

Adjunct Faculty of Sociology, University of Virginia, 2004-2009

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of Virginia, 2009; M.Ed., Ohio University, 2002; B.A., UNC-Greensboro, 1999

Major Publications

The Obamas and a (Post) Racial America? (with G.S. Park). 2010 forthcoming. Oxford University Press.

- African American Fraternities and Sororities* (with G.S. Parks). 2010 forthcoming. University Press of Mississippi.
- "Navigating the (Dis)similarities of White Racial Identities: The Conceptual Framework of 'Hegemonic Whiteness.'" 2010 forthcoming. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- "Cinethetic Racism: White Redemption and Black Stereotypes in 'Magical Negro' Films." 2009. *Social Problems* 56 (3):543-577.
- "Black Aesthetics and Panther Rhetoric? A Critical Decoding of Black Masculinity in The Black Panther, 1967-1980." 2009. *Critical Sociology* 35(1):29-56.
- "Virtual (Br)others and (Re)sisters: Authentic Black Fraternity and Sorority Identity on the Internet." 2008. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 37(5):528-560.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Z Society (University of Virginia), Distinguished Faculty Award, 2008-2009; James E. Blackwell Distinguished Paper Award, ASA Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities, 2008-2009

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

ASA Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Book Award Committee, 2009-current

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Cultural Studies Association, Racial and Ethnic Studies Division Chair, 2007-current; Association of Black Sociologists, 2006-current; American Sociological Association, 2004-current

Candidate Statement

I hope to serve in this position in order to both attract new members and re-energize older ones by getting them directly involved in the stewardship of SSSP. This committee is essential to the administrative side of SSSP (nominating members for election, filling vacancies should they arise, and maintaining liaisons with other committees). So also, it is equally important that we remember our mission, and de facto moniker, as 'soul of the ASA.' The committee on committees can locate not only efficient and cooperative administrators, but those academics and practitioners that can study social problems and apply answers to informed social policy. In a day and age in which the social scientific enterprise is under assault, the recruitment of passionate and informed leaders is crucial for both our continued existence, legitimacy, and growth!

JANET M. RANKIN

Position - Committee on Committees, 2010-2013

Current Position

Assistant Professor, University of Calgary

Former Positions Held

Professor, Malaspina University-College, 1989-2007

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of Victoria, 2005

Major Publications

- Managing to Nurse: Inside Canada's Health Care Reform.* (with M. Campbell). 2006. University of Toronto Press.
- "Institutional Ethnography, Nursing Work and Health Care Reform: IE's Cautionary Analysis." 2009. *Forum of Qualitative Research* 10(2): Article 8.
- "The nurse project: Strategies for taking back our work." 2009. *Journal of Nursing Inquiry* 16(4):245-257.

- "Patient Satisfaction Knowledge for Ruling Hospital Reform: An Institutional Ethnography." 2003. *Nursing Inquiry* 10 (1):56-65.
- "Contesting Our Taken-for-Granted Understanding of Student Evaluation: Insights from a Team of Institutional Ethnographers." In press. *Journal of Nursing Education*.
- "Texts in action: How Nurses Are Doing the Fiscal Work of Health Care Reform." 2001. *Cultures and Organizations* 7 (2):231-251.

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Member IE Special Division, 2004-current

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

College of Alberta Registered Nurses, Member, 2008-current
Society for Critical and Feminist Inquiry in Nursing, Member, 2007-current; Canadian Association of Sociologists, Member, 2000-current

Candidate Statement

I am delighted to allow my name to be put forward for the 2010 committee of committees. My work as a nurse scholar orients me to the study of social problems. I am interested in doing research and writing on behalf of people's health as an issue of social justice. If nominated for this committee I will be able to contribute to the SSSP in a more substantial way to develop a strong network of like-minded people. My division membership with SSSP include Health and Health Policy and Institutional Ethnography. I look forward to the 2010 conference in Atlanta and if elected anticipate being in a position work on behalf of the SSSP membership.

MICHELLE Y. JANNING

Position - Editorial and Publications Committee 2010-2013

Current Position

Chair and Associate Professor of Sociology, Whitman College

Former Positions Held

Visiting Researcher, University of York Centre for Women's Studies, 2008; Visiting Instructor, Dept of Sociology, St. Olaf College, 1999

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, 2000; M.A., University of Notre Dame, 1996; BA, St. Olaf College, 1994

Major Publications

- "The Stuff at Mom's House and the Stuff at Dad's House: The Material Consumption of Divorce for Adolescents" (with C. Collins). In *Childhood and Consumer Culture*, edited by D. Buckingham and V. Tingstad, 2010 forthcoming. Palgrave Publishers.
- "The Efficacy of Symbolic Work-Family Integration For Married Professionals Who Share Paid Work." 2009. *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* 3(1) Online.
- Guest Editor for Special Issue of *Journal of Family Issues* 29 (4), titled "Spaces and Places of Family Life: Cultural and Popular Cultural Representations of Homes and Families." 2008.
- "Spousal Supports Provided by Employers." 2008. *Sloan Work and Family Encyclopedia*. Online.
- "I Would Never Do That in My Own Home: Audience Reflexivity and the Decorating Television Viewing Culture" (with L. Menard). 2006. *Electronic Journal of Sociology* 10. Online.

“Work-Family Integration for Professional Married Co-Workers: An Examination of Cross-Realm Conversations” (with B. Neely). 2006. *International Journal of Sociology of the Family* 32(1):79-86.

“Put Yourself in My Work Shoes: Variations in Work-Related Spousal Support for Professional Married Co-Workers.” 2006. *Journal of Family Issues* 27(1):85-109.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Paul Garrett Fellowship (for excellence in undergraduate teaching), Whitman College, 2007-current; Robert Y. Fluno Award for Distinguished Teaching in Social Science, Whitman College, 2004

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Program Committee, 2010-2011

Board of Directors, 2006-2009

Executive Officer ad hoc Site Visit Committee, 2008

Family Division Chair, 2003-2005

Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition

Organizer, 2002-2003

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Pacific Sociological Association, 2001-current; American

Sociological Association, 1997-current

Candidate Statement

I have had experience working on newsletters with the SSSP, and have also had experience guest editing an issue of the *Journal of Family Issues*. I am interested in participating in the publication side of the SSSP, and have been invested in the organization since I was a graduate student in the mid-1990s.

FRANCES G. PESTELLO

**Position - Editorial and Publications Committee
2010-2013**

Current Position

Professor and Chair, University of Dayton

Former Positions Held

Professor, University of Dayton, 2000-Current; Associate

Professor, University of Dayton, 1990-2000; Assistant

Professor, University of Dayton, 1985-1990

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of Akron, 1983; M.A., University of Akron, 1977; B.A. cum laude, College of Wooster, 1973

Major Publications

Sentiments and Acts (with I. Deutscher & F. Pestello). 1993. Aldine de Gruyter.

