

Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

This issue of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter* marks a number of important changes for the SSSP and for society generally. At the most innocuous level, it marks the change of seasons as the end of the calendar year approaches. At a more ominous level, it marks a number of recent natural calamities effecting tens of thousands of people in many parts of the world. And at a more personal level, it marks the passing of New Orleans, my hometown, from a city rich in cultural heritage but racial and class-based inequality, and ambiguous sexual and gender relations, to something yet to be determined. Along these lines, this issue presents a summary of actions formally taken by the SSSP to aid the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It presents some initial reactions to the disaster by members of Project South, and it presents a provocative commentary by SSSP member and Hurricane Katrina refugee Lisa Romanienko illustrating, among other things, another unexpected result of the disaster.

This issue also marks several changes effecting the SSSP in the short and long term. In the short term, the location of our 2006 annual conference has changed from New York to San Francisco and finally to Montreal as the ASA switched locations for its 2006 conference. Following an intensive search, the Hilton Montréal Bonaventure has been selected as the site for our upcoming conference. Please take note and make plans to attend.

In the longer term, it marks changes in the editorial staffs of both *Social Problems* and *Social Problems Forum*. Following a very successful run under the direction of James Holstein and the editorial staff at Marquette University, *Social Problems* is now in the capable hands of editors at Washington State University, Vancouver. Given this change, Lyssa L. Thaden offers an introduction to the editorial staff.

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We welcome essays, commentary, letters to the editor, and announcements of interest to SSSP members. Submissions by email or diskette using Microsoft Word or Word Perfect files are preferred. **The deadline for submitting material for the next issue is January 22, 2006.**

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From the Executive Office - Tom Hood

This year has ushered in many record breaking natural disasters. On December 26, 2004 the largest earthquake to hit Southeast Asia since 1964 would result in a tsunami whose death toll claimed approximately 275,000 lives. Eight months and 3 days later on August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina obliterated the record books by becoming the costliest and most destructive natural disaster in the United States. Causing unprecedented damage to the Southeastern United States and claiming 1,300 lives to date. On October 8, 2005 a measured 7.6 earthquake hit the areas of Kashmir and Pakistan. This latest natural disaster has left over 87,000 people dead, with many areas of the remote mountainous region still cut off from aid, food and over four million people without shelter. With the onset of the winter snows it is estimated the earthquakes will have caused over 100,000 deaths. If a presumably well-organized country like the United States, with many resources at its disposal, cannot respond quickly and effectively to large-scale natural disasters, what can we expect of governments and countries with fewer resources and less organization? Are we seeing the failure of bureaucracy that our social theorists saw coming at the beginning of the last century? Can we expect the globalization of markets and the rise of the international corporation to make society more prepared to deal with human suffering on such a large scale?

Our President Claire Renzetti noted in her call for papers for the coming meetings in Montreal, Canada that “The United States has been held up by some as the model democracy, and the current federal administration claims to be spreading democracy throughout the world. But the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the impact on the people there can hardly be called democratic. Moreover, the U.S. government chooses to ignore the plight of others, such as those in Darfur, if their suffering does not serve our nation’s political purpose.” For example, Amy Horton, head of the United Nations World Food Program, reports that it is impossible to shift three-months worth of food supplies to some of the 657,000 refugees in outlying camps due to the insecurity of travel in Darfur.

The questions President Renzetti poses are not problems that can be deferred for a more leisurely time of examination. Here are some of her pressing questions: “How can we ensure justice and democratic processes in a political climate that fosters mistrust of difference and uses the threat of terrorism to legitimate rolling back rights and increasing military spending and intervention? What do *community* and *democracy* mean in the context of globalization? ...What must be done to reprioritize the national agenda so that strategies for achieving peace and justice are at the forefront, rather than dismissed as “liberal pie in the sky”?”

Our job as members of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is to collect our information, to sit down, think and write, and submit those ideas in the form of papers for inclusion in the 2006 program. Let’s make the 2006 meeting outstanding through our effort to bring the best scholarship to bear on the problems confronting not just American society but the world.

Most of our members live in conditions of great privilege. We have food to eat, a roof over our heads, a bed to sleep in and ease of transportation. The fact that you have the time and education to read this column means that you are among the privileged citizens of this world. Get to work on your scholarship and contribute your research and your thoughts to making a difference in understanding injustice and eliminating it!

Welcome to Amy Wharton our new Editor of SOCIAL PROBLEMS. Welcome to Ken Kyle our new Editor of SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER. Welcome to Mary Walker our new Graduate Associate in the Executive Office. Thank you and well done to Jim Holstein and Steve Couch our retiring editors and to Denise Knight our former Graduate Associate.

We continue to be very grateful to Michele Smith Koontz our Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager, especially since October marked her 13th anniversary with SSSP. Our negotiation of the contract for the Montreal meeting has taken much time and emotional energy. Let’s celebrate by making Montreal a record breaking attendance year. We had never held an annual meeting in Philadelphia in my memory and we almost beat San Francisco in attendance. Let’s set a record for outstanding papers and meeting attendance in Montreal. Start writing and budgeting for the trip now!

***Social Problems* Now at Washington State University**

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In June 2005 *Social Problems* moved to its new home – Washington State University, Vancouver – where it will remain for the next three years. Sociology professor Amy S. Wharton has taken over editorship of the journal, with Lisa Catanzarite, Clay Mosher and Nella Van Dyke serving as Associate Editors. Sarah Chivers, a WSU graduate student, is the Editorial Coordinator, and Trudy Flores (M.A., history, Portland State University) has been hired as production editor.

The Department of Sociology at Washington State University has been a longtime supporter of *Social Problems*. Many current (and former) faculty have published papers in the journal or have served as reviewers. This productive and engaged department, with its wide-ranging intellectual resources, will be an exciting home for *Social Problems* during the next three years.

Reflecting the thoughts of the entire editorial team, Wharton says that she is “honored to have been selected editor of *Social Problems*.” In her view, the journal has a distinctive identity. This identity includes a commitment to social justice and the belief that top-tier social science can and should be used to address the critical social issues of our time.

Wharton and her associate editors believe that *Social Problems* has a solid reputation in the discipline: “It is a credit to previous editors that the journal is viewed positively by authors, potential authors, and its readers.” In that spirit, her editorial team is committed to providing authors with timely, thorough, and constructive reviews and fair decision-making. As she notes: “While editorial transitions are, by definition, moments of change, I believe that they also come with a responsibility to sustain and preserve core values and practices. *Social Problems* has a distinctive identity and is held in high regard among all its constituencies. As editor, I aim to nurture these qualities by publishing engaged research on critical social problems.”

Central to Wharton’s editorial philosophy is the view that the best scholarship acknowledges its connections to a larger whole. She and her associate editors believe that papers published in *Social Problems* should: “(1) address an important social problem; that is, authors should be able to clearly explain the significance of their research as it relates to a social problem or public issue; (2) be theoretically informed, as well as methodologically sound; (3) be aware and reflective about its broader contributions to scholarship, policy, and/or activism; authors must understand their contribution, acknowledge its limitations, and anticipate their critics; and (4) produce useful knowledge – not merely in the applied sense of solving problems, but useful as *basic* research that can help people better understand and transform the social world.”

About the Editors

Amy Wharton is Professor of Sociology at the Vancouver campus of Washington State University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in 1984. Her current research focuses on organizational responses to employees’ work-life concerns. With her former colleague Mary Blair-Loy, she has studied the implementation of work-life policies in a large international financial services firm. They have explored the factors that shape workers’ use (or lack of use) of these policies and ways policy use is shaped by characteristics of jobs, supervisors, and the social contexts of employment. This research has contributed to her growing interest in organizational ideologies and identities. In a recent project, Wharton with colleagues Blair-Loy and Jerry Goodstein, are analyzing the mission statements of a sample of financial services firms. Drawing on neo-institutional theory, they hope to understand whether and how an organization’s core ideology shapes its re-

sponse to work-life issues.

While this is Wharton's first opportunity to edit a journal, she has had extensive experience with the editorial process. She has served on the editorial board of *Social Problems* (1990-1994), *American Sociological Review*, *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *Criminology* and *Contexts*. Wharton indicates that this experience has prepared her especially well for the *Social Problems* editorship, as she has learned to appreciate and evaluate scholarship from a variety of specialty areas.

Wharton's recent publications include: "Long Work Hours and Family Life: A Cross-National Study of Employees' Concerns" (with Blair-Loy) (Forthcoming, *Journal of Family Issues*), "Understanding Diversity of Work in the 21st Century and Its Impact on the Work-Family Area of Study" (Forthcoming, In *The Work-Family Handbook: Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives and Approaches*, ed. M. Pitt-Catsouphes, E. Kossek, and S. Sweet, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates), "Organizational Commitment and Constraints on Work-Family Policy Use: Corporate Flexibility Policies in a Global Firm" (with Blair-Loy) (2004, *Sociological Perspectives*, 47:243-267). She is also the author of *Working in America: Continuity, Conflict, and Change*, 3rd Edition (Forthcoming, New York: McGraw-Hill) and *The Sociology of Gender: An Introduction to Theory and Research* (2005, Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers).

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Catanzarite has reviewed for virtually all of Sociology's top tier and regional association journals, as well as specialty journals such as *Work and Occupations*, *International Migration Review*, and *Feminist Economics*. She has also served as a reviewer of grant and fellowship proposals for various organizations, including the *National Science Foundation*.

Her recent publications include: "Immigration, Union Density, and Brown-Collar Wage Penalties." (2004, *State of California Labor*, 4:107-30), "Occupational Context and Wage Competition of New Immigrant Latinos with Minorities and Whites." (2003, *Review of Black Political Economy*, 31:77-94), "Race-Gender Composition and Occupational Pay Degradation." (2003, *Social Problems*, 50).

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Mosher has reviewed numerous articles for general sociology and criminology/criminal justice journals, book manuscripts for publishers, and research proposals for various state and federal government agencies. He has also served on the C. Wright Mills (book award) Committee for the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

His recent publications include: "Outrages Against Personal Dignity: Rationalizing Abuse and Torture in the War on Terror." (with G. Hooks) (2005, *Social Forces*), "The Dynamics of a Prison-Based Therapeutic Com-

munity for Women Offenders: Retention, Completion, and Outcomes.” (with D. Phillips) (Forthcoming, *The Prison Journal*), “Minority Adolescents and Substance Abuse Risk/Protective Factors: A Focus on Inhalants.” (with T. Rotolo, D. Phillips, A. Krupski, and K. Stark) (2004, *Adolescence*, 39:489-502).

Nella Van Dyke is Associate Professor of Sociology at Washington State University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in 1999. Her research interests include social movements, hate crimes, and stratification. Her current research focuses on hate crimes on college campuses, cultural representation of gays and lesbians between 1950 and 1969, and the revitalized labor movement and student activism.

Van Dyke has reviewed articles for *Social Problems* for the past seven years. She has also reviewed for numerous other journals including *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Mobilization*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Sociological Forum*, and others. She also reviews book manuscripts for publishers and research proposals for federal agencies.

Her current publications include: “The Targets of Social Movements: Beyond a Focus on the State.” (with S.A. Soule and V.A. Taylor) (2004, *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change*, 25), “Crossing Movement Boundaries: Factors that Facilitate Coalition Protest by American College Students, 1930-1990.” (2003, *Social Problems*, 50:226-250), “Structural Social Change and the Mobilizing Effect of Threat: Explaining Levels of Patriot and Militia Mobilizing in the United States.” (with S.A. Soule) (2002, *Social Problems*, 49:497-520).

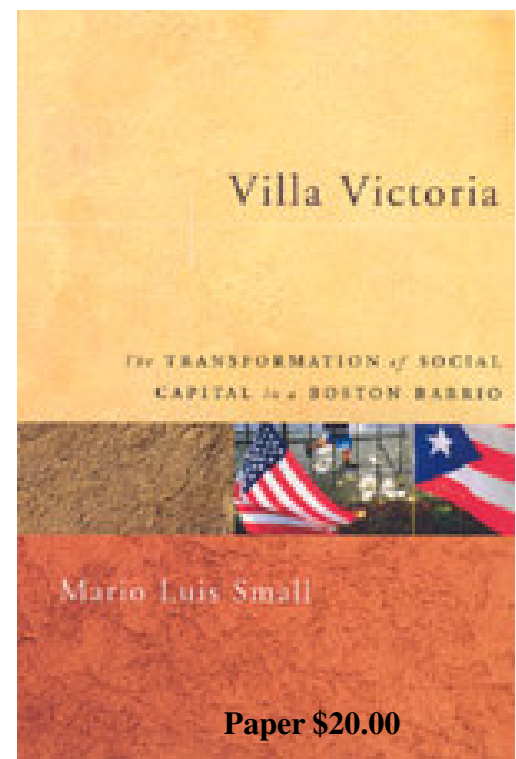
Winner of the 2004 C. Wright Mills Award

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—William Julius Wilson, Harvard University

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—Katherine Newman, Harvard University



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Hungry, Cold, and Poverty-Stricken in the Eastern Bloc

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Poles know a lot about struggle and catastrophes. So does the International Red Cross. With Swiss roots and a mission of neutral political intervention to assist the needy in man-made and natural disasters, the organization has witnessed its share of misery. The Polish Red Cross is no exception, and on Monday, the 25th of September, it accepted funding from the United States Embassy in Warsaw and a variety of other private sponsors to hold a jazz concert to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. This event, broadcast live on television throughout Poland, offered an evening of jazz music to honor the people of the City of New Orleans - the birthplace of jazz. As a ten-year resident of N'awlins, I was impressed with the breadth of musical repertoire demonstrated by Polish musicians and singers. Their contributions fully captured the spirit of struggle rooted in this unique American musical genre. The purity of contributions from the Polish music community is what makes my observations on the beneficiary of these fundraising efforts particularly disturbing.

I was fortunate to have been scheduled to present my research at the 2005 European Sociological Association conference here in Poland when this hurricane hit the 'Big Easy.' I had personally endured two terrifying hurricanes over my decade in town, but none of these was as ferocious as Katrina. The aftermath was horrifying for us all to watch, but no one familiar with contemporary politics in the United States was really surprised at the inefficiency and incompetence that characterized the post-disaster government response. What was really shocking, however, was the Red Cross collusion with apathetic and incompetent government officials. In the days after the post-hurricane flooding, the Red Cross refused to assist the starving and dehydrated poor people of New Orleans by failing to set up disaster response field operations within the city. This decision demonstrates the intensifying class conflict occurring in the United States, as well as the failures of charities around the globe to mitigate the suffering associated with poverty. The official refusal of the Red Cross to provide charitable assistance to the poorest victims even under the most acute natural disaster conditions (occurring through no fault of their own) signifies an ethical decline of this respected organization, and provides evidence of the callous American policies of the charitable nonprofit sector that operate to the (often genocidal) detriment of the poor around the world. Intersectoral collusion between the government and nonprofit sector to advance for-profit economic interests in US foreign affairs policies has been the reluctant focus of my research, and it has caused me to appear to evolve into a pariah in some sociological circles.