“Medicating for ADD/ADHD: Personal and Social Issues” with J. Davis-Berman). 2008. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*, Online at www.ijma-journal.com.

“Taking Anti-Depressant Medication: A Qualitative Examination of Internet Postings” (with J. Davis-Berman). 2008. *Journal of Mental Health* 17(4):349-360.

“Attitudes and Behavior.” *The Blackwell Encyclopedia*, edited by G. Ritzer. 2006. Wiley-Blackwell.

“Taking Psychiatric Medication: Listening to Our Clients” (with J. Davis-Berman). 2005. *Social Work in Mental Health* 4(1):17-31.

“The Medicated Self” (with J. Davis-Berman). Pp. 283-308 in *Studies in Symbolic Interaction: A Research Annual, Vol 28*, edited by N.K. Denzin. 2005. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press.

“Psychiatric Medication: Use, Attitudes and Effect in Social Work Students and Clinicians” (with J. Davis-Berman). 2002. *Social Work in Mental Health* 1(2):31-42.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Special Recognition, Charles Horton Cooley Award, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, -1994

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, 2006-2009

Membership Committee, 2002-2005

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Council Undergraduate Research, Social Science Councilor and Finance Committee, 2006-Current; Publications

Committee, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 2004-2007; Membership Committee, Midwest Sociological

Society, 1995-2000

Candidate Statement

SSSP is one of the most important societies in the social sciences with its commitment to social justice. It is critical because it brings together academics and practitioners. Social Problems is the voice of the society; therefore it is crucial to keep the journal. I have had some role in oversight of the journal through membership on the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee. I would be interested in having the opportunity to serve the journal in a more active role.

DAVID A. SMITH

**Position - Editorial and Publications Committee
2010-2013**

Current Position

Professor of Sociology, University of California at Irvine

Former Positions Held

Assistant to Associate Professor, UC-Irvine, 1984-1999

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina, 1983-1984

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1984; M.A., Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1981; B.A., Sociology and Philosophy, University of Rochester, 1978

Major Publications

“Flexible Ethnic Identity, Adaptation, Survival, Resistance: The Garifuna in the World-System” (with L. Matthei). 2008 forthcoming. *Social Identities*.

Nature, Raw Materials, and Political Economy. Research in Rural Sociology and Development: Volume 10 (Co-Editor with Paul Ciccantell and Gay Seidman). 2005. Elsevier.

A New World Order? Global Transformations in the Late Twentieth Century (with G. Gonzalez, R. Fernandez, V. Price & L. Vo). 2004. Routledge Press.

Third World Cities in Global Perspective: The Political Economy of Uneven. 1996. Westview Press.

A New World Order? Global Transformations in the Late Twentieth Century (with J. Borocz). 1995. Greenwood Press.

“Uneven Development and the Environment: Toward a World-System Perspective.” 1994. *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations* 20(1):151-175.

“Moving Toward Democracy? South Korean Political Change in the 1980s” (with S. Lee). 1990. *Comparative Urban and Community Research* 3:164-187.

"Urban Bias, Dependence, and Economic Stagnation in Non-Core Nations" (with B. London). 1988. *American Sociological Review* 53:454-463.

"Overurbanization Reconceptualized: A Political Economy of the World-System Approach." 1987. *Urban Affairs Quarterly* 23(2):270-294.

"International Dependency and Urbanization in East Asia: Implications for Planning." 1985. *Population Research and Planning Review* 4(3):203-233.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Systemwide Faculty Editorial Committee, University of California Press, 2002-2005; Elected Chair, Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) Section, American Sociological Association, 1997-1999; Howard W. Odum Award for Outstanding Sociology Graduate Student, University of North Carolina, 1982

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Elected Member, Board of Directors, 2003-2006

Founding Chair, Global Division, 2004-2005

Editor, *Social Problems*, 1999-2002

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Journal of Urban Affairs, Associate Editor, 2005-2008; *Contemporary Sociology*, Co-Editor, 2005-2008; *Rose Monograph Series*, American Sociological Association, Editorial Board, 2001-2004

Candidate Statement

SSSP is an organization that offers an alternative vision of sociology and social science with a commitment to moving beyond research and analysis to the pursuit of social justice. At its best, the society, its journal, and its annual meeting all provide "space" for distinct visions that transcend mainstream ones. I hope that the organization will continue a proud tradition of honoring and promoting diversity and affirming disadvantaged people and groups. While there is some tendency with SSSP to focus on particular conceptual approaches and/or a limited set of empirical issues, I think that we need to make our purview very broad and truly global. I have tried to do this both as Editor of *Social Problems* and as the founding chair of the new Global Division in the society. The organization needs to continue to focus on the issues that it has examined for over fifty years, including many critical issues in US society, ranging from deviance, crime and drug use to race, gender and class inequalities. The twenty-first century provides many challenges for us as sociologists, citizens and activists – and many of the most vexing social problems are linked to processes that go beyond our national boundaries and also transcend the borders of our discipline. We need to continue to an organization that nurtures and develops the talents and careers of our students and junior colleagues, but also one that reaches out to explore new areas of interest and expertise. While it is inevitable that our focus will continue to be on problems that are close to home in our own society, we need to understand that we live in an increasingly integrated and complex world and one which may demand new innovative approaches to knowledge, research and pedagogy. I look forward to helping the SSSP address these and other challenges in the coming years.

SUZANNE VAUGHAN

Position - Editorial and Publications Committee

2010-2013

Current Position

Associate Professor of Sociology, Arizona State University

Former Positions Held

Associate Professor of Sociology, Arizona State University, 1993-current; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Arizona State University, 1987-1993; Research Director/Lecturer in Sociology, Midwest Universities Consortium on International Activities/ Ohio State University, 1985-1987

Educational Degrees

Ph.D. in Sociology, Ohio State University, 1981; M.A. in Sociology, University of New Mexico, 1975; B.A. in Spanish and Sociology, Roanoke College, 1970

Major Publications

"Standardizing Childrearing Through Housing" (with P.C. Luken). 2006. *Social Problems* 54(2):299-331.

"... 'be a genuine Home Maker in your own Home': Gender and Familial Relations in State Housing Practices, 1917-1922" (with P.C. Luken). 2005. *Social Forces* 83(4):1603-1625.

"Living Alone in Old Age: Institutionalized Discourse and Women's Knowledge" (with Paul C. Luken). 2003. *Sociological Quarterly* 44(1):109-131.