The decline of ethics within nonprofit and public educational and social service institutions is not limited to the United States. With officials prohibiting my return home, I had no choice but to cancel my flight back to the states. Wandering around Warsaw with no money in my pocket, hungry, homeless, uninspired, and tired of living in an anarchist squat; I finally contacted the US Embassy for assistance. Their American Citizen Services office called the perpetually busy lines at the US Red Cross, and then referred me to the Polish Red Cross [Polski Czerwony Krzyz]. I visited their offices in person asking for some emergency financial assistance until I can locate work, but was flatly denied. Furthermore, the Polski Czerwony Krzyz staff refused to make any contacts on my behalf to the Red Cross in the US. They told me to go find an internet cafe and send some emails to the US Red Cross, which they claimed they were not affiliated with. I reminded them that they had just had a hugely successful fundraiser on behalf of the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and asked them what they intended to do with the money donated by the poverty-stricken people of Poland for cases like my own. The Polish Red Cross denied me any assistance whatsoever.

Similar experiences have been trickling in through my email from musicians and artists in dire straits in New Orleans. All have filed applications for national [FEMA] and state benefits [LA Department of Labor Unem-

ployment Insurance], but these government assistance programs take time. The Red Cross in both the US and Poland is in a unique position to provide acute disaster assistance to hurricane victims until these programs kick in. Instead, these resources are being blocked and are not being transferred to the people for whom these donations were intended. This prestigious organization with such a significant history has seemingly evolved into a completely innocuous fundraising apparatus.

This has not always been the case. The Red Cross personally reunited the surviving members of my family after WWII, many of whom had spiraled onto four different continents. During the war, the International Red Cross Red Crescent saved my mother's life as a transcontinental refugee in Dar es Salaam, Africa. After peace negotiations, this humanitarian organization also assisted my parents in escaping postwar communist Poland by relocating them to labor opportunities in the textile mills of Northern England. This same international relief organization was now incapable of distributing a simple loaf of bread or providing me with a hot cup of tea. Given the outpouring of contributions from such poverty-stricken people as the citizens of Bangladesh, I think it is time we finally acknowledge that the International Red Cross has been usurped by its powerful alliance with political and business elites, and is now completely incapable of fulfilling its humanitarian mission or mobilizing its vast resources for non-imperial objectives. Given this rapidly declining record, I strongly suggest that donors such as those of Bangladesh, Poland, and sociologists from the United States begin to devote precious resources to other charitable organizations better capable of distributing humanitarian aid. Given global warming and related climate changes, natural disasters and humanitarian assistance are unfortunately expected to continue. Because the Red Cross has consistently failed to fulfill its objective in every possible dimension, this Katrina victim strongly urges you to send your donations to other humanitarian funds.

Lisiunia (Lisa) A. Romanienko (BA Rutgers University, MS New School University) has a bachelors degree in sociology, a masters degree in nonprofit management, and is currently pursuing her PhD in sociology at Wroclaw University in Poland.

**The Society for the Study of Social Problems
congratulates**

ROBERT PERRUCCI

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

winner of the 2005 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

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

News of Note:

Call for Articles, Book Chapters, and Teaching Materials

The Sociology of Gender and Work: Syllabi and Teaching Materials

We seek submissions for the American Sociological Association's third edition of *The Sociology of Gender and Work: Syllabi and Teaching Materials*. We are interested in receiving materials that are timely, up-to-date, imaginative, and that offer distinct and innovative pedagogical tools and ideas, including syllabi, class activities, assignments, recommended films and books, and web site lists. Submissions must include clearly defined expectations for students and relevant information about the context of the course to assist readers in employing any teaching strategies you describe. We strongly encourage submissions that integrate perspectives on the intersections of gender, race, ethnicity, class and sexual orientation in the areas of work and occupations. Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2006. The editors are Patti Giuffre (Texas State University, pg07@txstate.edu) and Sharon Bird (Iowa State University, sbird@iastate.edu). Submit materials (via e-mail) to Pattie Giuffre (pg07@txstate.edu).

Special Issue of *Peace Review* on "Military Dissent"

Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice seeks essays on Military Dissent for a special issue. Dissent amongst those subject to military service around the world is an ever increasing phenomenon today. Those subject to conscription as well as those on active military service have dissented and resisted the call to arms on a variety of levels in various nations. *Peace Review* invites submissions devoted to the personal strategies and tactics of dissent against the military from those who have been subjected to conscription and military service. We are interested in both principled objection and dissent, e.g., conscientious objection; and what may be considered less principled forms of resistance. We are particularly interested in the personal experience of resisters and dissenters, and those essays that provide insight into practical actions that others subject to military service might pursue to resist inappropriate military imperatives. The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2006. Essays should run between 2500 and 3500 words, and should be jargon- and footnote- free. See Submission Guidelines at <http://www.usfca.edu/peacereview/>. Send essays to: Robert Elias (Editor) or Kerry Donoghue (Managing Editor) at:

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Special Issue of *Qualitative Sociology* on "Constructing Workers"

"Constructing Workers:" A special issue focused on efforts to organize workers in contingent labor contracts who are often not considered employees. Increasing numbers of workers fit this description, and both unions and community organizations have sought to help them organize for rights and benefits due workers with employee status. How do these groups organize? With what resources? How do they construct "workers" in such a way as to make contingent workers and contingent work less contingent? How do workers see themselves and their work? The deadline for submissions is January 10, 2006. Send papers to:

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News of Note - continued:

Research in the Sociology of Work, Volume 17: Work Place Temporalities

The global, 24/7 economy and the organizational changes it has generated have enormous implications for the organization, experience and use of time in the workplace. In addition to eroding the boundary between home and work, creating time pressures, the need for businesses to compete in a 24/7 global economy has problematized time in the workplace. Volume 17 of *Research in the Sociology of Work* will include manuscripts that examine empirically and/or theoretically, all aspects of time in the workplace. Research from sociology, business related disciplines and economics are welcome. The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2005. For more information, contact:

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New volume of Advances in Medical Sociology on sociology and bioethics

Elizabeth M. Armstrong and Barbara Katz Rothman announce a call for papers for a new volume of *Advances in Medical Sociology*, "Bioethical Issues: Sociological Perspectives," to be published by Elsevier in early 2008, focusing on the contributions that medical sociology brings to bioethics. With the rise of bioethics as a discipline, sociological analysis of biomedical issues and clinical practices has lost traction. While we will include articles reflecting the interest among sociologists in bioethics as a discipline, this volume will go beyond "the sociology of bioethics." We seek articles addressing the management and social construction of bioethical issues: what gets counted as "bioethics" and—equally important—what gets left out of bioethical analysis. In this volume we seek to publish distinctly sociological perspectives on issues that have been framed as "bioethics." Please submit an abstract and a brief description (approx. two pages) of the proposed paper by January 16, 2006 to: advmedsoc@gmail.com.

Congratulations!

SSSP Member Andrea Smith among those Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

Congratulations to Andrea Smith, SSSP member and author of the path-breaking work, *Conquest: Sexual Violence and American Indian Genocide*. She is among those nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the Swiss organization, 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005. For more information on 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005, visit www.1000peacewomen.org

Congratulations once again Andrea!

***Social Problems* Ranked Among Top Five Serial Publications in Sociology**

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) announced that *Social Problems* was ranked among the top five Sociology journals in 2004. The congratulatory letter informing SSSP of its decision explains:

While these rankings do not provide the entire picture of a journal, including its peer-review process, its history, or value to a niche audience, they do relay a journal's overall discoverability, relative significance in the field, and timeliness of content—aspects that result from the hard work and foresight of its editorial office, a healthy society membership and reader base, and a diligent publisher able to utilize every means possible to enhance visibility in a digital environment.

To this end, I would like to congratulate you on the 2004 ISI ranking for *Social Problems*, which catapulted from 44 on the 2003 list to 4 this year Your journal is counted among the top five serial publications in Sociology This is a considerable achievement, given that the first two publications are review journals, covering general trends in recent sociological scholarship.

Congratulations to the editors and to all who worked to make Social Problems the success it is!

Instructional Resources of Note

Films & Videos on Economic Sociology

First Run/Icarus Films has created a new on-line resource for teaching and learning about Economic Sociology. "Films & Videos on Economic Sociology" brings together on one page an annotated listing of over 50 of the most important and timely documentary videos and DVDs available for academic audiences addressing areas and themes such as Behavioral Economics, Consumption, Environment & Economy, Gender & Economics, Globalization, Informal Economy, Trade Unions, and so on. The resource is located at <http://www.frif.com/subjects/econsoci.html>. For more information, please contact:

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Women's Health Today

Mark your calendars and find out WHAT's new in women's health! This program is brought to you by the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Center for Gender Equity and the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health.

"Women's Health Today" is a monthly, lunch-hour series of talks given by UCSF faculty on contemporary topics in women's health. All talks will be webcast and broadcast live by University of California Television (UCTV). Audience members (on-line and in person) are invited to submit questions to speakers. Online questions during the show should be sent to what@ucsf.edu. Watch this program from your computer and interact with the speaker live time! To access the live streaming video of the talks, visit <http://www.uctv.tv/watch/>. NOTE: All talks take place 12 noon – 1 p.m. Pacific Time, unless otherwise noted. Archived versions of the webcast will be available approximately three months after each show airs.

For detailed descriptions of the talk visit <http://www.ucsf.edu/cge/wg/programs/what/current.html>. For additional information, contact the UCSF Center for Gender Equity at (415) 476-522.

C. Wright Mills Intellectual Craftsmanship

Go to http://politicaleconomy.50webs.com?INTELLECTUAL_files/frame.htm for a web-based teaching supplement concerning C. Wright Mills' approach to Sociology. The presentation is entitled C. Wright Mills' "Intellectual Craftsmanship" and it contains 29 slides.

News of Note - continued:

Job Announcements

The following institutions are accepting applications for faculty positions or Post Doctoral Fellows:

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 Michigan State University
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Position announcements and application instructions are available at the SSSP website.

Go to <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/184/m/182>.

New Academic Programs

American University Professional MA concentration

The sociology faculty at American University in Washington, DC, announces a new concentration in Professional Sociology within the Master of Arts in Sociology. The Professional MA concentration, which begins in Fall 2006, is designed to provide students with training to use theories and methods of sociology in a wide range of work settings, including social activism and advocacy. The program of study leads to career paths ranging from grassroots organizing and work in community-based non-profit agencies and non-governmental organizations to employment in government agencies or legislative offices and jobs in “think tanks,” advocacy organizations, or private consulting.

The program incorporates experiential learning or internships in the many realms in which sociologists are called upon to demonstrate their professional expertise as well as their commitment to progressive social change. The Professional MA concentration will appeal to students who want to enhance their marketable skills and pursue a social justice agenda while learning from sociologists who work in government, community-based non-profits, research, or commercial/consulting organizations.

For more information, visit the website <http://american.edu/cas/sociology/mapsc/> or contact: Dr. Douglas Klayman, Program Coordinator at klayman@american.edu or (240) 235-6207; Sandra Linden at slinden@american.edu or (202) 885-2475.

Other Conferences' Calls for Presentations

The 5th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences will be held May 31 – June 3, 2006. The conference is sponsored by the East West Council for Education, the Asia-Pacific Research Institute of Peking University, and the University of Louisville – Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods. Organizers

are soliciting papers, abstracts and submissions. The deadline for submissions is January 24, 2006.

The National Association of Local Boards of Health will hold its 14th Annual Conference July 26 – 29, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. Organizers are accepting submissions through December 9, 2005.

More detailed information on these conferences and appropriate links are available at the SSSP website. Go to <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/184/m/182>.

Other Conferences/Workshops of Interest

“Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute: Broadening Perspectives and Participation” Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University; July 10-27, 2006

Scholars pursuing tenure and career success in research intensive institutions, academics transitioning from teaching to research institutions, and faculty carrying out research in teaching contexts will be interested in this Summer Research Institute. Organized by Lauren J. Krivo and Ruth D. Peterson and funded by the National Science Foundation and Ohio State University, the Institute is designed to promote successful research projects and careers among scholars from under-represented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice. The 2006 inaugural institute will be held July 10-27, 2006.

Participants will be provided with necessary resources for completing research that is already on-going and will work with senior faculty mentors in their areas of study. There will be opportunities for networking with other junior and senior scholars. Research and professional development workshops will address topics related to publishing, research methods, and professionalization. The institute will culminate in a research symposium where participants present their completed research before an audience of nationally recognized scholars.

Participants will be housed in a trendy neighborhood of Columbus with easy access to campus and downtown. Expenses for travel to Ohio, living, and local transportation will be provided. Applications must be postmarked by February 10, 2006. For more information and to download an application, please see our web site (<http://cjrc.osu.edu/summerinstitute>). If you have any questions, please e-mail cjrcinstitute@osu.edu.

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The University of Hawaii’s Center on the Family announces its inaugural research conference on multiethnic families to be held February 21-23, 2006. More information is available at <http://www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu/MultiethnicFamilies/index.asp>.

Public Administration Theory Network is holding its 19th Annual Meeting in Olympia, Washington, February 9-10, 2006. More information is available at the PAT-Net website, <http://www.evergreen.edu/events/patnet/>.

News of Note - continued:

The Southwestern Social Science Association is holding its 86th annual meetings in San Antonio, Texas, April 11-15, 2006. More information is available at the SSSA website, <http://www.sssaonline.org/>.

Recent Publications by Members

Walter S. DeKeseredy, Desmond Ellis & Shahid Alvi. 2005. *Deviance and Crime: Theory, Research and Policy*. LexisNexis Anderson. ISBN: 1583605495

Ken Kyle. 2005. *Contextualizing Homelessness: Critical Theory, Homelessness, and Federal Policy Addressing the Homeless*. New York: Routledge. ISBN 0415974429

Torin Monahan. 2005. *Globalization, Technological Change, and Public Education*. New York: Routledge. ISBN: 0415951038.

SSSP's Response to Hurricane Survivors

"As Hurricane Wilma renews our thoughts of past destruction we ask you not to forget the on-going battle to rebuild lives cast into turmoil by her predecessors."

Appearing on the SSSP's main web page

In response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina, the SSSP created a separate web page at its official website to aid survivors.

Among its efforts to aid victims, the Executive Office:

1. offered to act (served) as a clearinghouse for those wishing to aid displaced SSSP members by providing office space, library access, housing, etc.;
2. presented members wishing to offer monetary donations with a link to a list of recognized relief organizations and advice on informed giving;
3. provided links to appropriate teaching resources; and
4. created a venue for members to share their thoughts, comments and personal experiences (e.g., see "Comments on Hurricane Katrina from Project South" on page 15).

If you are interested in learning more or in aiding survivors, these resources are still available at <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/532>.

Comments on Hurricane Katrina from Project South

(posted on the SSSP website September 7, 2005)

Abandonment

“If I were in the situation like our brothers and sisters suffering with the aftermath of Katrina, I would certainly be in some store to change my wet, fecal-soaked clothes, getting water and food, and if a cop came up to me to tell me to halt and throw away, I would tell him to go ahead and shoot me as I open the bottle of water and begin to drink it?”

Dr. Gwen Patton, Movement Activist and Project South Board Member

Our hearts and minds are with all of our members and Southerners that have been affected by the disaster that is both nature-made and man-made. Many local and national officials knew that this level of devastation would result if a hurricane of this magnitude ever hit New Orleans; even down to the number of people (100,000 low-income New Orleanians) who would be stranded without resources to evacuate.

It is hard enough to watch the disaster that was Hurricane Katrina, but it is even more challenging to watch the overwhelming disregard for those who have been left behind by poverty and racial injustice. The crisis in the watery soul of the South didn't start when the levee broke in New Orleans. But it does brutally unmask a system unfit to lead, organize, or make any decisions about our country's future. Needs must be met today. Institutions must be bent to serve. The vision of tomorrow – a place where we know this could have been avoided and no one left to the elements for days/weeks – becomes not a future of hope but an imminent necessity, up to us to secure.