"'Active Living': Transforming the Organization of Retirement and Housing in the US" (with P.C. Luken). 2003. *Sociology and Social Welfare* 30(1):145-170.

"Older Women Living Alone: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations in Studying Special Populations" (with P.C. Luken). 1991. *Housing and Society* 18:37-49.

"Organizational Factors Affecting Growth and Decline in Adult Day Care Programs: A Comparative Study" (with P.C. Luken). 1990. *Journal of Applied Gerontology* 9(3):363-374.

"Marital Disruption Among Highly Educated Women: The Timing of Career and Family Events" (with S. Houseknecht & A. Macke). 1984. *Social Problems* 31(3):273-284.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Post Doctorate Fellowship, National Council of La Raza, 1981-1982

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Editorial and Publications Committee, 2006-2009

Section Organizer. SSSP Annual Meetings, 1999-2009

Dorothy Smith Scholar Activist Award Committee, 2005-2006

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Pacific Sociological Association, Member; American Sociological Association, Member; International Sociological Association, Member

Candidate Statement

Social justice and human rights work by activists and scholars is increasingly important in a globalized world. As Nancy Naples notes, SSSP is the one organization which bridges disciplinary boundaries, work settings, and international borders on these issues. I believe that one of the important goals of SSSP in the coming years is to increase international and activist/scholar membership and participation in meetings and to promote our premiere publications, *Social Problems* and *Social Problems Forum*, as outlets for knowledge about social justice issues internationally.

I am honored to be nominated again by the membership to

serve as a member of the Editorial and Publications Committee of SSSP. As a member of this committee, I will work to increase the visibility of our publications to these audiences and to argue for international and theoretical/methodological representation in our publications and on the Editorial Board of *Social Problems*. In addition, I am also interested in exploring how SSSP through its website or through other publishing venues might serve as an outlet for distributing important work being carried out by human rights advocates across the globe.

Over the next year the Editorial and Publications Committee will be engaged in searching for a new editor of *Social Problems*. I have great respect for the many distinguished contributions that previous committee members have made in advancing the mission of SSSP and the reputation of its journal. I would be honored to be a participant in this very important search process.

ADRIANA L. BOHM

Position - Membership and Outreach Committee 2010-2013

Current Position

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Delaware County Community College

Educational Degrees

Ph.D. Sociology, Temple University, 2002; M.A. Sociology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 1994; B.A. Sociology, Minor Black American Studies, University of Delaware, 1991

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Racial and Ethnic Minority Scholarship Award, SSSP, 2001-2002

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Chair, Racial and Ethnic Minority Scholarship Committee, 2008-2009

Chair Elect, Racial and Ethnic Minority Scholarship Committee, 2007-2008

Social Action Committee, 2005-2006

Racial and Ethnic Minority Scholarship Committee, 2004-2005

Candidate Statement

I am interested in this position because I want to make SSSP more diverse and inclusive, especially to members of historically under-represented people of color.

LINDA J. MORRISON

Position - Membership and Outreach Committee 2010-2013

Current Position

Assistant Professor, Duquesne University

Former Positions Held

Assistant Professor, Oakland University, 2003-2007; Instructor, Oakland University, 2001-2003; Instructor, University of Pittsburgh, 1999-2001

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, 2003; MA Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, 1995; MSW, University of Pittsburgh, 1985

Major Publications

"A Matter of Definition: Acknowledging Consumer/Survivor Experiences through Narrative." 2006. *Radical Psychology: A Journal of Psychology, Politics and Radicalism* 5(www.radpsynet.org).

Talking Back to Psychiatry. 2005. Routledge Press.

"Committing Social Change for Psychiatric Patients: The Consumer/Survivor Movement." 2001. *Humanity & Society* 24:(4):389-404.

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee, 2008-2009

Accessibility Committee, 2000-2004

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Treasurer, 2009-current; Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Member, 2002-current; American Sociological Association, Member, 1998-current

Candidate Statement

Since 1998 SSSP has been my professional "home" as a sociologist. More people need to discover and benefit from SSSP membership. I would be honored to serve on the membership and outreach committee, working to find new members to further enrich our community with new ideas, new energy, new colleagues.

GINA PETONITO

Position - Membership and Outreach Committee 2010-2013

Current Position

Associate Professor, Miami University

Former Positions Held

Associate Professor, Western Illinois University, 2002-2005;

Assistant Professor, Western Illinois University, 1998-2002;

Assistant Professor, Alma College, 1993-1998

Educational Degrees

Ph.D., Syracuse University, 1992; M.A., Syracuse University, 1983; MA, University of New Haven, 1980

Major Publications

"Silver Alerts and the Problem of Missing Adults with Dementia" (with C. Dawn, G.W. Muschert, J. Kinney, E. Robbins, L. Manning & J.S. Brown). 2010. *The Gerontologist*.

"Nourishing Our Roots: Voices From AHS's First Five Years." 2008. *Humanity & Society* 32:104-128.

"Racial Discourse and Enemy Construction: Justifying the Internment 'Solution' to the 'Japanese Problem' During World War II." Pp. 19-40 in *Social Conflict and Collective Identity*, edited by P.G. Coy & L.M. Woehrl. 2000. Rowman & Littlefield.

"Constructing the Enemy in the Post-Cold War Era: The Flaws of the 'Islamic Conspiracy'" (with M. Monshipouri). 1995. *Theory Journal of Church and State* 37(4):773-92.

"Constructing Americans: 'Becoming-American,' Loyalty, and Japanese Internment During World War II." Pp. 93-108 in *Perspectives on Social Problems*. 1992. JAI Press.

"Response to Eva Morris: The Via Dolorosa of One Peace Seeker." 2009. *Humanity & Society* 33(4):386-388.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Act of Kindness Award, Western Illinois University Women's Center, 2004; Outstanding Faculty in the Social Sciences,

Alma College, 1994-1995

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Midwest Sociological Society, Chair, Committee for Women in the Profession, 2010-2011; Midwest Sociologists for Women in Society, Chair, Undergraduate and graduate paper competition, 2007-2008; Association for Humanist Sociology, President Elect, President, Past President, 2005-2008

Candidate Statement

Finally, I am in a position to serve SSSP, the organization that I have been a member of for many years, since graduate school in the 1990's. As a member of the membership committee I am charged with recommending ways of recruiting new members and retaining old members. I plan on bringing my expertise and experience that I gained as President of the Association for Humanist Sociology in dealing with both issues to SSSP. One proposal I have is strengthening the tie between both organizations. There is a natural affinity, since Al and Betty Lee founded both groups, and several AHS members are also members of SSSP, as I have been. I would like to address diversity issues and membership recruitment and retention as well developing strategies of recruiting and maintaining membership among the growing ranks of visiting, part time and other contingent faculty with SSSP.

ANNA MARIE SANTIAGO

Position - Membership and Outreach Committee 2010-2013

Current Position

Professor of Social Work, Wayne State University

Former Positions Held

Director, PhD Program, Wayne State University, 2005-2009; Associate Professor and Director of Research, Wayne State University, 1997-2002; Director of Research, University of Michigan, 1995-1997

Educational Degrees

Ph.D. in Urban Social Institutions, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1984; M.A. in Geography, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1978; B.A. in Social Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1976

Major Publications

"Low Income Homeownership: Does It Necessarily Mean Sacrificing Neighborhood Quality to Buy a Home?" (with G.C. Galster, A.A. Kaiser, A.H. Santiago-San Roman, R. Grace & A.T.W. Linn). 2010 (Forthcoming). *Journal of Urban Affairs* 32: (2):

"Low-Income Homeownership as an Asset-Building Tool: What Can We Tell Policymakers?" Pp. 29-60 in *Urban and Regional Policy and Its Effects*, edited by M.A. Austin, H. Wial & H. Wolman 2008. Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press.

"What's the 'Hood' Got to Do With It? Parental Perceptions of about How Neighborhood Mechanisms Affect Their Children: (with G.C. Galster). 2006. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 28 (3):201-226.

"Moving from Public Housing to Homeownership: Perceived to Program Participation and Success." 2004. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 26:297-324.

Why NOT in My Back Yard?: Neighborhood Impacts from Deconcentrating Assisted Housing. 2003. New Brunswick NJ: Rutgers/CUPR Press.

"Neighbourhood Crime and Scattered-Site Public Housing (with G.C. Galster & K.L.S. Pettit). 2003. *Urban Studies* 40 (11):2147-2163.

"The Impact of Supportive Housing on Neighborhood Crime Rates." 2002. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 24:289-315.

"Assessing the Property Value Impacts of the Dispersed Housing Subsidy Program in Denver" (with G.C. Galster & P. Tatan). 2001. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 20(1):65-88.

Honors and other Professional Commendations

Excellence in Teaching Award, Wayne State University, School of Social Work, 2009-current; Graduate Student Research Assistantship Award, Wayne State University, The Graduate School, 2005-current; Scott Greer Award for Post-graduate Achievement in Enhancing the Understanding of Urban Social Institutions, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2000-current

SSSP Offices, Committee Membership, and Positions

Budget Finance and Audit (Chair 2009-10), 2007-current
Advisory Editor, Social Problems (twice), 1990-2009
Editorial and Publications Committee (Chair 2000-01), 1998-2001

Chair Elect, Minority Scholarship Committee, 1997-1998
Board of Directors, 1994-1997

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

Association for Community Organization and Social Administration, Editorial Board, 2007-current; Housing Studies, Editorial Board, 2001-current; Urban Affairs Association, Member, 1988-current

Candidate Statement

As a longstanding member of SSSP, my goals are (1) to support the next generation of scholar-activists whose applied research is aimed at alleviating contemporary social problems; and (2) to encourage greater diversity in the membership of the society to reflect the interdisciplinary and global nature of the issues we face. As a member of the Membership Committee, I would strive to expand our membership to include scholars outside of North America as well as to encourage other social scientists who engage in scholarship to promote social justice.

DAVID J. HUTSON

Position - Membership and Outreach Committee, 2010-2013, Graduate Student

Current Position

Graduate Student, University of Michigan

Educational Degrees

M.A. in Sociology, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, 2009; B.A. in Sociology, San Francisco State University, 2004; B.A. in English, Indiana University - Bloomington, 1997

Major Publications

"Standing OUT/Fitting IN: Identity, Appearance, and Authenticity in Gay and Lesbian Communities." 2010 (Forthcoming). *Symbolic Interaction*

"Advice When Children Come Out: The Cultural 'Tool Kits' of Parents." 2010 (Forthcoming). *Journal of Family Issues*

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Member, 2005-Current

Candidate Statement

As a new SSSP member last year, I would be honored to serve on the Membership and Outreach Committee as a Graduate

Student Candidate. My enthusiasm for SSSP is apparent when I discuss my experiences at the 2009 San Francisco conference with colleagues, and I am excited by the prospect of gathering more scholars/students under the banner of critically studying social problems. While I know I have much learning to do, I also know that I can contribute ideas on membership outreach and retention, while providing a graduate student perspective to the committee.

MARY SCHERER

**Position - Membership and Outreach Committee,
2010-2013, Graduate Student**

Current Position

University of Massachusetts- Amherst

Educational Degrees

B.A. in Sociology, Warren Wilson College 2006

Major Publications

“Building a Bohemian Boom Town: The construction of a ‘creative class’ in Asheville, North Carolina.” 2007.

Sociation Today 5(2): Online <http://www.ncsociology.org/sociationtoday/asheville.htm>

Professional Affiliations other than SSSP

American Sociological Association, Member, 2006-Current;
Southern Sociological Association 2006-2008

Candidate Statement

Early in graduate school, it was clear to me that among professional sociological organizations, SSSP stands apart. Approaching on-the-ground social problems and their solutions as central, as opposed to peripheral, to academic sociology is something I cultivate in my personal and professional life. Cooperation across the lines between scholarly research and public sociology is as pertinent as ever, and central to my own commitment to well-informed social change. For these reasons, I believe I am well-suited to supporting an organization dedicated to facilitating this cooperation. Specifically, I believe I am a strong candidate for the Membership and Outreach Committee because SSSP's particular significance and mission is something I am comfortable articulating and defending.

*Truth is on the side of
the oppressed today, it's
against the oppressor.*

— Malcolm X

Proposed Bylaws Changes General Election 2010

New Proposed Article

The Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee does not appear in the Bylaws. Given the terms of the endowment, establishing the committee as an annual committee seems desirable. The Bylaws Committee suggests that the appointment of the committee follow the same style as the other award committees rather than the current procedure in the Operations Handbook.

Recommended as: New Article VI. Section 25 The Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee

The President-Elect shall appoint the Chairperson-elect for the Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee. On the basis of nominations from the Committee on Committees and in consultation with the Chairperson-elect, the President shall appoint no more than five members. The Chairperson-elect shall serve as a member of the committee during the year prior to becoming Chairperson. The Committee serves during the term that the individual who appointed them is President.

Following criteria specified by the Board of Directors, the award should be given to the SSSP member whose scholarship over the preceding three or more years has most significantly promoted ethical solutions to social problems. By ethical solutions, we mean scholarship that promotes awareness and/or activism to increase public recognition that social problems and social injustices are ethical issues; or scholarship that identifies and promotes societal level responses to social problems and injustices. By scholarship, we mean academic work including both applied research (qualitative or quantitative research) and normative work (e.g., argumentative, historical, philosophical, textual or theoretical analyses).