Project South offers its unending commitment to fight and secure tomorrow a world where human needs are met and the future is not empty with desperation but bright with promise.

As we witness this catastrophe, Project South offers these critical questions:

1. What are the historical root causes of poverty, of land management, and disaster relief efforts that have led to this movement?
2. How do we remember and hold closer the humanity of folks who have been left behind while critiquing the broader political system for its racism and classism?
3. How do we look forward and build the capacity of our communities in the South so that we are prepared to stand with all that are affected by systems of oppression in times of crisis?

Project South is discussing and planning how to offer appropriate short-term and long-term relief to our fellow and sister Southerners.

September 2, 2005

Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide

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2005 Student Paper Competition and Outstanding Scholarship Awards

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(sponsored by the Special Problems Divisions of the Society for the Study of Social Problems)

COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

1st Place: "Do Communities Act? Examining the Drivers of Philanthropic Investment in Chicago Neighborhoods," Heather MacIndoe, University of Chicago

CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE DIVISION

1st Place: "The Management of Activism by Corporate Discourse and The Activist as an Ideological Code," Naomi Nichols, York University

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DIVISION

1st Place: "Should Scientific Brain Research be used in Judicial Waiver Decisions?" Diana Velott, Penn State Harrisburg

1st Place: "Race, Gender, and Recidivism: What Matters?" Michael Wehrman, University of Cincinnati
Scholar Book Award: To Be Announced

DRINKING AND DRUGS DIVISION

1st Place: "Conceptions of Risk in the Lives of Club Drug-Using Youth," Brian C. Kelly, Columbia University
Honorable Mention: "Five Years After: Long Term Recovery from Heroin Use among Ex-Offenders: Preliminary Findings from a Dissertation Study," Nelson Tiburcio, Medical and Health Research Association of New York City, Inc./National Development and Research Institutes/John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Senior Scholar Award: Sheigla Murphy, Institute for Scientific Analysis

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS DIVISION

1st Place: "Using the Multiple Perspectives Approach to Analyze a Policy: The Case of Education Vouchers Policy," Mukaria J. Itang'ata, Western Michigan University

FAMILY DIVISION

1st Place: "Is Justice Contextual? A Cross-National Analysis of Women's Perceptions of Fairness of the Division of Household Labor," Shannon N. Davis, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2nd Place: "She Earns, He Earns: Exploring Race and Class Variation in Wives' Contributions to Couples' Income," Sarah Winslow, University of Pennsylvania
3rd Place: "In Families or as Individuals?: Theoretical and Methodological Problems in the Study of Women's Class," Karen Albright, University of California, Berkeley

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

1st Place: "From Trapped in the Wrong Body to Freed in the Right Body: Transsexual Men's Pursuit of an Appropriately Gendered Body," Kristen Schilt, University of California, Los Angeles and Elroi Waszkiewicz, Georgia State University
Honorable Mention: "Across-Domain Comorbidity: Co-Occurring Physical Health Problems and Psychiatric Disorders in the General Population," Ranae J. Evenson, Vanderbilt University
Honorable Mention: "Obesity in America 1960-2000: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis," Rebecca Utz, University of Utah

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY DIVISION

1st Place: “Managing Access at the Museum: Disability & Institutional Boundaries,” Patrick Rodgers, University of Toronto

LABOR STUDIES DIVISION–BRAVERMAN AWARD

1st Place: “Organizational Narratives and Membership Control,” Joshua Carreiro, University of Massachusetts

LAW AND SOCIETY DIVISION–ALFRED R. LINDESMITH AWARD

1st Place: “Domestic Violence Crime Control Policy and Practice: Implications for Arguments Concerning Penal Theory,” Gabrielle Ferrales, Northwestern University

MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

1st Place: “Disordered Minds, Disrupted Relationships? Serious Mental Illness and Social Network Instability,” Brea L. Perry, Indiana University

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES DIVISION

1st Place: “From ‘Missing Girls’ to America’s Sweethearts: White American Parental Ideologies and the Construction of Cultural Identity in Adopted Chinese Daughters,” Leslie Wang, University of California, Berkeley

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES DIVISION

1st Place: “Making Meaning of Sexuality: Low-Income African American Teens and Their Beliefs about Sexuality,” Carissa Froyum, North Carolina State University

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION

1st Place: “The Brazilian Anti-Dam Movement: Knowledge Contestation as Communicative Action,” Sabrina McCormick, Brown University

2nd Place: “Oppositional Intellectualism as Reflection, Not Rejection, of Power: Wits Sociology 1975-1989,” Shireen Ally, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Honorable Mention: “Sex Seen: The Socio-Optical Construction of Sexed Bodies,” Asia Friedman, Rutgers University

Honorable Mention: “Justify My Love: Constructing Moral Boundaries in Care Work,” Clare Stacey, Post-Doc University of California, San Francisco

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION

1st Place: “Tracing the Role of Family Scholarship in the Design Social Welfare Policy,” Catherine E. Kuhn, Michigan State University

2nd Place: “Of Witches, Welfare Queens, and the Disaster Named Poverty: The Search for a Counter-Narrative,” Shawn Cassiman, University of Wisconsin, Madison

3rd Place: “Localizing Women’s Welfare: A Comparative Analysis of the Women’s Movements in Two Cities in Eastern Germany,” Katja M. Guenther, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS DIVISION

1st Place: “The Forbidden Chapter: Representations of Sexuality in Introductory Sociology Textbooks,” Alicia Suarez and Alexandra Berkowitz, Indiana University

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR CONTINUED:

Similarly, the editorship of this newsletter has changed hands as well. Allow me to take this opportunity to thank Steve Couch and Anne Mercuri of Penn State Schuylkill for their assistance in making the editorial transition a smooth one. Also, allow me to introduce editorial assistant Virginia Ellen and myself, and to say a few words about the direction I would like to take the newsletter.

Social Problems Forum's new editorial assistant is Virginia Ellen. She is a graduate student in Penn State Harrisburg's Community Psychology & Social Change program. She holds a BS degree in Psychology from Kutztown University, and is conducting research on burnout among activists. Also, Virginia is the assistant editor for The Pennsylvania State University's *Service Learning Handbook*. For those who do not know me, I am Ken Kyle. I am an associate professor of Sociology at Penn State Harrisburg, a graduate of Arizona State University's interdisciplinary Justice Studies program, and a member of the SSSP since 1994. My research and teaching interests revolve around the application of critical social theory to address social injustices.

Building upon the groundwork laid by Steve Couch and Anne Mercuri, I have two new goals for the newsletter. First, I would like to see the newsletter facilitate greater awareness of how other disciplines and associations approach social problems; thus, aiding SSSP members engaged in interdisciplinary work. Second, I would like the newsletter to become a more focused resource for student members and junior faculty members as they work to establish themselves after graduate school.

In particular, I would like to introduce two new features to the newsletter in coming issues. First, following a suggestion by members of the SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, I am introducing a "News of Note" section. This feature is intended to formalize the practice of sharing useful information with our fellow SSSP members (e.g., recent books published by members, honors received by members, conferences of interest, special issues of journals with calls for papers, etc.). Look at this issue's "News of Note" and please pass on noteworthy news so that we may share it with members in our next issue.

Second, in the next issue I wish to introduce a regular column devoted specifically to the concerns and needs of graduate students seeking employment and junior faculty members seeking tenure. Should there be sufficient interest, I would be open to developing two distinct columns, one for graduate students and one for junior faculty members.

For now though, I am considering two models for a single, joint column. In the first model I solicit contributions, arrange and edit the column myself. In the second model, a column editor is chosen to oversee the column for a specific length of time. This model is based upon the operations of *TCP*, the official newsletter of Community Psychology's professional association. In this model, the column editor would have full editorial control and responsibility for securing the column regularly. One advantage of this model is that it gives the column editor greater visibility in the SSSP and it may be presented as evidence of professional service for those who will go up for tenure in the future.

However, at this time, I am soliciting proposals for commentaries specifically related to graduate student concerns and/or tenure-track faculty member concerns, and I am inviting those who may be interested in serving as column editor to contact me. Similarly, I would like to encourage everyone to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for publication in future issues. Also, I welcome your comments and suggestions concerning the newsletter.

And finally, a reminder, as with issues over the last few years, only some of the official minutes and committee reports from the annual meeting are presented here. All minutes and reports are available online at the SSSP (website, <http://www.sssp1.org>).

TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

**The Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee announces:
funds available for Unemployed and Underemployed Sociologists
to participate in the 2006 Annual Meeting, August 10-12, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.**

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 monies are to be used to help pay for three or four unemployed or severely underemployed sociologists' transportation to and registration fees for the SSSP meeting; 2) applicants must be 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, 2006 to:

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OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Aaron Kupchik, Arizona State University
Joya Misra, University of Massachusetts

ACADEMIC FREEDOM RESOLUTION:

The Society for the Study of Social Problems, cognizant of the current anti-intellectual climate in American society and cognizant of attacks on both academic freedom and civil liberties, hereby reaffirms its commitment to the principles of academic freedom and civil liberties generally and wishes to go on record as affirming that we stand in strong support of the AAUP (2005) position concerning academic freedom which states: "In the U.S., neither teachers nor students are responsible to the government for the content of their teaching or learning." Accordingly, the SSSP shall strongly resist any and all attacks on both academic freedom and civil liberties.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2006 SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

Nominations are open for the 2006 Social Action Award. **Members of the Society are urged to submit names of organizations as nominees for this award.**

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

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

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

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

Preference is given to small, local agencies in the **Montreal, Quebec, Canada 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 11, 2006 at the SSSP Awards Banquet in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Deadline for nominations is April 15, 2006.

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

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	Innercity 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.

2006 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 you believe would be helpful to the committee.

Nominations should be sent no later than April 15, 2006 to:

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Marjorie DeVault, Syracuse University
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Beth Roy, Practitioners Research and Scholarship
Terry Shaw, University of California, Berkeley

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2006 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2006 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

- 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

2006 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

The 2006 award will be presented at the 56th Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 10-12, 2006. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 15, 2006 to:

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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.

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.

TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE

**The Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee announces
funds available for Foreign Scholar-Activists
to participate in the 2006 Annual Meeting, August 10-12, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.**

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

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2006 to:

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Other Committee Members:

Mangala Subramaniam, Purdue University
Kirsten E. Papp, Rutgers University

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**The Lee Student Support Fund Committee announces
funds available for Undergraduate and Graduate Students
to participate in the 2006 Annual Meeting, August 10-12, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.**

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 to facilitate conference participation by undergraduate and graduate students. For the 2006 Annual Meeting, the fund has resources which it can allocate in order to help defray the costs of meeting participation for those in need of financial assistance.

The applications will be reviewed by the committee charged with determining the amount and allocation of the awards. In making its decision, the committee may recognize among other factors, the Society's commitment to diversity, to a tradition of scholar-activism, and to interdisciplinary work.

Application (see next page) should be sent no later than March 15, 2006 to:

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Other Committee Members:

Carolyn Perrucci, Purdue University
Thomas L. Steiger, Indiana State University

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2006 RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2006 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. Members of the Society should urge qualified candidates to apply for this award. **Applications are due by and must be received no later than February 1, 2006.** Applicants will be notified of the results by July 15, 2006. **All applicants must be current members when applying.**

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), in keeping with its philosophy of active engagement with social problems, participation in social problem solutions, and advancement of knowledge through study, service and critical analysis, established the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship at its annual meeting in August 1993.

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

- To identify and support developing minority scholars who exemplify and give fresh voice to the SSSP history and commitment to scholar activism
- To give renewed energy and wider lenses to diversity in scholarship
- To increase the pool of minority social and behavioral scientists
- To establish a formal commitment to diversity through support of a minority doctoral student in the social and/or behavioral sciences inclusive of course work or dissertation research support who demonstrates a commitment, through his or her scholarly examination, of any aspect of inequality, injustice and oppression

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A person accepted into an **accredited doctoral program** in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences so as to expand their perspectives in the pursuit and investigations into social problems
- Advanced graduate students preferred – **Masters level students are not eligible**
- A grade point average or equivalent of at least 3.25
- Evidence, through scholarly work and/or commitment to a career of scholar activism as demonstrated by: course work and research, activism in school and/or community, and career plans
- Statement of financial need as expressed by the applicant and Graduate Program Director or Advisor
- Applicant should be a citizen of the United States

FUNDING

A \$10,000 scholarship will be funded to one student with an additional \$500 awarded for attendance at the annual meeting. Payments will be made in equal installments in September 2006 and January 2007. SSSP believes that the support of students will foster the commitment required to enable the student to fund living arrangements as well as academic or research costs.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECIPIENT

- Attend the annual meeting to receive the award. A \$500 stipend will be available to the winner for this purpose.
- Submit a brief final report (three pages maximum) on the work sponsored through the award, at the end of the award year.
- Following year, present work (described above) at an appropriate division session. A \$500 stipend will be available to the winner for this purpose.
- Following year, serve on the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee and attend the scheduled meeting of the committee.

STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete application packets should be sent to the SSSP Executive Office. **Incomplete packets will not be reviewed.** Each packet must include the following:

- 1) Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Application (**complete and print the application and send it in with the rest of your application**);

- 2) an Official Transcript with seal from the student's Graduate Program Registrar;
- 3) Resume or Curriculum Vitae;
- 4) Three letters of recommendation addressing the student's work and progress in program, including one from the Graduate Program Director or Advisor (The letter from the Graduate Program Director or Advisor should address the financial need of the applicant. Each letter should be placed in a sealed envelope with author's signature over the seal. **Letters not included in the packet will not be accepted.**);
- 5) Personal statement of commitment to a career of scholar activism;
- 6) Submit a copy of your approved dissertation prospectus, if completed.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I find more information about the SSSP's Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship?

You can download an application and find out more information by visiting www.sssp1.org. (Follow the link to "Awards and Scholarships." If the information there does not answer your questions, you may contact the 2006 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee Chair, Angela Moe, at angie.moe@wmich.edu or (269) 387-5275.

Do you have to be a U.S. citizen to apply for the SSSP Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship?

No, it is preferred that you be a U.S. citizen at the time that you apply for the scholarship.

How many students apply for the scholarship each year?

About 40 students apply each year.

How far along in a graduate program should applicants be?

Any doctoral student is eligible, however preference will be given to advanced doctoral students who have completed all course work and exams as well as defended a dissertation prospectus. Masters level students are not eligible for this scholarship.

Can the award be used to support the dissertation writing process after the research stage is completed?

Yes, the scholarship may be used to support the dissertation writing process after the research stage is completed. In fact, the ideal candidate is a student who is in the process of completing a dissertation, whether that be data collection, data analysis, or writing.

Does an applicant need to be a student throughout the entire time for which the scholarship applies (2006-07 academic year)?

Yes, the distribution of the award occurs twice during the academic year (September 2006 and January 2007). Applicants enrolled in their respective graduate programs during this period may receive the scholarship.

How formal should the statement regarding an applicant's dissertation research be? Does it need to be the official prospectus approved by the graduate program? How long does it need to be?

The statement regarding dissertation research ought to be as formal as possible. Any document approved by a doctoral committee or graduate program is appropriate. The length of this document will vary dependent upon the protocol of an applicant's graduate program, however dissertation proposals are usually at least 15 pages in length.

Is there a requirement to the length of the personal statement?

There is no requirement for the length of the personal statement. It should be long enough to convey an applicant's commitment to a career in scholar activism. The average personal statement is around 3-6 pages.

Is there a specific form for the letters of recommendation or does it have to be on letterhead?

There is not a specific form for the references. References written on letterhead are standard.

Should letters of recommendation be sent along with or separate from other application materials?

All letters must be included within the application packet. They must be in sealed envelopes and signed over the flap by the authors of the letters.

How many copies of the application does SSSP require?

One copy is required.

Do application materials need to be sent all together in one packet?

Yes, all components of an application must be received together in one package. Components of an application include the application form (obtained online, completed, and then printed out), three sealed reference letters, personal statement, curriculum vitae, graduate transcript from doctoral program, and dissertation proposal (if completed). Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Where should an application be sent?

Completed applications must be sent to: The Society for the Study of Social Problems, University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower, Knoxville, TN, 37996-0490. The Executive Office will distribute applications to the Scholarship Committee.

Do applications need to be received by the due date or just post-stamped by the due date?

Applications must be received by the due date. Applications post-marked before or on the due date that do not reach the Executive Office by February 1, 2006 will not be considered. It is advised the applicants mail their packets no later than mid-January to ensure a timely submission.

When will applicants learn of the Scholarship Committee's decision?

Applicants will learn whether they were selected for the scholarship by July 15, 2006.

Is membership in SSSP required in order to received the scholarship? Is conference participation required at the SSSP annual meetings?

Yes, membership in SSSP is required in order to be eligible for this scholarship. The award recipient should plan on attending both the 2006 and 2007 SSSP annual meetings (which occur in mid-August) as the award will be formally given at the SSSP conference banquet in 2006 (award recipient will be provided two complimentary banquet tickets) and will be required to present work that was supported during the award year at the 2007 meeting (award recipient will be provided \$500 to offset travel expenses for the 2006 and 2007 conferences).

If I am not selected can I apply next year?

Yes, applicants not selected are encouraged to re-apply the following year.

RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications are due by and must be received no later than February 1, 2006.

All applicants must be current members when applying. (Masters level students are not eligible.)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

Phone: _____
(Home) (Work)

Social Security #: _____ Email Address: _____

Address where you can be reached after the announcement date: _____
(Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Sex (Circle One): Male Female Date of Birth: _____

Racial/Ethnic Identification as used in the U.S. Census: (Applicant should be a citizen of the United States.)

- _____ Black or African American
- _____ Hispanic or Latino
- _____ Asian
- _____ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- _____ American Indian or Alaska Native

Marital Status (Circle One): Single Married Divorced Widowed Separated

Number & Age of Dependent Children: _____

Do you have a physical or mental impairment that limits your activities? (Circle One) Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Your Current Educational Status: _____

Degree Program: _____ Year in Degree Program: _____

Your Education Background:

Institution	Location	Dates Attended	Degree

Have you completed the major requirements for the Ph.D., i. e., course work, examinations, and submission of a dissertation prospectus? (Circle One) Yes No (Please submit a copy of your approved dissertation prospectus, if completed.)

How are you financing your graduate education? (Please list all sources of support including current scholarships, fellowships, assistantships, loans, and outside jobs.)

Please explain how receiving this scholarship would assist you in completing your program. (If you plan to use the money to support dissertation research, a brief budget would assist the committee in its deliberation.)

Father's Occupation (if deceased or retired, list his last occupation):

(Job title and brief description of his work)

Father's Education (circle years completed):

Primary school	1	2	3	4	5	6
Secondary school	7	8	9	10	11	12
College	13	14	15	16		
Graduate studies	17	18	19	20+		

Mother's Occupation (if deceased or retired, list her last occupation):

(Job title and brief description of her work)

Mother's Education (circle years completed):

Primary school	1	2	3	4	5	6
Secondary school	7	8	9	10	11	12
College	13	14	15	16		
Graduate studies	17	18	19	20+		

STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2005 C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the 2005 C. Wright Mills Award. **Members of the society are encouraged to submit letters of nomination for this prestigious annual award.** Edited volumes, textbooks, fiction and self-published works are not eligible.

The C. Wright Mills Award, established in 1964, is made annually and carries with it a stipend of \$500 for the author(s) of the winning book. **The deadline for the 2005 award nominations is January 16, 2006.** The 2005 award will be presented at the 56th Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 10-12, 2006.

C. Wright Mills wrote in *The Power Elite* that: "Only when mind has an autonomous basis, independent of power, but powerfully related to it, can mind exert its force in the shaping of human affairs. This is democratically possible only when there exists a free and knowledgeable public, to which [people] of knowledge may address themselves, and to which [people] of power are truly responsible." Consistent with Mills' dedication to a search for a sophisticated understanding of the individual and society, the award will be given for that book published in 2005 that most effectively:

- 1) critically addresses an issue of contemporary public importance,
- 2) brings to the topic a fresh, imaginative perspective,
- 3) advances social scientific understanding of the topic,
- 4) displays a theoretically informed view and empirical orientation,
- 5) evinces quality in style of writing,
- 6) explicitly or implicitly contains implications for courses of action.

Please submit nominations to:

Professor Lisa Brush, Chair
C. Wright Mills Award Committee
Department of Sociology
University of Pittsburgh
2425 Posvar Hall
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
Work: (412) 648-7595; Fax: (412) 648-2799
Email: lbrush@pitt.edu

For further information, contact:

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CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

The Society for the Study of Social Problems
 56th Annual Meeting
 August 10 - 12, 2006
 Hilton Montréal Bonaventure, Montréal, Québec, Canada

BUILDING JUST, DIVERSE AND DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITIES

The United States has been called a “melting pot,” but the reality of life in this country, historically and contemporaneously, has been one of exclusion – exclusion of the poor, the non-White, the non-Christian, the disabled, women, gay men, lesbians, bi and transsexuals. The United States has been held up by some as the model democracy, and the current federal administration claims to be spreading democracy throughout the world. But the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the impact on the people there can hardly be called democratic. Moreover, the U.S. government chooses to ignore the plight of others, such as those in Darfur, if their suffering does not serve our nation’s political or economic purposes.

Of course, the disparity between rhetoric and social reality is nothing new. Sociologists, including the founders of SSSP, have been studying and writing about it – particularly in terms of its consequences on the quality of life of large segments of the population – for decades. But at a time when the radical Right is attempting to – and often succeeding in – dismantling social programs to promote “smaller government,” denying civil rights to individuals and groups it deems “immoral” or a “threat to national security,” bolstering the wealth of the already wealthiest individuals and corporations in the name of “global free enterprise,” it is critical for progressive sociologists – as researchers, teachers, and activists – to reclaim, interrogate, and revision the concepts of *justice*, *diversity*, *democracy*, and *community*.

At our 2006 meeting in Montréal, we will explore such questions as: How can we ensure justice and democratic processes in a political climate that fosters mistrust of difference and uses the threat of terrorism to legitimate rolling back rights and increasing military spending and intervention? What do *community* and *democracy* mean in the context of globalization? How might we overcome the prevailing attitude of “guilt fatigue” so that social welfare spending is not seen as “charity,” but rather as a communal effort, a partnership between citizens and their government to work toward a prosperous future shared by all? What must be done to reprioritize the U.S. national agenda so that strategies for achieving peace and justice are at the forefront, rather than dismissed as “liberal pie in the sky?” The Canadian location of the meeting offers an ideal vantage point for a comparative analysis of differences in laws, social and economic policies, and public opinion.

These and many other related and equally significant questions present enormous challenges, but it behooves SSSP to take a leadership role in answering them. Our mission, after all, is to develop and apply research that *makes a difference*. Our meeting in Montréal is an opportunity to energize, mobilize, and strategize across national borders, and I encourage our entire membership, and especially our Canadian members, to attend and *participate*. As artist and poet M. C. Richards wrote, “Freedom is presence, not absence. Centering is the act of bringing in, not leaving out. It is brought about not by force, but by coordination.”

Claire M. Renzetti, SSSP President, St. Joseph’s University

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Papers or extended abstracts (2-3 page summary of your intended presentation) for presentations at division sponsored sessions MUST be sent electronically via our online submission cover sheet, <http://www.sssp1.org> to session organizers no later than January 31, 2006. If your paper *does not* fit into one of the sessions listed in the Call for Papers, send your submission **electronically via our online submission cover sheet** no later than January 31 to Program Committee Co-Chairs: Phoebe Morgan and James Gruber. They may be able to find a place for your presentation in the annual program. Questions relating to the program should be directed to them as well (Phoebe Morgan, W: 520-523-8245, phoebe.morgan@nau.edu and James Gruber, W: 313-593-5611, jegruber@umich.edu). **When sending an e-mail, please place SSSP in the subject line.**

An online submission cover sheet **MUST** accompany all papers and extended abstracts. Do not submit the same paper or extended abstract to more than **ONE** session organizer at the same time. If your submission is **NOT** accepted, the session organizer will inform you and forward your information to the 2nd choice organizer listed on the submission cover sheet. Only **ONE** sole-authorship paper is permitted per participant (without an accompanying co-authored paper). Authors may submit more than **ONE** paper or extended abstract; however, each submission must be submitted to no more than **ONE** session organizer at a time.

An overhead projector and a screen will be available in each session – except for roundtable sessions. Scholars who require an LCD projector (laptop/ computer not included) for projection of images that are an essential component of their presentation must request an LCD projector at the time of submission. Requests cannot be guaranteed and will be evaluated by the Program Committee. Please do not request an LCD projector for projection of bulleted points or graphics that can easily be displayed on an overhead projector. Only requests that demonstrate the necessity of an LCD projector for the integrity of presentations will be considered. Please complete the online request form, <http://www.sssp1.org> no later than January 31. **Late requests will not be considered.**

All participants (except those granted an exemption) must be **current** members of the Society (you may join on acceptance of your presentation) and must pre-register for the annual meeting. Exemptions will be granted for: **A)** Persons not in the social sciences, but whose expertise relates to session topics. **B)** Non US and non Canadian scholars who are from less advantaged countries. **C)** Co-authors of papers who will not be attending the meeting. One of the co-authors must be a paid registrant. Both co-authors must pay if both expect to attend the meeting. **D)** Persons excused by direct request of the Program Committee Co-Chairs or President. Persons failing to pre-register will have their contributions deleted from the final program.

Refund Policy: Registration fees will be refunded to persons who notify the Executive Office that they will not attend the meeting prior to July 1, 2006. Once the final program is printed and participant packets have been prepared, the cost of processing the participant has already occurred.

2006 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

Deadline for submission of papers/abstracts to session organizers or the Program Committee Co-Chairs	January 31, 2006
Participants must be notified by the session organizer of acceptance or referral of paper/proposal	February 20, 2006
Session/paper titles and contact information for each author must be in the Executive Office	March 1, 2006
Preliminary programs will be mailed to all current members	May 15, 2006
2006 Annual Meeting, Hilton Montréal Bonaventure, Montréal, Québec, Canada	August 10-12, 2006
Deadline for names of session organizers for the 2007 Annual Meeting	September 18, 2006

CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS

(listed alphabetically by first co-sponsored division)

Session 1: Housing Policies and Social Justice in Communities (Community Research and Development Division and the Sociology and Social Welfare Division)
Organizer: David Wagner
W: 207-780-4764; wagner@usm.maine.edu

Session 2: Globalized Repression and Resistance (Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division and the Global Division)
Co-organizer: A. Kathryn Stout
C: 504-920-5535; kstout@earthlink.net
and
Co-organizer: Richard A. Dello Buono
rdellob@hotmail.com

Session 3: Changing the Scene: The Institutional Ethnographer as Activist - **THEMATIC** (Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division and the Institutional Ethnography Division)
Organizer: Dorothy E. Smith
W: 778-838-2386; desmith@uvic.ca

Session 4: Threats and Struggles Around Academic Freedom (Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division; Law and Society Division; and the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication and Teaching Committee)
Organizer: Debra Emmelman
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emmelmand1@southernct.edu

Session 5: Grassroots Organizing for Social Change - **THEMATIC** (Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division and the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division)
Organizer: Kathleen Ferraro
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Session 6: 21st Century Drug Labs – Meth and Beyond (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division and the Drinking and Drugs Division)
Organizer: Brian Kelly
W: 212-305-6961; bck12@columbia.edu

Session 7: Building School-Community Partnerships to Address Youth Delinquency and Violence in Schools - **THEMATIC** (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division and the Educational Problems Division)
Organizer: Billie Gastic
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Session 8: Gender and Sexual Violence (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division; Family Division; and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)
Organizer: Stephen Morewitz
W: 415-252-0569; morewitz@earthlink.net

Session 9: Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division and the Law and Society Division)
Organizer: Jemel P. Aguilar
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Session 10: Sex Offenders and Criminal Justice Policy (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)
Organizer: Lloyd Klein
W: 478-471-2081; lklein@mail.maconstate.edu

Session 11: Changing Family Structure and Drugs (Drinking and Drugs Division and the Family Division)
Organizer: Eloise Dunlap
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Session 12: Consumption of Pharmaceutical Drugs (Drinking and Drugs Division and the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division)
Organizer: Valerie Leiter
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Session 13: Alcohol and the Workplace (Drinking and Drugs Division and the Labor Studies Division)
Organizer: Avelardo Valdez
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Session 14: Toward a Just Drug Policy: Comparative Perspectives - **THEMATIC** (Drinking and Drugs Division and the Law and Society Division)
Organizer: Andy Golub
W: 802-862-6717; andrewgolub@verizon.net

Session 15: Families and Schools in an Age of Educational Change (Educational Problems Division and the Institutional Ethnography Division)
Organizer: Alison I. Griffith
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Session 16: Intergenerational Teaching and Learning in Immigrant Communities (Educational Problems Division and the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division)
Organizer: Billie Gastic
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Session 17: Is the Global Local? Implications of Globalization on the Environment - **THEMATIC** (Environment and Technology Division and the Global Division)
Organizer: Tamara L. Mix
W: 405-744-6125; tamara.mix@okstate.edu

Session 18: The Color of Pollution (Environment and Technology Division; Global Division; and the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division)
Organizer: Tamara L. Mix
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Session 19: Creating Accessible Environments - **THEMATIC** (Environment and Technology Division and the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division)
Organizer: Alexis Bender
W: 404-651-1765; abender1@gsu.edu

Session 20: Environmental Justice - **THEMATIC** (Environment and Technology Division and the Law and Society Division)
Organizer: Susan Will
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Session 21: Visual Representations of Inequality: Mapping the Landscape (Environment and Technology Division and the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division)
Organizer: Erin E. Robinson
W: 716-888-2748; robinso5@canisius.edu

Session 22: Teaching Justice and Compassion: Learning Through the Inclusion of Animals into our Sense of Community - **THEMATIC** (Environment and Technology Division and the Teaching Social Problems Division)
Organizer: Lisa Anne Zilney
W: 973-655-7225; lisa.zilney@montclair.edu

Session 23: Families in Global Perspectives (Family Division and the Global Division)
Organizer: Michelle Janning
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Session 24: Threats to Academic Freedom: Academic Freedom and the Commercial Juggernaut in Canadian Universities (Family Division; Institutional Ethnography Division; and the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee)
Organizer: Marilee Reimer
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Session 25: Families and Criminal Justice (Family Division and the Law and Society Division)
Organizer: Ebonie L. Cunningham
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Session 26: Same-Sex Marriage Across Borders (Family Division; Law and Society Division; and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)
Organizer: Melanie Heath
W: 310-450-7051; mheath@usc.edu