STUDENT COLUMN:**With Humor and Grace: A Single Mother's Path Through Graduate School**

Roberta Kunkel, Contra Costa College*

I became a single parent at age 39 when I moved to California to attend graduate school, and my husband decided not to accompany me. This was quite a change because simultaneously I became a student and single parent. One month into the graduate program, on the evening of my fortieth birthday as I strolled in the coolness of the Berkeley Indian summer, I thought to myself that had someone inquired two years previous to that evening about my future endeavors, I would never have imagined that I would be on my own with three children and in Berkeley, California! Nevertheless, there I was, and now, seven years later I present a few stories about my experiences as a single mother in graduate school. While not "fun" in the traditional sense of the word, I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to return to graduate school; it was for me a new beginning. In the text below, I describe a few aspects of my experience in graduate school, and follow this with two ideas to help sustain you, the single parent in graduate school.

I returned to higher education to seek a graduate degree in philosophy and religion at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California. After having grown up in the Midwest and living on the East Coast and abroad, I decided to head west for new adventures. I searched for a university situated in a safe area and that was connected to a large city (in other words, I avoided completely rural settings). I was awarded a merit scholarship that paid for six semesters of tuition, which was very lucky indeed. The university had a few subsidized apartments for families, and I was fortunate to be assigned to one of these. In the end, the constraints on my time lengthened the degree process, but I am happy to report that I did graduate with an M.A. in ethics and social theory after having completed a 250-page thesis on Ojibwe epistemology.

I initially had many doubts about my ability to perform in graduate school. As an undergraduate student majoring in microbiology seventeen years prior, I was accustomed to writing laboratory reports based on empirical observations and analysis, not research papers based on literary sources. I confess that I was initially unprepared for writing lengthy papers, but with steady effort, the quality of my papers improved and I gained confidence about my abilities and potential for sound scholarship. As graduate school continued, my interest in Native American and eastern philosophies deepened; I arranged to spend part of one summer in Minnesota with the Ojibwe people in order to begin learning their language. This visit and two others subsequent became the basis for my thesis, and an integral part of my new beginning.

It certainly was not was easy to care for three children, then ages 4, 6, and 9, to become a single parent, to begin a graduate program, or to acclimate to a new city, but we slowly made our way around and became acquainted with our new home, schools, and friends. Monday through Friday, after walking with the children to school, lunches packed and homework ready, I would quickly return to campus, grab my

books, and rush off to class. I soon began purchasing a small latte each morning as self-care, feeling it was very nice to have someone prepare something for me. The afternoons and evenings were a rush with sports and music lessons, homework, baths, and reading aloud, and of course, dishes and laundry. I studied each evening after the children went to bed into the wee hours of the morning, and by the end of each semester I was, not surprisingly, exhausted. Of course, maintaining this full schedule meant I had very little time to "network" with future colleagues or with my professors outside of classes. In all honesty, the requirements of raising children necessitated my making choices, and I elected to forgo participation in such informal career matters. This was a tough call to make, and it is only now that my youngest child is twelve years old that I'm acting on longer-term goals.

After the first year, things went more smoothly, although one time my two boys started flicking cereal at each other and it escalated a small war, milk and all. Although we made it to school on time, the presentation I gave that morning was expressionless as I struggled to keep my emotions in check. I did manage to finish the presentation before bursting into tears during the question and answer session. During the following critique of my "performance," one young man suggested that my "vulnerability" was appealing. I'm still not sure what to do with that one . . .

The children and I lived on the top floor of a three-bedroom duplex in property owned by the university; children of various ages lived up and down the street whose families were also students in university housing. The families represented nearly all world religions, many ethnicities and languages, and worldviews, including those uniquely American. This was a source of humorous existential contradictions, but did not necessarily lead to a settled existence. Below me, in the ground-level part of the duplex, lived two extraordinarily unhappy women in a partnership with two adopted children, who were equally unhappy. Their combined misery seemed to emanate to the outside and to keep others away, which made something simple like block parties quite a challenge. Next door lived a quiet Hindu family with two daughters and next to them was an ostentatious American family with three children. Although both fathers were pursuing doctorate degrees in Christian ministry, their philosophies could not have been different, and I found this very interesting to observe. Thankfully, after two years, a Samoan family with four boys moved in downstairs and things changed! My children and I adored this family and we cooked together and visited quite often. After the new family arrived, the children played together, moving from house to house at will. In warm weather, the doors to both residences were open and the kids would switch between houses. One time, when the kids came up from downstairs and began a game of hide and seek in our residence, all seven of them ran through the bathroom, which was situated between two bedrooms with a door into each, while I was showering. Having been

influenced by yet another neighbor's Catholicism, I said a quick "Hail Mary" to Madagascar and Europe on our world-map shower curtain hiding the too-revealing parts of my anatomy. And, the next day, I called the facilities department to fix the locks to the bathroom doors. Thus, graduate school, like undergraduate school, was full of little escapades, just as unpredictable and funny.

I found that after being gone all day I didn't want to leave the children in the evening, which made establishing any kind of adult-only social life nearly impossible, and I admit I felt isolated and lonely. While I was attracted to attending adult socials where meaty and academic discourse prevailed, the reality is young children cannot participate easily in such situations. In time I found myself slowly pulling away from social gatherings in which the children were not fully welcome. I resolved the problem by hosting student gatherings at my home; sometimes these gatherings functioned like a salon with discussions about weighty topics, and other times, the gatherings were purely for entertainment. I served wine, fruit, and little sandwiches with homemade bread, taking much delight in the expectation of sustained adult conversation. My children helped prepare and serve the food, and looked forward to these evenings as well.

Before I offer advice about your graduate school experience as a single parent, I'd like for you to think about your educational endeavors in this way: to become a student as a single parent is remarkable because you are deliberately placing yourself in an position of humility; this is a good place from which to start over because humility facilitates openness of mind and enhanced attentiveness to life situations, both of which may be lacking when one is more comfortably situated in a marriage or partnership.

In terms of advice, if you are contemplating graduate school

as a single parent, I offer this: "welcome everything" and "there is no right way to do anything." With the big event of returning to "school," I learned that I was not simply recreating myself vocationally, but rather in every possible respect. This is a daunting process which takes time and, therefore, patience. I recommend that you laugh whenever possible and cry when you need to, without being afraid that your feelings will engulf you. I can assure you that feelings are indeed ephemeral and that when we remain open to our feelings, they pass and we are made stronger. That's why it is crucial, not to put too strong a point on it, to welcome everything. I also recommend that you refrain from judging yourself and, as much as possible, to leave some open spaces in your schedule for reflection and inquiry. It is not an easy task to "become" a single parent, and most of the physical tasks involved in childcare require significant procedural modification. Additionally, increased time and energy are required on your part for the emotional well-being of your children. How you end up structuring your time in order to meet the needs of your children, your graduate studies, and yourself is a process of trial and error that, I emphatically emphasize, requires patience and humor on your part. Be kind to yourself and find humor and beauty in little things. And honor yourself, for what you are doing is crafting a new future for yourself and your children. This is a brave thing to do.