Session 27: Transgender in Families, Communities, and Law - **THEMATIC** (Family Division; Law and Society Division; and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)
Co-organizer: Dana Berkowitz
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and
Co-organizer: Nancy Mezey
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Session 28: Work, Family, and Social Class (Family Division and the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division)
Organizer: Brooke Kelly
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Session 29: Families Across the Lifespan (Family Division and the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division)
Organizer: Heather Dillaway
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Session 30: Global Crises in Health Care (Global Division and the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division)
Organizer: Javier Pereira
jpereira@mail.utexas.edu

Session 31: Globalization, Work, and Workers (Global Division and the Labor Studies Division)
Organizer: Chuck Koeber
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Session 32: Teaching for Global-Local Problem Solving: Curriculum Transformation and Social Change - **THEMATIC** (Global Division and the Teaching Social Problems Division)
Co-organizers: Walda Katz-Fishman and Jerome Scott
W: 301-367-1079; wkatzfishman@igc.org

Session 33: The Social Organization of Health and Health Work (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division and the Institutional Ethnography Division)
Organizer: Janet Rankin
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Session 34: Health and Mental Health Dimensions of Disasters (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division and the Mental Health Division)
Organizer: Eric Wright
W: 317-274-8589; ewright@iupui.edu

Session 35: Negotiating and Regulating Pregnancy and Birth (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)
Organizer: Carrie Yang Costello
W: 414-229-6942; costello@uwm.edu

Session 36: Perspectives on AIDS/HIV (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)
Organizer: Lloyd Klein
W: 478-471-2081; lklein@mail.maconstate.edu

Session 37: Immigration and Employment (Institutional Ethnography Division and the Labor Studies Division)
Organizer: Liza McCoy
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Session 38: Ethnographically Exploring the Welfare State: Examining how Institutional Ethnography and Other Approaches to Social Inquiry Can Inform One Another (Institutional Ethnography Division and the Sociology and Social Welfare Division)
Organizer: Frank Ridzi
W: 315-445-4480; ridzifm@lemoyne.edu

Session 39: The Changing Social Organization of Everyday Life Across the Life Course - **THEMATIC** (Institutional Ethnography Division and the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division)
Organizer: Suzanne Vaughan
W: 602-543-6011; svaughan@asu.edu

Session 40: Law and Sexualities (Law and Society Division and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)
Co-organizer: Lloyd Klein
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and
Co-organizer: Kim Richman
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Session 41: Transgender and Legal Issues (Law and Society Division and the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division)
Organizer: Sandra Schroer
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Session 42: The Creation and Formation of Racial Identities (Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division and the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division)
Organizer: Eric Swank
W: 606-783-2190; e.swank@morehead-st.edu

Session 43: Social Security, Gender, and Privatization (Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division and the Sociology and Social Welfare Division)
Organizer: Keith Kilty
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Session 44: The New "McCarthyism" and its Threat to Academic Freedom and the Study of Diversity (Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division and the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee)
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Debra S. Emmelman
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Session 45: Conspiracy Theory and Social Problems (Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division and the Social Problems Theory Division)
Organizer: David Simon
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Session 46: Academic Freedom and Expression of Sexual Content (Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division and the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee)
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and

Co-organizer: Sandra Schroer
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Session 47: Teaching Theory in Social Problems Courses (Social Problems Theory Division and the Teaching Social Problems Division)
Organizer: Susan Warner
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COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Session 1: Building Just, Diverse, and Democratic Communities - **THEMATIC**
Organizer: Patrick Donnelly
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Session 2: Exploring Neighborhood Ties, Resources and Efficacy
Organizer: Heather MacIndoe
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Session 3: Recent Developments in Community Research
Organizer: Theo Majka
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CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE

Session 1: General Call Related to the Program Theme
Organizer: A. Kathryn Stout
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Session 2: New Scholar Activists: Political Commitments and Careers
Organizer: Lindy Starr Frazee Hern
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Session 3: Organizing Against War and Neoliberalism
Organizer: Daniel Egan
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CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
Session 1: State Crimes and (Appropriate?) Responses **THEMATIC**
Organizer: Ken Kyle
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Session 2: Race, Ethnicity and Violence
Organizer: Charis E. Kubrin
W: 202-994-6349; charisk@gwu.edu

Session 3: Families, Parenting, and Delinquency
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DRINKING AND DRUGS

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EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS

Session 1: Achieving Educational Equity for Students of Color - **THEMATIC**
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Session 2: "And Justice for All?" How Students Negotiate Multiple Identities and Challenge Invisibility in their Schools, Families and Communities - **THEMATIC**
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Session 3: Urban School Reform and American Democracy: Why Many Children Continue to be Left Behind
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ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Session 1: Building Just, Diverse, and Democratic Communities: Issues in Environment and Community Development - **THEMATIC**
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Session 2: Ethical Treatment of Animals and Environments: The Rights of Nature - **THEMATIC**
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Session 3: Topics in Environmental Policy
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Session 4: Issues in Environment and Technology: Potpourri
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FAMILY

Session 1: Families in Diverse Communities - **THEMATIC**
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GLOBAL

Session 1: Alternative Visions of Globalization - **THEMATIC**
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Session 4: Globalization and Development: The WalMartization of the World? - **THEMATIC**
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HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES

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Session 3: Health Roundtables
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INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY

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Session 2: Focus on Institutional Ethnography
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Session 3: Institutional Ethnography and Policy Studies: Institutional Discourse and Ethnographic Accessibility
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LABOR STUDIES

Session 1: Building Just, Diverse, and Democratic Workplaces - **THEMATIC**
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Session 2: The Changing Nature of Work
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Session 3: Interweaving Work and Family Life
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LAW AND SOCIETY

Session 1: Diversity, Democracy, and the Challenge of Protecting Liberties - **THEMATIC**
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Session 2: Law, Legitimacy, and Building a Just Community - **THEMATIC**
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MENTAL HEALTH

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POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY

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RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

Session 1: Framing the Other: Race and Ethnic Portrayals and the War on Terrorism
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Session 3: How Race and Crime Became Synonymous? The Role of Political Discourse and the Media
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SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES

Session 1: Risky Professions: Politics of being 'Sexed' in Academia - **THEMATIC**
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Session 2: Sexuality on the Edge
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Session 3: But I like Porn: Perspectives on Pornography
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SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY

Session 1: Collective Memory and the Fight over Justice, Diversity, and Democracy - **THEMATIC**
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Session 2: Social Problems Theory and Movement Theory: Studying Justice, Diversity, and Democracy - **THEMATIC**
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Session 3: Against Fossilized Social Problems Theory: Opening the Door to New Directions in Sociological Theory
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SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Session 1: Social Policy for Just, Diverse and Democratic Communities - **THEMATIC**
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Session 2: Youth in Context: Experiencing Social Policy
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Session 3: The Continuing Impact of TANF: From Welfare Reform to Welfare Justice - **THEMATIC**
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TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Session 1: Service Learning for Building Just, Diverse, and Democratic Communities - **THEMATIC**

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Session 2: Challenges to Teaching Social Problems Courses for Beginning Faculty
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Session 3: Creating and Maintaining Effective Internships

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YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE

Session 1: Economic Restructuring, Aging and the Life Course - **THEMATIC**

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Session 2: Politicizing Life Course Issues: Local and Global Perspectives

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Session 3: The Life Course in Historical Data, Texts, Records and Recollections

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STANDARDS AND FREEDOM OF RESEARCH, PUBLICATION, AND TEACHING COMMITTEE SPONSORED SESSION

Session 1: Building Just, Diverse and Democratic Communities: The Case of Academic Freedom - **THEMATIC**

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Minutes of the SSSP Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Alan Fine.

Those present were introduced: Gary Alan Fine, President; Claire Renzetti, President-Elect; Kathleen Ferraro, Past President; Martha Hargraves, Vice President; JoAnn Miller, Secretary; Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer; Kathe Lowney, Paul Luken, Wendy Simonds, A. Javier Trevino, and Amy Wharton, Board Members; Aimee Van Wagenen and Luis Fernandez, Student Members, Board of Directors; Thomas C. Hood, Executive Officer, Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer; James A. Holstein, Editor, SOCIAL PROBLEMS; Stephen Couch, Editor, SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWS-LETTER, Carrie Yang Costello, Chair, Council of Special Problems Division Chairpersons; Tim Diamond and PJ McGann, Program Committee; David Rudy and Bruce Johnson, Budget, Finance and Audit Committee; Kimberly J. Cook, Vice President Elect and Long Range Planning Committee; Rebekah Darksmith, University of California Press.

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

Tom Hood announced the results of the 2005 General Election, as printed in the Summer (Volume 36, No. 2) 2005 SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: Valerie Jenness, President Elect; Keith M. Kilty, Vice President Elect; JoAnn Miller, Secretary; Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer; Donald Cunnigen and Tracy L. Dietz, Board of Directors; Ingar P. Johnson, Student Member, Board of Directors; Gray Cavender, Budget, Finance and Audit Committee; Beth Mintz and Stephani A. Williams, Committee on Committees; Peter J. Kivisto and A. Javier Trevino, Editorial and Publications Committee.

The minutes of the Board Meeting of August 15, 2004 were approved.

Paul Luken was named to serve on the Nominations Committee.

Claire Renzetti, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, reviewed and highlighted her written report. It was discussed and accepted with thanks to the Committee (Raquel Kennedy Bergen and Shana Maier, Committee Members).

Michele Koontz reviewed and highlighted her written report of the meeting management. As of August 11, 593 meeting attendees pre-registered and 39 guests registered. SSSP exceeded the contract for sleeping rooms. The room pickup, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, was 984 rooms on July 29. SSSP will not have to pay for meeting room rental. SSSP took proactive steps toward achieving its goal of making the meeting fully accessible to all its members. An accessible sleeping room was arranged and a number of sessions were tape recorded. Mental Health Resources, the book exhibitor, has arranged to donate 10% of sales revenue generated at the conference to SSSP. In addition it donated one display copy of each of the C. Wright Mills Finalists for the SSSP AIDS Fundraiser. Two LCD projectors were rented at a discount of 50% with the in-house audio visual company. The Department of Sociology and the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences of Northwestern University made financial contributions to the reception honoring past presidents. A total of 180 banquet tickets were sold. The Lee Student Support Fund Committee, chaired by Joya Misra, coordinated the meeting mentor program. A total of 44 attendees requested a mentor and 24 attendees volunteered to serve as mentors. The University of California Press contributed \$1,500 toward registration bags. Michele thanked all those with whom she worked for the meeting and the board for the opportunity to serve as meeting manager. The report was received with thanks.

Tom Hood highlighted some sections of his written report, the Annual Report of the Executive Officer, 2005. He congratulated Denise Knight for her excellent work as the Graduate Associate for SSSP and he welcomed Mary Walker, the new Graduate Associate. The web site has been redesigned with the assistance of Averka Media Corporation. The Executive Office operated under the budgeted amount by \$6,000, and SSSP, based on the report from the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee finished 2004 without problems. Tom suggested that the board consider establishing a SSSP Foundation to ensure support for the aims of the Society beyond the present generation of members. He discussed how SSSP may be affected by ASA's decision to move its 2006 meeting location from San Francisco. He said that the AGENDA FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE project was an important step toward speaking to groups outside our community of scholars and urged SSSP to consider other projects.

Tim Diamond distributed the Final Committee Report from the Program Committee. He and PJ McGann (Co-Chairs) recommend future program committees to consider: (1) web submissions and submission cover sheets; (2) a policy and procedure for handling dual submissions; (3) a formal procedure for organizers requesting additional sessions; (4) providing more information to the Special Division Chairs; (5) discouraging direct submissions to the program committee; (6) continuing the encouragement of innovative scholarship and presentation formats; and (7) the creation and distribution of a calendar of dates and deadlines. The report was received with thanks.

Rebekah Darksmith presented the SOCIAL PROBLEMS Marketing and Circulation Report. She highlighted marketing campaigns, including a Community College Outreach strategy for increasing subscriptions and the exhibits at key academic meetings. She also noted that the SOCIAL PROBLEMS Impact Factor Score (1.778), as reported by the Social Science Citation Index, ranks the journal fourth among all sociology journals.

Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer, presented the financial condition of SSSP to the board. She noted that the condition is very good. As of December 31, 2004, the Society had total assets of \$478,002. This represents an increase of \$39,985, primarily due an unrealized paper gain on investments. Revenue from membership dues increased by \$8,838 between 2003 and 2004. Membership retention, however, continues to be a problem. The annual audit was clean.

Bruce Johnson presented the 2005 amended and revised budget. Because the Society's expenses are \$11,000 less than projected last year the deficit projection is less. The June 30, 2005 statement of assets and liabilities indicated that investments, saving, and other assets totaled \$632,936.12. Discussion focused on increasing student meeting registration fees and establishing a SSSP Foundation.

MOTION: THAT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED TO DETERMINE IF A SSSP FOUNDATION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED; THAT THE PURPOSE AND GOALS OF SUCH A FOUNDATION BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED; THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SEEK ADVICE FROM THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE; THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE BOARD AT ITS NEXT MEETING. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE 2005 AMENDED BUDGET BE APPROVED. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE AUDIT REPORT. SECONDED. PASSED.

James Holstein summarized and highlighted the 2004-2005 Annual Editor's Report for SOCIAL PROBLEMS. The total number of submissions for the calendar year 2004 was 351. The acceptance rate was 8.8 percent. The editorial office worked on three special sections: "Residential Segregation in the Post Civil Rights Era," "Language, Interaction, and Social Problems," and "Institutional Ethnography." The transition of the editorial office to Washington State University (Amy Wharton, Editor) is proceeding smoothly. James Holstein, outgoing editor, expressed gratitude to Michele Koontz, Leon Anderson, Patricia Yancey Martin, and Margaret Anderson. The report was received with thanks.

Stephen Couch summarized the annual report from the editor of SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER. The report was received with thanks.

Kimberly J. Cook presented the report of the Ad Hoc Long Range Planning Committee. The report summarized the Committee's prior recommendations. Topics discussed in 2005 included the location for the 2006 annual meeting; the culture of racism with SSSP, and membership issues. The report was received with thanks.

MOTION: THAT THE AD HOC LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE BE RE-AUTHORIZED FOR ONE YEAR; THAT THE COMMITTEE MEET DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE; THAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PAY THEIR OWN COSTS (EXCEPT FOR THE STUDENT MEMBERS, SSSP WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM). SECONDED. PASSED.

There was no unfinished business from 2005 to consider.

President Gary Alan Fine introduced new business: the uncertain location of ASA 2006 meetings and how that will affect

SSSP. Tom Hood reported on a meeting he had with Janet Astner, the annual meeting planner for ASA. Michele Koontz reported on the consequences of canceling the current SSSP contract in San Francisco and the difficulty of negotiating a contract for 2006. Claire Renzetti noted the importance of considering numerous contingencies and options. Gary Alan Fine summarized four shared sentiments expressed by the Board: (1) SSSP should try to get a hotel contract in the ASA city for 2006; (2) before 9/15/2005 SSSP needs to decide if the San Francisco contract will be canceled; (3) SSSP needs to prepare for contingencies; and (4) SSSP needs to discuss long term and future issues that are associated with the location of its annual meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the SSSP Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, August 12, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

President Gary Alan Fine called the meeting to order.