I wish you the very best.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR, CONTINUED:

And as expected, this issue includes SSSP candidate biographies and information vital for members planning to attend the 2010 conference in Atlanta, GA; e.g., conference and hotel registration forms, designated travel agency and mentorship program announcements, and award nomination and application forms. Further, it presents extra-SSSP information of possible interest to our readership via the News of Note feature, and via an announcement concerning the 2010 US Social Forum to be held in Detroit, MI.

Finally, it may seem a bit premature, but my tenure as editor of *Social Problems Forum* will end next year with the publication of the 2011 summer issue (Volume 42, No. 2). With its publication, I will have served two full three-year terms, and I believe it will be time to pass on the reigns to a new editor. And so I invite you to begin thinking about the possibility of serving as the next editor of *SPF*. More information about the selection process will be included in future issues, but it isn't too early to start thinking about the possibilities. But in the interim, please share your views and talents with us by submitting letters to the editor, preliminary findings, commentaries, photo essays, etc.

Ciao . . .
Ken Kyle, Editor



Note to self:

Sit down and finally write that

~~Op-ed piece~~

~~Commentary~~

~~Satire piece~~

No, make that RANT!!!

Don't let it come to this.

Submit your letters to the editor, commentaries and essays now before they get the best of you too!

2010 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. Keep in mind, that proposed resolutions serve as useful discussion points for SSSP members, helping to increase and enhance communication and activities during the long period between annual meetings. To submit a resolution, simply forward your resolution or your idea for a resolution to the Vice-President and the appropriate SSSP Division Chair(s) by July 1, 2010 in order to give members ample time to read and give serious consideration to your resolution. (If you submit your resolution to more than one chair, please inform all involved of this fact.) The only exception to the deadline is if the issue in question occurs after July 1st. Proposed resolutions will be available for review prior to the Annual Meeting via posting on the SSSP website in the “members-only” area and under “Annual Meeting,” and as an e-mail blast sent to members who want to receive announcements from the Administrative Office.

Resolutions 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. If the resolution is in support of or in opposition to a piece of legislation, a copy of the legislation or a place where members can access it *must* be provided.

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 the resolutions available to the membership prior to and at the annual business meeting. This year in Atlanta, the resolutions process will be organized in a manner that promotes wider discussion prior to formal consideration at the 2010 Annual 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, as noted above, must be made available to the SSSP Vice-President and Division Chair(s) by July 1, such that the membership has ample time to consider resolutions and 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. Sponsors of resolutions or a surrogate must be present at this forum to present and respond to questions concerning their resolution. It is *imperative* that someone be present who can speak to the substance of the proposed resolution.
- During the 2010 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.
- If the resolution requires letters or e-mails to be sent, the sponsor of the resolution must provide the addresses to the Administrative Office and, if necessary, be prepared to assist the Administrative Office in getting the resolution to the appropriate individuals or agencies. Furthermore, sponsors are apprised of developments pertaining to the issue(s) addressed in a resolution.

- **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* and posted on the SSSP website.**

Members who wish to propose resolutions for consideration of the SSSP, should submit them to the appropriate Division Chairperson(s) (see <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/21> for current contact information) and directly to the SSSP Vice-President at pjmcgann@umich.edu by July 1, 2010.

PJ McGann, SSSP Vice-President, 2009-2010

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

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

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



Feed the Roots, Grow Our Movements!
¡Alimentar Las Raíces, Cosechar Nuestros Movimientos!

Dear friend,

From June 22-26, 2010, the USSF will gather at Cobo Hall and Hart Plaza in Detroit, providing an open space for people and groups to blend their ideas and energy. The USSF 2010 in Detroit is expected to be twice the size of the 2007 forum in Atlanta. That's twice as many young people. Twice as many participating groups. Twice as many experiences of what the alternatives to corporate power look like.

Grassroots Ownership

The power of the US Social Forum comes from the people it brings together and the spaces and encounters it makes possible. **With you**, we can bring to Detroit our visions for a more holistic, sustainable world and lay out strategies to make movement building happen. **With you**, we can use our knowledge and experience to stimulate concrete actions for change. **With you**, we can take this opportunity to build visions IN and WITH Detroit, strengthening communities and leaving something sustainable behind. **With you**, we can reinvent politics and promote alternative practices and initiatives that build another US. And together we can make it happen!

Raise Money to Raise Movements!

Through our far-reaching grassroots fundraising efforts, your contribution will bring our movements together in a historic process of broad consultation and collaboration. We are working to create a space for social movement organizations and grassroots activists, especially people of color and those from low-income groups and poor regions of the U.S., to come up with the people's solutions to our local, regional and national crises.

For more information on the US Social Forum, visit:

www.ussf2010.org

For grassroots fundraising resources, visit:

www.ussf2010.org/feedtheroots

Co-Chairs of the USSF Resource Mobilization Working Group

Michael Leon Guerrero, *Grassroots Global Justice*
 Priscilla Hung, *Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training*
 Genaro Rendon, *Southwest Workers Union*

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Millie Buchanan, *Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation*
 Sarah Christensen, *Solidago Foundation*
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 Mark Randazzo, *Funders Network on Trade and Globalization*

Querida/o amiga/o,

Desde el 22 al 26 de Junio, 2010, el FSE se reunirá en Cobo Hall y Hart Plaza en Detroit, para proveer un espacio abierto donde el pueblo y los grupos puedan mezclar sus ideas y su energía. Se espera que el FSE 2010 en Detroit será dos veces más grande que el foro del 2007 en Atlanta. Eso significa doble el número de participantes jóvenes. Doble el número de grupos participantes. Dos veces más experiencias de como son las alternativas al poder corporativo.

Propiedad de las Bases

El poder del Foro Social Estadounidense nace de los pueblos que reúne y los espacios y encuentros que hace posible. **Contigo**, podemos llevar a Detroit nuestras visiones para un mundo mas integral y sostenible, y enmarcar estrategias para hacer el desarrollo del movimiento una realidad. **Contigo**, podemos usar nuestra sabiduría y experiencia para estimular acciones concretas por el cambio. **Contigo**, podemos tomar esta oportunidad para crear visiones DENTRO DE y CON Detroit, fortaleciendo comunidades y dejando algo sostenible allá. **Contigo**, podemos reinventar la politica y promover prácticas e iniciativas alternativas que construyen un OTRO EEUU. ¡Y juntos, podemos hacerlo!

Levantar Fondo\$ para Levantar Movimientos!

Por medio de nuestros esfuerzos de gran alcance para recaudar fondos de las bases, su contribución unirá a nuestros movimientos en un proceso historico de consultación y colaboración amplia. Estamos trabajando para crear un espacio para que organizaciones del movimiento social y activistas de base, especialmente personas no anglo y personas de grupos de bajo ingreso y regiones pobres de los EEUU, puedan encontrar las soluciones populares a nuestros crisis locales, regionales y nacionales.

Para más información sobre el Foro Social Estadounidense, visite: **www.ussf2010.org**

Para recursos sobre la recaudación de fondos a nivel de base, visite: **www.ussf2010.org/feedtheroots**

Co-Presidentes del Grupo de la Mobilización de Recursos para el FSE

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THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

CALL FOR MENTORS/MENTEES

SSSP is now offering a Mentorship 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 the annual meeting only, 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 Atlanta, GA. Participants in the mentorship 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 June 30, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy L. Dietz at tracy.dietz@unt.edu.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2010 JOSEPH B. GITTLER AWARD

Members of the Society are urged to submit the names of nominees for the 2010 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 WINNERS

2009 **Gregory Squires**, George Washington University
 2008 **Valerie Jenness**, University of California, Irvine

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

The 2010 award will be presented at the 60th Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, August 13 – 15, 2010. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 15, 2010 to:

Dr. Rose Brewer, Co-Chair
 Department of African American & African Studies
 University of Minnesota
 810 Social Science Bldg., 267 19th Ave South
 Minneapolis, MN 55455, USA
 Work: (612) 624-9305
 Email: brew001@umn.edu

and

Dr. Kathleen Ferraro, Co-Chair
 Sociology & Social Work, Box 15300
 Northern Arizona University
 Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5300
 Work: (928) 523-9412
 E-mail: Kathleen.Ferraro@nau.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. GITTLER 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 2010 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 13-17, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. 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:

Dr. Denise Copelton
Department of Sociology
The College at Brockport, State University of NY
350 New Campus Drive
Brockport, NY 14420, USA

To be considered applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2010

For further information contact Denise Copelton at: dcopelto@brockport.edu

TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

**The Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee announces
funds available for Foreign Scholars to participate
in the 2010 Annual Meeting, August 13-15, Atlanta, GA.**

The Society for the Study Social Problems established the Lee Scholar Support Fund to help bring foreign scholars 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, preference may be given to applicants from economically disadvantaged countries where access to foreign exchange is often more limited.

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2010 to:

Richard A. Dello Buono
Chair, Department of Sociology
Manhattan College
4513 Manhattan College Parkway
Bronx, NY 10471-4004
W: (718) 862-3861; E-mail: ricardo.dellobuono@manhattan.edu

Other Committee Members:
Hoan N. Bui, Chair-Elect, University of Tennessee
W. Ryan Wishart, University of Oregon
Rebekah M. Zinzivage, Brandeis University

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**The Lee Student Support Fund Committee announces funds available for  
Undergraduate and Graduate Students  
to participate in the 2010 Annual Meeting, August 13-15, Atlanta, GA.**

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 in travel support for undergraduate and graduate student conference participants. Awards are allocated by the 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 15, 2010 to:**

**Tracy L. Dietz**  
**University of North Texas**  
**College of Business Dean's Office**  
**1155 Union Circle, #311160**  
**Denton, TX 76203-5017**  
**W: (940) 565-3534; E-mail: [tracy.dietz@unt.edu](mailto:tracy.dietz@unt.edu)**

**Other Committee Members:**  
*Patrick Donnelly, Chair-Elect, University of Dayton*  
*Junpeng Li, Columbia University*

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

### APPLICATION DEADLINE–MIDNIGHT (EST) MARCH 15, 2010

**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 15 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 Support Fund

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Current Mailing

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(State/Province & Zip Code/Postal Code)

Phone:

(include area code)

(Home)

(Work)

Email:

\_\_\_\_\_

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 \$.51 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. You may be required to submit travel expense records.

**ROOM AND MEAL COSTS ARE RESTRICTED FOR LEE SCHOLAR SUPPORT FUND APPLICANTS ONLY**

Room cost:

SSSP will support a shared room at the SSSP conference hotel (roommate matching service will be available). Our room rate is \$165 (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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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, 2010.**

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### 2010 THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

Nominations are open for the 2010 Social Action Award. **Members of the Society are urged to submit names of organizations as nominees for this award.**

The Thomas C. Hood 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 **Atlanta 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 14, 2010 at the SSSP Awards Banquet in Atlanta, GA. **Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2010.**

#### PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

|      |                          |                                                         |
|------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 2009 | San Francisco, CA        | Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana (WAMM)          |
| 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.                                             |



## **2010 THOMAS C. HOOD 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, 2010 to:**

**Wendy Simonds, Chair  
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:**

*Heather Dalmage, Chair-Elect, Roosevelt University  
J. Lloyd Allen, Georgia State University  
Glenn Johnson, Clark Atlanta University  
Deborah G. Perkins, Coastal Carolina University  
Claire Sterk, Emory University  
Elroi J. Windsor, Georgia State University*

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **2010 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD**

Nominations are now open for the 2010 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**

2009 John F. Galliher, University of Missouri  
 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 2010 award will be presented at the 60th Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, August 13-15, 2010. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 15, 2010 to:

**Dr. Claire M. Renzetti**  
**Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work**  
**University of Dayton, 300 College Park**  
**Dayton, OH 45469**  
**Work: (937) 229-2428**  
**Email: [Claire.renzetti@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:Claire.renzetti@notes.udayton.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 2010 Annual Meeting, August 13-15, Atlanta, GA.**

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 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 15, 2010 to:**

**Julie Mikles-Schluterman**  
Behavioral Sciences, Arkansas Tech University  
Witherspoon # 356, 407 West Q Street  
Russellville, AR 72801-2222  
W: (479) 498-6050; Email: [jmiklesschluterman@atu.edu](mailto:jmiklesschluterman@atu.edu)

**Other Committee Members:**  
*Tamara Mix, Chair-Elect, Oklahoma State University*  
*Sally Serena Ramage, United Nations Institute of Peace*  
*Ruth Thompson-Miller, Texas A & M University*

## Errata

In the Fall 2009 edition of *SPF*, Anne K. Larsen authored the STUDENT COLUMN, "Taming the Beast: Surviving Your First Conference Presentation" appearing on page 32. However, the table of contents did not correctly reflect her authorship and mistakenly attributed the column to another individual. This has been corrected in the electronic version available online at the SSSP website.