Persons present were introduced: Gary Alan Fine, President; Claire Renzetti, President-Elect; Kathleen Ferraro, Past President; Martha Hargraves, Vice President; JoAnn Miller, Secretary; Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer; Kathe Lowney, Paul Luken, Wendy Simonds, and Amy Wharton, Board Members; Aimee Van Wagenen and Luis Fernandez, Student Members, Board of Directors; Thomas C. Hood, Executive Officer, Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer; Stephen Couch, Editor, SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER, Carrie Yang Costello, Chair, Council of Special Problems Division Chairpersons; Frances G. Pestello, Chair, Membership Committee; Joel Best, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee; Roland Chilton, Chair, Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee; Robert Perrucci, Chair, Ad Hoc Justice 21 Committee.

The agenda was amended to discuss the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee report as the first item of business. The amended agenda was accepted.

Joel Best summarized and highlighted the written report from the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee makes four recommendations to the Board: It recommends that the Board send a letter to the University of Tennessee to thank the University for maintaining the SSSP Executive Office. It recommends that SSSP assure representation of race and ethnic group minorities on committees and among elected officers. Further it recommends that a race and ethnicity question be included on the SSSP membership form. To prepare for the biannual site visit, scheduled for Spring 2006, the Committee recommends that a detailed job description be prepared that can be used in future recruitment for an Executive Officer.

MOTION: THAT THE SSSP MEMBERSHIP FORM INCLUDE A QUESTION ON RACE AND ETHNICITY. SECONDED. PASSED.

Discussion followed to identify the best wording for the race and ethnicity question. Martha Hargraves suggested that a preface to the question be included, to explain the purpose of the question, and to remind members that their responses are voluntary.

Michele Koontz summarized and highlighted sections of the Accessibility Committee report.

Wendy Simonds, Chair, presented the 2004-05 C. Wright Mills Award Committee report. She thanked the committee members for their work and acknowledged the eight finalists. The Committee announced the winner, Mario Luis Small, VILLA VICTORIA: THE TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIAL CAPITAL IN A BOSTON BARRIO, noting "This excellent ethnographic study definitely fulfills the goals a Mills award winner should: it critically addresses an issue of contemporary public importance; it brings to the topic a fresh, imaginative perspective; is theoretically sophisticated; beautifully written; and has policy implications." The Board thanked the Committee for its work.

Michele Koontz presented the Smigel Committee Report and noted that \$500 was awarded to Nancy Balazadeh. Discussion followed on how SSSP could encourage more applications. Michele Koontz noted that the announcement, in addition to going out with all other SSSP announcements, could be emailed to unemployed members.

The Lee Founders Award Committee report was presented by Gary Alan Fine. Robert Perrucci is the recipient of the award.

Michele Koontz presented the Lee Scholar-Activist Committee report. She noted that five scholars received awards, ranging from \$450 to \$1,300.

Michele Koontz presented the Lee Student Support Fund Committee's report. A total of 25 students received approximately \$250 each toward their travel costs. The Committee received 39 requests for mentoring and 20 members volunteered to be mentors.

Frances Pestello, Chair of the Membership Committee, presented a report to the Board. As of June 2005, SSSP membership is up by approximately 2.5 percent. The largest membership category is student member. The three special divisions with the largest number of members are Poverty, Class and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; and Crime and Juvenile Delinquency. The Committee focused on two projects: Using email to do the initial recruitment for renewing members and targeting a recruitment drive. Thanks were expressed to Frances Pestello and the committee members.

Michele Koontz presented the report from the Racial/Ethnic Scholarship Award Committee. The Committee recommends that a set of Frequently Asked Questions be included with announcements of the award that appear in newsletters or on web pages. The Committee reviewed a total of 27 applications and achieved strong agreement in making the 2005 award to Robert John Duran, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Colorado-Boulder. The Committee also notes that another candidate received strong support. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of making two awards in future years.

Michele Koontz presented the report from the Social Action Award Committee. This year's recipient is the Alliance for a Clean Environment. The Committee made four recommendations regarding recruiting candidates and selecting award winners.

Roland Chilton presented the Report from the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee. The Committee recommends that the Board affirm SSSP's commitment to the principles of academic freedom and civil liberties generally, by affirming the AAUP (2005) position that states: "In the United States, neither teachers nor students are responsible to the government for the content of their teaching or learning."

MOTION: THAT THE SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDORSE THE PROPOSAL FROM THE STANDARDS AND FREEDOM OF RESEARCH, PUBLICATION, AND TEACHING COMMITTEE TO ENDORSE THE 1940 AAUP STATEMENT, AS IT HAS BEEN AMENDED, ON THE PRINCIPLES OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM. SECONDED. PASSED.

Discussion followed. Next year's Program Committee is encouraged to schedule a session on the issues relevant to academic freedom.

Robert Perrucci summarized the report from the Ad Hoc Justice 21 Committee. The Committee met and decided to use the 2006 meetings to encourage more participation in the ongoing project. It will approach special division chairs, prepare sample press releases, and work on developing strategies to distribute the next report.

Carrie Yang Costello summarized concerns expressed by Chairs of the Special Divisions. Division Chairs continue to request an annual calendar to help them meet deadlines in preparing for the Annual Meeting. (Note from Executive Office, a monthly calendar is available in the Roles and Responsibilities of Division Chairs distributed annually to Division Chairs.) Further, there appears to be little rationalization for budget requests. The Board expressed thanks for the report.

Unfinished business from 2005 was discussed. Concern was expressed for race and ethnic group insensitivity that was communicated at the 2004 Awards Banquet.

MOTION: THE BOARD CONCURS WITH THE LANGUAGE OF A RESOLUTION THAT WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING TO THE FULL MEMBERSHIP EXPRESSING REGRETS ON BEHALF OF SSSP. IT REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING PROBLEMS OF RACISM. SECOND. PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the SSSP Annual Business Meeting

August 13, 2005 Philadelphia, PA

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Alan Fine.

President Fine announced the ASA decision not to meet in San Francisco for 2006. He addressed the need for SSSP to consider three options for the 2006 annual meeting: (1) meet in the ASA-selected city, (2) meet in San Francisco, not overlapping with ASA meetings, and (3) do not meet in 2006.

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

JoAnn Miller, Secretary, reviewed the minutes of last year's meeting as printed in the Fall 2004 issue of SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM.

Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer, reported on the financial condition of SSSP. She noted that the Society continues to be in good financial condition, thanks to The Executive Office and good returns from investments. The audit was clean.

JoAnn Miller, Secretary, reported on the actions of the Board of Directors. The Board approved the amended budget for 2005 as presented by the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee. It extended, for one year, the term of the *ad hoc* Long Range Planning Committee. The Committee will meet next year during the regularly scheduled annual meeting. The Board agreed to establish an ad hoc Committee to determine if a SSSP Foundation should be established; that the purpose and goals of such a Foundation be clearly identified; that the ad hoc Committee get advice from the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee; and that the Committee report to the Board of Directors at the 2006 annual meeting. The Board endorsed the proposal from the SSSP Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee to endorse the 1940 AAUP Statement, as it has been amended, on the Principles on Academic Freedom. The Board endorsed a recommendation from the Permanent Organization Committee to include a question on the SSSP membership form, to measure race and ethnicity; to state clearly that the responses are optional; to include a preface for the question, such as "in order to maintain balance in leadership, would you please indicate your race or ethnicity." The Board concurs with the language of the first proposed resolution, to be presented to the membership by Martha Hargraves, Vice President, expressing regrets on behalf of SSSP; and reaffirming its commitment to addressing problems of racism.

James A. Holstein, Editor of SOCIAL PROBLEMS, reported that SOCIAL PROBLEMS is doing very well. Submissions are up and the acceptance rate is consistent with rates over the past decade. The transition of the editorship to Amy Wharton is proceeding smoothly. A working database and a number of accepted papers for future issues have been sent to Amy Wharton. Most of the reviews are now transmitted electronically. Professor Holstein expressed thanks to the Executive Office, the University of California Press, the editorial office staff at Marquette University, the advisory editors, and the authors and reviewers.

Stephen Couch, editor of SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER, thanked the contributors and the Executive Office.

Thomas C. Hood, Executive Officer, presented bound volumes of SOCIAL PROBLEMS to James A. Holstein and SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER to Stephen Couch. He thanked them for their work on behalf of SSSP. Tom Hood reported that the Society has functioned effectively over the past year and the office spent \$6,000 less than budgeted. He expressed thanks to Michele Koontz and Denise Knight. He noted that he is now Professor Emeritus at the University of Tennessee. He reminded the Board and the Permanent Organization Committee that it is necessary to specify the calendar of steps taken in replacing the Executive Officer. A job description of the position appears in the handbook of operations on the website.

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager, reported a total of 644 attendees registered for the 2005 annual meeting. The book exhibitor will contribute 10 percent of the sales at the meetings to SSSP. The AIDS fundraiser generated \$2,150 to contribute to MANNA, an organization that provides meals and nutrition counseling to all who are homebound and living with HIV/AIDS in Philadelphia and the surrounding area. She expressed gratitude to the Program Committee, especially Timothy Diamond and PJ McGann, Co-Chairs.

Thomas C. Hood reported on Bylaws changes. Action has been taken to change “lifetime memberships” to “sustaining memberships” in SSSP. No additional changes were presented for the coming year.

Martha A. Hargraves, Vice President, presented seven resolutions for consideration by the membership. The approved resolutions are below. Each was discussed separately by the members who attended the Business Meeting. Resolution # 1, from Past President Kathleen Ferraro and the 2004–2005 Board of Directors; and Resolution # 2, from the Environment and Technology Division, were approved by those present. Resolution # 3, from the Family Division, was discussed and remanded to the Division for further consideration. Resolution # 4, from the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division was discussed and approved by those present. Resolution # 5, from the Social Problems Theory Division, was discussed and remanded to the Division for further consideration. Resolution # 6, from the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication and Teaching Committee was discussed and approved by those present. Resolution # 7, approved by those present, thanked the Executive Office, the elected officers and committee members; the University of California Press, the Department of Sociology and the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences of Northwestern University for their financial contributions.

Resolution #1:

From: Past President Kathleen Ferraro and the 2004-2005 Board of Directors

Be it resolved that members of the SSSP regret deeply the display of insensitivity to issues of race and privilege and the demonstration of disrespect in awarding the minority scholarship during the 2004 awards banquet. Specifically, Past President Kathleen Ferraro extends an apology to members for failing to intervene appropriately and condemn this behavior at the time of its occurrence. The Society reaffirms our commitment to recognizing excellence and supporting minority scholars and to analyzing and improving the culture of our organization with regard to issues of privilege and race/ethnicity.

The current 2004-2005 Board of Directors joins the past President in re-affirming our commitment.

Resolutions #2:

From: Environment and Technology Division

WHEREAS the 2005 Budget Reconciliation Act under consideration at the start of the upcoming legislative session maintains provisions to begin drilling on the coastline of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR); AND

WHEREAS if passed, exploration and drilling measures will negatively affect sensitive arctic habitat and wildlife and threaten the subsistence tradition of the Gwi'chin nation and other aboriginal groups,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSSP urges legislative reconsideration of the ANWR provision in order to keep ANWR closed to oil exploration and drilling, encourages legislative action for additional funding to promote alternative forms of energy and requests that SSSP write on behalf of the membership to United States Congressional leaders in the House of Representatives and Senate expressing our concerns regarding ANWR, as fore mentioned.

Resolutions #3:

From: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Mobility Enhancing Outdoor Environments

WHEREAS many outdoor environments in the U.S. currently lack sidewalks; AND

WHEREAS many sidewalks lack curb cuts that would permit wheelchair access; AND

WHEREAS pedestrian and wheelchair access are routinely discontinued during constructions; AND

WHEREAS sidewalk maintenance and design often impair mobility for pedestrians and individuals using walkers, wheelchairs, and strollers due to growth of tree roots, uneven material surfaces (brick or cobblestone) and the like; AND

WHEREAS the above-mentioned factors impair mobility for pedestrians and people using wheelchairs, limiting healthful exercise, AND contribute to injuries from falls; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the SSSP calls upon federal, state and local legislative and planning agencies to ensure:

- 1) that timetables be set for the building of sidewalks in and between residential and commercial areas where sidewalks are lacking; AND
- 2) that regulations be promulgated requiring the inclusion of accessible sidewalks in all new residential and commercial constructions; AND
- 3) ensure that all sidewalks include curb cuts and adequate space for wheelchair and walker users; AND
- 4) require, to the extent possible, that wheelchair-accessible pathways continue to be available in pedestrian areas during construction projects; AND
- 5) require regular inspection and maintenance of sidewalks to ensure smooth surfaces are present; AND
- 6) require new construction projects include smooth accessible pathway design, avoiding the use of uneven cobblestones or bricks for sidewalks unless accompanied by a smooth sidewalk.

[ACTION: send to state legislatures, federal senators and representatives], and HUD, and ADA senate committee and state economic development associations, and to Philadelphia and ACLU]

Resolution #4:

From: Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication and Teaching Committee

Academic Freedom Resolution

The Society for the Study of Social Problems, cognizant of the current anti-intellectual climate in American society and cognizant of attacks on both academic freedom and civil liberties, hereby reaffirms its commitment to the principles of academic freedom and civil liberties generally and wishes to go on record as affirming that we stand in strong support of the AAUP (2005) position concerning academic freedom which states: "In the U.S., neither teachers nor students are responsible to the government for the content of their teaching or learning." Accordingly, the SSSP shall strongly resist any and all attacks on both academic freedom and civil liberties.

Copies of the Resolution should be sent to:

- * AAUP
- * American Language Association
- * Copy sent electronically to all SSSP members
- * Appear in the *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*

Resolution #5:

Sincere appreciation is expressed to all of the SSSP officers, committee chairs, and members who have made this program possible and who help keep the Society moving forward. First, we thank President Gary Alan Fine for organizing the 55th annual meeting around the theme, "Blowback: The Unintended Consequences of Social Problems Solutions." Through his leadership, the Society has once again affirmed its capacity for engaging social problems and for developing innovative forms of scholarly activism. We also thank this year's Program Committee co-chairs Tim Diamond and PJ McGann and their committee Joshua Gamson, Omar M. McRoberts and Mindy Stompler, who worked tirelessly in organizing an excellent program. Claire M. Renzetti, Local Arrangements Chair and her committee (Raquel Bergen and Shana Maier) deserve our appreciation for their coordinating efforts. The members of the Society wish to thank the Crowne Plaza Hotel staff for fine accommodations and we particularly want to recognize the efforts made by Wayne Miller, Crowne Meetings Director and Florence E. Schrank, Senior Sales Manager.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to past president Kathleen J. Ferraro for her years of leadership; vice-president Martha A. Hargraves for managing the resolutions process; JoAnn L. Miller for her service as Secretary; and Susan M. Carlson for her service as Treasurer. The Society also thanks Claire M. Renzetti, President-Elect; Kimberly J. Cook, Vice-President Elect; Board of Directors Kathleen S. Lowney, David A. Smith, Amy S. Wharton, Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo and Wendy Simonds; outgoing Board members A. Javier Trevino and Paul Luken; Aimee Van Wagenen (outgoing) and Luis Fernandez, student representatives of the Board; Carrie Yang Costello, Chair of the Council of Special Problems Division; James A. Holstein, outgoing Editor of *Social Problems*; Stephen Couch, outgoing Editor of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*; Kimberly J. Cook, Long-Range Planning Committee Chair and her committee Karl Bryant, Susan M. Carlson, Donald Cunnigen, Nelta M. Edwards, Luis Fernandez, Kathleen J. Ferraro, Martha A. Hargraves, Robert Perrucci, Claire Renzetti and Aimee Van Wagenen; Bruce Johnson, outgoing Budget, Finance and Audit Committee Chair and his committee David Rudy, Marino Bruce and Susan M. Carlson; Nancy Naples, outgoing Editorial and Publications Committee Chair and her committee Wendy Chapkis, Doris Wilkinson, Rob Benford, Patricia Yancey Martin, James Orcutt, James A. Holstein, Stephen Couch and Bruce Johnson; Exit 5 band for performing at the AIDS fundraiser; the University of Tennessee and the Department of Sociology for hosting the SSSP Executive Office; the Department of Sociology and the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences of Northwestern University for their financial contribution to the reception honoring our past presidents; and the University of California Press for their financial contribution to our registration bags.