On page 39, the address presented for Dr. Denise Copelton, Chair of the 2010 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship Committee was inaccurate. Her correct mailing address is:

Dr. Denise Copelton  
Department of Sociology  
The College at Brockport, State University of NY  
350 New Campus Drive  
Brockport, NY 14420, USA

This has been corrected in the online version of *SPF* appearing at <http://www.sssp1.org/file/Newsletters/Fall%202009%20Newsletter%20%285%29.pdf> and in this issue's Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship announcement appearing on page 41. We regret these mistakes and any inconvenience they may have caused and appreciate your continued support.

Thank you.

Ken Kyle, Editor  
*Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*

**Erwin O. Smigel Award Application**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE—MIDNIGHT (EST) MARCH 15, 2010**  
 (All applicants must be current SSSP members when applying for assistance.  
 Applications postmarked/faxed/emailed after March 15 are ineligible for consideration.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Current  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code) (Home) (Work)

Address where you can be reached after the April 1 announcement date:

(Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Please indicate how you plan to travel to the meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSSP will support estimated air coach fare; auto travel at \$.51 per mile; and travel by bus or train **ONLY**.

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

Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state why you consider yourself “underemployed,” if applicable.

Please state your planned contributions to the meeting. **ONLY** SSSP members who have been accepted for program participation or participating as an elected or appointed officer or committee member 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 chair;**

**Julie Mikles-Schluterman, [jmiklesschluterman@atu.edu](mailto:jmiklesschluterman@atu.edu).**

**Applicants will be notified by the chair if their application was accepted or rejected no later than May 15, 2010.**



**The Society for the Study of Social Problems**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Registration**  
**August 13-15, 2010**  
**The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, 165 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303**  
 (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 July 15)</u> | <u>On-Site</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration <b>Including</b> Banquet*                                                            | \$185                                  | \$210          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration                                                                                      | \$125                                  | \$150          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Unemployed/Emeritus Member Registration <b>Including</b> Banquet*                                | \$90                                   | \$110          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Unemployed/Emeritus Member Registration                                                          | \$30                                   | \$50           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Registration<br>(for non-exempt presenters who do not wish to become members)                 | \$190                                  | \$215          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Student Registration<br>(for non-exempt student presenters who do not wish to become members) | \$95                                   | \$115          |

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

|                                                  |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest (name badge only) | \$15 | \$20 |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|------|

Guest Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First/Middle Name

**ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKET/S:** Saturday, August 14, 8:00pm - 10:00pm, tickets \$60 each\* \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$60 each \_\_\_\_\_

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

There will be a raffle for a **two-night hotel stay at The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel**, the 2010 SSSP conference hotel. The voucher can be applied to your 2010 conference stay. The winner will be announced at the awards banquet. You do not have to be present to win.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES+:** You must be a current member to attend the Annual Meeting unless you pay non-member registration. **If you are already a 2010 member, skip this section.**

|                                  |       |                           |         |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------|
| — Life Members, Emeriti          | \$0   | — \$45,000-\$54,999       | \$120   |
| — Students                       | \$30  | — \$55,000-\$64,999       | \$150   |
| — Unemployed                     | \$30  | — \$65,000-\$74,999       | \$170   |
| — Retired Member                 | \$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** \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (mandatory) \_\_\_\_\_

**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 postmarked/faxed after July 15 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 preliminary 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.

**PERMISSION TO USE PHOTO POLICY:** By registering for the SSSP conference, attendees hereby agree to allow SSSP and affiliates to use any photos taken of them during the conference in news media, web site, publications, promotions, articles, marketing pieces, etc.

**ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES:** Registrants with disabilities may request accessibility services such as sign language interpreters, sighted guides, etc., to facilitate their full participation in the Annual Meeting. If you need accessible accommodations or other services, please alert us to your needs no later than July 15. 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

**MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:** Would you like to participate in the annual meeting mentorship program? If yes, submit your mentoring request no later than June 30. The Lee Student Support Fund Committee will pair you with a mentor and provide you with his/her contact information no later than July 15.

☐ 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 Administrative 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 ☐ No preference

**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 or register online at <http://www.sssp1.org>

**GENERAL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

Michele 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 Glenn W. Muschert, [muschegw@muohio.edu](mailto:muschegw@muohio.edu). When sending an e-mail, place SSSP in the subject line. Eligibility requirements for exemptions are posted on our website.

## Contributors sought for a Student Column on

# Weathering Graduate School with a Non-Academic Partner: Is it Advisable? Is it even Possible?

**Contact the editor with ideas for a column on this topic, or with ideas for other Student Columns to appear in a future issue of *Social Problems Forum*.**





**GROUP: THE SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIAL STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS**

**DATE: AUGUST 10-18, 2010**

**RATE: \$165 per night (standard single/double/triple/quadruple)**  
**Rate is exclusive of 15% tax and subject to change without notice**

**HOTEL:**

Our 765 room property located in the heart of downtown amid the top cultural, entertainment, sports and tourist attractions is Atlanta's 6<sup>th</sup> largest meeting and convention property. More than \$50 million has recently been invested upgrading all its meeting and conference spaces and \$20 million in guest room and architectural enhancements. This has propelled the Sheraton Atlanta's evolution from an unpretentious property into a stylishly designed, energy efficient, environmentally responsible, 21st century hotel.

**GUESTROOMS:**

The Sheraton Atlanta is spending \$20 million on a capital improvement and enhancement program encompassing all facets of the 760 guest room and conference center hotel. All rooms feature a spacious desk area with task lighting, telephones with data ports and plenty of personal comforts. And, to make your experience even more convenient, we added in-room video, bill review and check-out. But we didn't forget the little things either, like making sure you have a complimentary weekday newspaper. You also will have access to high speed internet for only \$9.95 per/day.

**RESERVATIONS:**

To book, modify or cancel a reservation go to: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/sssp2010>. You can also call the hotel directly during the hours of 9:00am-5:30pm (EST) at 404-659-6500 or Central Reservations department at 800-833-8624 (24hrs). When you call to make your reservation please give the name of the group to ensure you are given the correct room rate. Each reservation must be guaranteed with a credit card and will be charged one night room and tax when you book your reservation. Check in is at 3:00 pm and checkout is at noon. There must be a 72 hour notice for cancellation prior to arrival. Any cancellation made after this will forfeit one night room and tax.

**CUT-OFF DATE:**

Reservation must be confirmed by July 21, 2010 at **12:00am (EST)** to guarantee a room rate of \$165.00. Reservations made after July 21<sup>st</sup> or after the room block is filled are subject to non-availability and rate increase.

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