Finally, the Society wishes to thank Executive Officer Tom Hood, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager Michele Smith Koontz, and Graduate Research Associate Denise Knight for continuing to make the organization run and do all that it does year in and year out.

Gary Alan Fine, in a discussion of other business, asked the membership to consider where SSSP should meet next year. Discussion followed.

Gary Alan Fine introduced the new president of SSSP, Claire Renzetti.

Claire Renzetti said "Bonjour," and introduced the theme for the 2006 annual meeting: BUILDING JUST, DIVERSE AND DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITIES. Phoebe Morgan and Jim Gruber will co-chair the Program Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the SSSP Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, August 14, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

The meeting was called to order by President Claire Renzetti.

Those present were introduced: Claire Renzetti, President; Valerie Jenness, President-Elect; Gary Alan Fine, Past President; Kimberly Cook, Vice President; Keith Kilty, Vice President-Elect; Martha Hargraves, Past Vice President; JoAnn Miller, Secretary; Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer; Donald Cunnigen, Paul Luken, Wendy Simonds, Tracy Deitz, and David Smith, Board of Directors; Luis Fernandez and Ingar Johnson, Student Members, Board of Directors; Thomas C. Hood, Executive Officer; Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer; Amy Wharton, Editor, SOCIAL PROBLEMS; Carrie Yang Costello, Chair, Council of Special Problems Division Chairpersons; David Rudy, Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee.

The revised agenda was approved.

Paul Luken was selected to serve on the Board of Directors to finish Amy Wharton's term.

Candidates for Secretary and Treasurer were considered. David Rudy was nominated for Treasurer and JoAnn Miller was nominated for Secretary.

Carrie Yang Costello presented the report of the Nominating Committee, including nominees for President Elect, Vice President Elect, Board of Directors, Student Representative to the Board of Directors; Budget, Finance, and Audit Commit-

tee; Committee on Committees; and the Editorial and Publications Committee. Discussion of the proposed slate followed.

MOTION: THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES BE APPROVED AS REVISED. SECONDED. PASSED.

David Rudy presented the proposed 2006 budget and indicated that it does not include the costs for canceling the hotel contract in San Francisco. The Budget, Audit, and Finance Committee recommends an increase in student meeting registration fees by \$10 which would increase revenue by an estimated \$6,000. Discussion followed.

MOTION: THAT STUDENT MEETING REGISTRATION FEES BE INCREASED BY \$5 FOR 2006 AND 2007 MEETINGS, AND BY \$10 BEGINNING WITH THE 2008 MEETING. THAT REGISTRATION FEES FOR OTHER CATEGORIES BE INCREASED BY \$10 BEGINNING WITH THE 2006 MEETING. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE 2006 PROPOSED BUDGET, WHICH WILL BE AMENDED TO ACCOUNT FOR INCREASES IN MEETING FEES, BE APPROVED. CARRIED.

Nancy Naples presented the Editorial and Publications Committee Report. The Committee recommends Ken Kyle be appointed as Editor of SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER. It discussed the Presidential Series and Rowman & Littlefield's decision not to renew the contract with SSSP to publish additional volumes. It considered whether more flexibility in the length of term held by the SOCIAL PROBLEMS editor is desirable and concluded that the current term of three years should be maintained. James Orcutt will Chair the Committee for 2005-2006. At the request of Kathleen Ferraro, the Committee discussed whether or not comments on the Presidential Address that are published in SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM should be accompanied by a reply by the President. It also discussed Amy Wharton's proposal for a special section in a future SOCIAL PROBLEMS issue on "The Missing Feminist Revolution in Sociology Twenty Years Later." Discussion of the Report followed. The Committee was thanked for its work.

MOTION: THAT KEN KYLE BE APPOINTED AS EDITOR OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER. CARRIED.

MOTION: THAT LETTERS OF APPRECIATION BE SENT TO JAMES HOLSTEIN AND STEVE COUCH. CARRIED.

MOTION: THAT WITHOUT IMPINGING ON THE EDITOR'S DISCRETION, SSSP ENCOURAGES THE EDITOR OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM TO INCLUDE, IN THE SAME ISSUE, REPLIES TO COMMENTS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. CARRIED.

MOTION: THAT SSSP APPROVE A SPECIAL SECTION, WITH AN EXPEDITED REVIEW PROCESS, THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SOCIAL PROBLEMS. CARRIED.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ADVISORY EDITORS FOR SOCIAL PROBLEM, SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS. CARRIED.

MOTION: THAT THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS EDITOR ESTABLISH A DATABASE THAT PROVIDES PROFILE INFORMATION ON ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS TO ASSURE RACE AND ETHNICITY REPRESENTATION. CARRIED.

MOTION: THAT THE SSSP MEMBERSHIP FORM ADD A QUESTION ON GENDER IDENTIFICATION THAT INCLUDES "MALE, FEMALE, OR ALTERNATIVE GENDER IDENTIFICATION." SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE RACE AND ETHNICITY QUESTION ON THE SSSP MEMBERSHIP FORM INCLUDE A LINE TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL SELF IDENTIFICATIONS AND NOT TO INCLUDE THE TERM "OTHER." SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE WILL PREPARE FOR A FULL MEMBERSHIP VOTE A CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS TO INCLUDE THE OUTGOING EDITOR OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS AS AN EX OFFICIO ON THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. SECONDE. PASSED.

Vice President Martha Hargraves reported that seven resolutions were introduced at the Business Meeting. Two were remanded to the Special Divisions for further consideration. Five resolutions were approved.

Luis Fernandez and Ingar P. Johnson, Student Representatives, Board of Directors, presented a report of activities. They expressed gratitude for the funds used to host a graduate student reception and they presented positive feedback from graduate students on meeting mentors and sessions designed for students. Luis Fernandez and Ingar Johnson were thanked for their work.

Michele Koontz presented the report from the Committee on Committees on behalf of Cecilia Menjivar. The Final Report of the Committee on Committees was approved.

Thomas C. Hood reported on his 8/13/2005 conversation with Janet Astner from the American Sociological Association. ASA renegotiated a contract for its 2007 meetings in New York that contains language that allows ASA to cancel if labor agreements with the relevant hotels do not exist. Janet Astner suggested that if SSSP wants to meet in conjunction with ASA meetings SSSP should insist on a clause in the hotel contracts that gives SSSP the right to cancel should ASA decide to relocate. Michele Koontz indicated that SSSP cannot cancel its 2007 New York contract. The estimated penalty would be \$128,500.

Michele Koontz asked the Board of Directors for guidance in negotiating an exit from the 2006 San Francisco hotel contract in order to begin searching for a conference hotel in Montreal.

MOTION: THAT MICHELE KOONTZ IS AUTHORIZED, AS SHE DEEMS IT IS ADVANTAGEOUS, TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR RETURNING TO SAN FRANCISCO AS SHE NEGOTIATES THE TERMINATION OF THE STANFORD COURT HOTEL CONTRACT. SECONDED. PASSED.

The Board of Directors discussed unfinished business from 2005. Paul Luken suggested that when SSSP revises its membership form to include items on gender and race, and when it prepares other Society materials, it should take the steps necessary to recognize the international community.

MOTION: THAT SSSP ASK AMY WHARTON, EDITOR OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, TO INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS AS ADVISORY EDITORS; AND THAT THE TRACKING DATABASE INCLUDE A FIELD TO INDICATE THE NATIONALITY OF AUTHORS AND REVIEWERS OF PAPERS. SECONDED. PASSED.

Claire Renzetti introduced new business. SSSP received, from Myra Marx Ferree, a request to participate in the Beth Hess Memorial Scholarship award by announcing the recipient of the award at the SSSP awards banquet; and by including in the SSSP annual budget a line to support a one-year student membership, a one-time SSSP student annual meeting registration, a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet, and a share of the airfare to SSSP meetings.

MOTION: THAT SSSP SUPPORT THE BETH HESS SCHOLARSHIP AND INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET UP TO \$300 IN AIRFARE AND THE ASSOCIATED FEES TO COVER MEMBERSHIP, ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION, AND BANQUET TICKET FOR THE AWARD RECIPIENT. SECONDED. PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned.



*SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP
IN THE PURSUIT OF
SOCIAL JUSTICE*

Board Approved 2005 Budget: 8/11/05**Approved 2005 Budget
8/11/05****MEMBERSHIP DUES**

4110	Membership Dues, Current Year	\$94,000
4111	Membership Dues, Life Members	200
4115	Departmental Memberships	2,820
4120	Mailing Fees	750
4125	\$35 Student Membership Carry-Over (1 year)	<u>2,100</u>
	Total Membership Dues Income	\$99,870

JOURNAL AND PUBLICATIONS

4205	Back Issues - Single Copy Sales	\$1,640
4210	Advertising - Social Problems	2,007
4215	Reprint Permission Fees - Subsidiary Rights	29,738
4216	Non-Journal Royalty Income	0
4220	Sale of Membership Subscription List	2,000
4225	Editorial Processing Fee	1,200
4226	Offprints	351
4230	Gross Subscription Income - UC Press	255,218
4235	Presidential Series-Rowman & Littlefield	<u>1,455</u>
	Total Journal and Publications Income	\$293,608

ANNUAL MEETING

4305	Pre-Registration - Member - \$95	\$30,400
4310	Pre-Registration - Student & Underemployed - \$20	4,300
4311	On-Site Registration - Student & Underemployed - \$40	1,000
4315	On-Site Registration - Member - \$110	4,950
4316	Two-Day Registration - \$65	0
4317	One-Day Registration - \$35	175
4318	Exempt Conference Registration - \$50	1,000
4319	Guest Registration - \$10	410
4320	Program Advertising	775
4321	Al McClung Lee Book - Galliher	0
4322	Non-Member Registration - \$50	750
4340	Annual Meeting Banquet	7,520
4341	Donate a Banquet Ticket Program	480
4342	Annual Meeting Contributions	4,000
4343	AIDS Raffle Ticket - \$5	500
4344	AIDS Fundraiser Ticket - \$15/Auction Items	2,000
4345	Audio-Visual Equipment Fees	200
4346	SSSP Lapel Pins	0
4347	SSSP Registration Bags	0
4348	Book Sales (Mental Health Resources)	<u>0</u>
	Total Annual Meeting Income	\$58,460

CONTRIBUTIONS

4400	Contributions - General Fund	\$500
4405	Contributions - Justice 21 Project	0
4410	Contributions - Lee Student Support Fund	200
4420	Contributions - Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	150
4430	Contributions - C. Wright Mills Award Fund	400

4440	Contributions - Social Action Award Fund	100
4450	Contributions - Erwin Smigel Fund	50
4460	Contributions - Lee Founders Award Fund	100
4470	Contributions - Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund	1,500
4475	Contributions - Long Range Planning Committee	0
4698	Transfer From - Restricted Life Memberships	<u>0</u>
	Total Contributions Income	\$3,000
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>		
4710	Dividend Income - Domini Money Market	\$1,000
4720	Dividend Income - Domini Social Equity Fund	1,000
4730	Dividend Income - Pax World Fund/Minority Scholarship	3,000
4735	Dividend Income - Pax World Fund/Lee Legacy	100
4740	Dividend Income - Pax World Fund/Life Members	300
4750	Interest - Checking Account	100
4790	Interest - Louisville Community Development Bank CD-2.25%	1,125
4795	Interest - Native American Bank North America CD-2.00%	1,000
4810	Interest - C. Wright Mills Award Fund	20
4820	Interest - Lee Student Support Fund	5
4830	Interest - Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	5
4860	Interest - Lee Founders Award Fund	55
4870	Interest - Erwin Smigel Fund	<u>25</u>
	Total Investment Income	\$7,735
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>		
4890	Gain/Loss on Retirement of Fixed Assets	\$0
4900	Miscellaneous Income	350
	Total Other Income	<u>\$350</u>
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>		\$463,023
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES		
<u>EXECUTIVE OFFICE</u>		
5105	Executive Officer - Salary	\$6,000
5107	Administrative Officer - Longevity Pay - Univ of TN	1,300
5108	Administrative Officer - Salary	44,914
5109	Administrative Officer - Travel Reimbursement	500
5111	Graduate Associateship - 50% (12 months)	18,000
5112	Administrative Officer - Maternity Leave	0
5115	Department Compensation	5,000
5120	Executive Officer - Fringe Benefits	1,279
5122	Graduate Associate - Fringe Benefits	648
5123	Administrative Officer - Fringe Benefits (UT-42%)	18,864
5124	Executive Office - Travel Funds	0
5125	Office Supplies	1,000
5126	Bonding of Employees	332
5130	Computer Supplies	1,200
5133	Publications	150
5135	Equipment Expenses	1,000
5140	Repair & Maintenance	200

5145	Telephone Services	\$1,500
5150	First Class Postage	2,000
5155	Insurance - Business & Equipment	267
5157	Non-Profit Corporation Cost	30
5160	Depreciation Expense-Computer/Website	4,187
5161	Depreciation Expense-LCD Projector	629
5165	Computer Consultant - Web page	4,500
5167	Host Database/Web/eCommerce	2,000
5170	Bank/Investment Service Charges	350
5171	Visa/Mastercard Service Charges	3,000
5175	CPA Services & Year End Audit	7,420
5177	Open Systems Accounting Software - Consulting	1,500
5180	Copying & Reproducing	500
5185	Contingency Fund-Add't Legal	1,000
5190	Computer/Internet Charges	1,000
5192	Training Courses	300
5193	Volunteer Appreciation Gifts	700
5195	Miscellaneous - Operating Expenses	<u>750</u>
	Total Executive Office Expenses	\$132,020

JOURNAL AND PUBLICATIONS

Journal

5205	Promotion	\$14,600
5210	Publishing Expense - Manufacturing	44,363
5212	Press Fee	70,661
5215	Postage, Mail & Fulfillment	13,119
5217	Subsidiary Rights - Author Payments	8,000
5223	Miscellaneous Journal	0
5224	Editorial Board Luncheon	<u>500</u>
	Total UC Press Expenses	\$151,242

Journal Editorial Expenses

5225	Stipend - Editor	\$7,500
5230	Honorarium - Editor	1,500
5235	Salaries - Managing Editor & Editorial Asst	48,220
5236	Fringe Benefits - Managing Editor & Editorial Asst	3,459
5237	Travel Funds - Editor	3,000
5240	Office Supplies & Expenses - Editor	3,000
5241	Computer Consultant - Editor	0
5245	Telephone Expenses - Editor	750
5246	Relocation (Shipping)	500
5247	Relocation (Travel)	1,000
5248	Office Postage - Editor	4,000
5249	Photocopying - Editor	2,000
	Total Social Problems Editorial Office Expenses	<u>\$74,929</u>
	Total Journal Expenses	\$226,171

Publications

5250	Honorarium - Newsletter Editor	\$700
5255	Release Time - Newsletter Editor	5,600
5256	Student Assistant - Newsletter Editor	2,500
5258	Miscellaneous Expense - Newsletter Editor	1,000
5260	Printing & Mailing Newsletter	10,000
5265	Telephone Expense - Newsletter Editor	0
5266	Office Expense - Newsletter Editor	0
5270	Printing - SPD Election	1,800
5275	Postage - SPD Election	1,500
5280	Membership Directory	<u>0</u>
	Total Publication Expenses	<u>\$23,100</u>
	Total Journal and Publications Expenses	\$249,271

ANNUAL MEETING

5301	Printing - Preliminary Program	\$3,938
5302	Postage - Preliminary Program	1,095
5303	Printing - Final Program	1,623
5304	Shipping - Final Program	0
5305	Registration Staff	1,200
5306	Copying	300
5310	Printing - Badges & Signs	300
5317	Call for Papers 2006	1,650
5320	Audio-Visual Equipment Rental	4,000
5322	Accessibility Services	250
5323	Exempt Participants - Conference Registration	1,000
5325	Equipment Rental & Registration Supplies	1,000
5330	On-Site Telephone	1,000
5340	Banquet Expenses	8,000
5345	Program Committee Expenses	3,000
5347	Pre-Registration Mailing	762
5350	Stipend & Expenses - Local Arrangements Chair	2,800
5355	Book Exhibit	0
5363	Shipping - Registration Materials	600
5367	Hotel - Meeting Room Rental	0
5368	ABS - Co-sponsored Reception	300
5370	Travel Expenses - Executive Office	2,000
5375	Reception & Catering	8,500
5377	Annual Meeting - Transportation	0
5378	Annual Meeting - Restaurant Guides - ASA	600
5385	Annual Meeting - Insurance	267
5388	Meeting Manager - Fringe Benefits - 17.65%	1,991
5389	AIDS Fundraiser Expenses	2,800
5390	Meeting Promotion & Management	11,282
5391	Graduate Student Meeting w/Board Representatives	500
5392	Site Visit - 2006 Montreal	1,500
5393	Hotel Expenses - Executive Office	2,000
5395	Meals Expenses - Executive Office	500
5396	Pre-Meeting Conference	765

5397	Miscellaneous Annual Meeting	850
5398	SSSP Lapel Pins	225
5399	Promotional Registration Materials/Bags	<u>2,500</u>
	Total Annual Meeting Expenses	\$69,098

COMMITTEES

5405	BFA - Postage & Telephone	\$150
5410	BFA - Travel Expenses	3,350
5420	C. Wright Mills Committee (Includes Award)	660
5425	Editorial & Publications Committee	500
5427	Editorial Site Visit	0
5428	Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee	500
5429	Committee on Committees	100
5430	Permanent Organization Committee (Roster & Travel)	850
5435	Membership Committee	200
5445	New Membership Brochures	2,988
5450	Membership Renewal	3,000
5455	Elections Committee & Mailing	1,387
5460	Committee on Standards & Freedom	100
5470	Social Action Award Committee	300
5474	Long Range Planning Committee	3,000
5475	Justice 21 Project	0

PROGRAM OF DIVISIONS

5476	Community Research & Development	\$300
5477	Crime & Juvenile Delinquency	600
5478	Drinking & Drugs	700
5479	Educational Problems	560
5480	Environment & Technology	300
5481	Family	600
5482	Health, Health Policy, & Health Services	581
5483	Conflict, Social Action, & Change	300
5484	Labor Studies	480
5485	Poverty, Class, & Inequality	400
5486	Mental Health	590
5487	Racial & Ethnic Minorities	660
5488	Sexual Behavior, Politics, & Communities	700
5489	Social Problems Theory	700
5490	Sociology & Social Welfare	610
5491	Youth, Aging, & the Life Course	300
5492	Law & Society	500
5493	Teaching Social Problems	440
5494	Institutional Ethnography	600
5495	Global	<u>300</u>
	Total Committees & Program of Divisions Expenses	\$27,306

BOARD GOVERNANCE

6000	Board Information Materials	\$400
6010	Travel Expenses - Student Board Representatives	1,500
6020	Airline Ticket - Secretary	0
6030	Hotel Expenses - Board & Officers	2,000

6040	Meal Expenses - Board & Officers	2,600
6050	Board & Officer - General	200
6060	Operations Manual	<u>200</u>
	Total Board Governance Expenses	\$6,900
<u>INVESTMENT GAINS AND LOSSES</u>		
7000	Unrealized Loss on Investments	\$0
7010	Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	0
7020	Unrealized Gain on Investments	0
7030	Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments - Temp Restrict	<u>0</u>
	Total Investment Gains and Losses	\$0
<u>BOARD RESTRICTED EXPENSES</u>		
8000	Lee Founders Award Committee	\$95
8010	Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	4,000
8020	Lee Student Support Fund	7,500
8030	Social Action Award Fund	1,000
8040	Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund	12,000
8050	Travel Expenses - Minority Scholarship	1,000
8060	Erwin Smigel Fund	500
8070	Lee Scholar-Activist Carryover (1 year)	0
8998	Transfer Out - Restricted Life Memberships	0
9999	Suspense	<u>0</u>
	Total Board Restricted Expenses	\$26,095
<u>TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</u>		\$510,690

Board Approved Budget Totals 2005:

TOTAL PROPOSED INCOME FOR 2005	\$463,023
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES FOR 2005	\$510,690
TOTAL PROJECTED DEFICIT FOR 2005	-\$47,667

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**The Board of Directors of
The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc.:**

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. as of December 31, 2004, and 2003, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2004 and 2003

		<u>Assets</u>	
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Cash	\$	30,051	\$ 65,750
Investments		529,052	434,158
Accounts receivable		135,076	130,681
Prepaid expenses		55,371	61,972
Equipment, net		<u>7,054</u>	<u>8,162</u>
Total assets	\$	<u>756,604</u>	\$ <u>700,723</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	55,988	\$ 46,174
Deferred revenue		<u>222,614</u>	<u>217,632</u>
Total liabilities		<u>278,602</u>	<u>263,806</u>
Net assets:			
Unrestricted		450,502	410,517
Permanently restricted		<u>27,500</u>	<u>26,400</u>
Total net assets		<u>478,002</u>	<u>436,917</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	<u>756,604</u>	\$ <u>700,723</u>

Statements of Activities

Years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003

		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Changes in unrestricted net assets:			
Unrestricted revenues, gains, and other support:			
Contributions	\$	7,048	\$ 3,901
Annual meeting		57,002	50,754
Journals and publications		282,688	271,457
Membership dues		103,720	94,882
Dividends and interest income		5,886	5,935
Investment income		43,398	59,852
Miscellaneous income		<u>393</u>	<u>284</u>
Total unrestricted revenues, gains and other support		<u>500,135</u>	<u>487,065</u>
Expenses:			
Executive office		120,257	115,671
Annual meeting		65,138	58,270
Journals and publications		223,685	207,493
Board governance		5,002	5,562
Committees		24,769	18,396
Awards, scholarships, and related expenses		<u>21,299</u>	<u>21,431</u>
Total expenses		<u>460,150</u>	<u>426,823</u>
Increase in unrestricted net assets		<u>39,985</u>	<u>60,242</u>

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Statements of Activities

Years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Changes in permanently restricted net assets:		
Contributions – Life membership program	<u>1,100</u>	<u>2,800</u>
Increase in net assets	41,085	63,042
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>436,917</u>	<u>373,875</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 478,002</u>	<u>\$ 436,917</u>

Statements of Cash Flows

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase in net assets	\$ 41,085	\$ 63,042
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to cash flows		
Provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	4,551	4,577
Gains on disposal of equipment	(100)	(100)
Investment income	(43,398)	(59,852)
Permanently restricted contributions received	(1,100)	(2,800)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(4,395)	11,235
Prepaid expenses	6,601	2,587
Accounts payable	9,814	12,387
Deferred revenue	<u>4,982</u>	<u>(3,430)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>18,040</u>	<u>27,646</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from disposal of equipment	100	100
Purchases of equipment	(3,443)	(9,800)
Proceeds from sale of investments	1,000	101,000
Purchases of investments	<u>(52,496)</u>	<u>(75,858)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(54,839)</u>	<u>15,442</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Collection of restricted contributions for life membership	<u>1,100</u>	<u>2,800</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>1,100</u>	<u>2,800</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(35,699)	45,888
Cash at beginning of year	<u>65,750</u>	<u>19,862</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 30,051</u>	<u>\$ 65,750</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.**Notes to the Financial Statements****December 31, 2004 and 2003****(1) Nature of operations**

Founded in 1951, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. (the "Society") promotes research on and serious examination of problems of social life. The Society works to solve these problems and develop social policy based on knowledge. The Society is primarily supported through membership dues and subscriptions for its journal and publications.

(2) Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements of the Society are presented on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies followed are described below.

(a) Basis of presentation

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Society and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of the Society and/or the passage of time. The Society does not currently have any temporarily restricted net assets.

Permanently restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Society.

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support that increases those net asset classifications. However, if a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, the Society reports the support as unrestricted.

(b) Investments

Investments consist primarily of mutual funds with readily determinable fair values and certificates of deposit, which are shown at their fair values in the statements of financial position. Investment income consists of interest, dividends, and realized and unrealized gains and losses, net of investment expenses. Investment income is reported in the period earned as an increase in unrestricted net assets unless the use of the assets received is limited by donor-imposed restrictions.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.**Notes to the Financial Statements****December 31, 2004 and 2003****(c) Accounts receivable**

Accounts receivable relate primarily to amounts due from the University of California Press (“UC Press”) and are uncollateralized obligations due under the terms as set forth in the UC Press agreement (Note 6), in which UC Press collects the subscription fees and remits them to the Society approximately two months from the receipt of the subscription fees. Late or interest charges on delinquent accounts are not recorded until collected. The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance, if necessary, which reflects management’s best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected. It is the Society’s policy to charge off uncollectible accounts receivable when management determines the receivable will not be collected. Management has not recorded an allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2004 and 2003.

(d) Equipment

Equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is provided over the assets’ estimated useful lives using the straight-line method, generally three to five years.

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed when incurred. Expenditures for renewals or betterments are capitalized. When equipment is retired or sold, the cost and the related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is included in operations.

(e) Deferred revenue

Subscription and membership dues received in advance are recorded as deferred revenues and recognized as income when earned.

(f) Income taxes

The Society is exempt from federal income taxes under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and, accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements.

(g) Revenue recognition

Revenues for journals and publications and membership dues are recognized ratably throughout the subscription or membership period. Other revenues are recognized as earned.

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(h) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(3) Concentrations

The Society occasionally maintains cash on deposit at banks in excess of federally insured amounts. The Society has not experienced any losses in such accounts and management believes the Society is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to cash.

(4) Investments

A summary of investments, stated at fair value, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 is as follows:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 429,052	\$ 348,158
Certificates of deposit	<u>100,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
	<u>\$ 592,052</u>	<u>\$ 434,158</u>

(5) Equipment

A summary of equipment as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 is as follows:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Computer equipment	\$ 17,894	\$ 16,258
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,840)</u>	<u>(8,906)</u>
	<u>\$ 7,054</u>	<u>\$ 8,162</u>

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.**Notes to the Financial Statements****December 31, 2004 and 2003****(6) Contractual agreements**

The Society has entered into an agreement with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Department of Sociology of the College of Arts and Sciences (the "University"), whereby the Society agrees to serve as an intellectual and professional resource in exchange for access to the University's resources, free office space, and overhead expenses for the Society's executive office. This agreement is renewable on an annual basis each January. The current agreement expires on December 31, 2005 and is expected to be renewed when due.

The Society uses the University's purchasing and disbursing services. Unreimbursed expenses owed to the University from the Society were \$22,239 and \$12,517 at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. These amounts are included in accounts payable.

The Society has entered into an agreement with UC Press. Under this agreement, UC Press serves as the publisher of *Social Problems*, a quarterly journal sponsored by the Society. The Society currently utilizes UC Press as the sole publisher of *Social Problems*. Management believes that, if necessary, an alternate publisher could be obtained. However, unexpected events could cause a delay in publication, and accordingly, a possible loss of revenues.

Subscriptions to *Social Problems* are charged on an annual basis. *Social Problems* is distributed to library subscribers and Society members. Library subscriptions are administered and collected by UC Press and remitted to the Society, less the agreed upon UC Press fee, approximately two months after receipt. Accordingly, accounts receivable from UC Press relate to subscriptions collected before year end, which will not be remitted to the Society until the following year. Subscription revenues collected in the current year for the following year are appropriately deferred and recognized as earned. Society memberships, which include a one year subscription to *Social Problems*, are remitted directly to the Society. The Society is billed for the direct operating expenses incurred in publishing the journals for members. These expenses for the final publication of the current year are not paid until the following year, and thus are included in accounts payable at December 31, 2004 and 2003.

The current UC Press agreement expires on December 31, 2009. This agreement will be automatically extended for subsequent periods of five years each unless request for revisions or notice of termination is submitted in writing by either party to the other not later than the first of July, eighteen months preceding the date of expiration.

(7) Board designated assets

The Erwin O. Smigel Fund was established in 1976 to expand employment opportunities in the field of sociology. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to develop information for unemployed and underemployed colleagues in their efforts to find work and to enable such colleagues to attend the annual meeting.

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The Lee Founders Award Fund was established in 1981. This annual award recognizes significant achievements that consistently promote the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially the humanistic tradition, as exemplified in the contributions of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to purchase a plaque for the winner.

The Social Action Award Fund was established in 1990. This award is given annually to an organization in the area where the Society holds their annual meeting. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to pay an award to the organization selected that has a history of challenging social inequalities, promoting social change, or working toward the empowerment of marginalized people.

The Lee Student Support Fund (formerly the Alfred McClung Lee Support Fund) was established in 1992. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to help defray the cost of conference participation for student members.

The Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund (formerly the Scholar-Activist Support Fund) was established in 1992. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to emphasize support for scholars in countries whose economies are weak and activists who have limited funds to attend the Society's annual meetings.

The C. Wright Mills Award Fund was established in 1964. This annual award is given to the author of the book published in the past year that best exemplifies outstanding social science research and an understanding of the individual and society in the tradition of the distinguished sociologist, C. Wright Mills. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to pay a stipend to the author.

The Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund (formerly the Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund) was established in 1995. This annual fund is given for support of graduate study and commitment to a career of scholar activism. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to provide scholarships to the winners.

The respective board designated assets as of December 31, 2004 are as follows:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Erwin O. Smigel Fund	\$ 2,858	\$ —	\$ 2,858
Lee Founders Award Fund	8,494	—	8,494
Social Action Award Fund	—	10,905	10,905
Lee Student Support Fund	344	—	344
Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	451	—	451
C. Wright Mills Award Fund	2,749	—	2,749
Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund	<u>—</u>	<u>288,476</u>	<u>288,476</u>
	<u>\$ 14,896</u>	<u>\$ 299,381</u>	<u>\$ 314,277</u>

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The respective board designated assets as of December 31, 2003 are as follows:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Erwin O. Smigel Fund	\$ 2,810	\$ —	\$ 2,810
Lee Founders Award Fund	6,782	—	6,782
Social Action Award Fund	—	10,337	10,337
Lee Student Support Fund	166	—	166
Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund	238	—	238
C. Wright Mills Award Fund	2,436	—	2,436
Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund	—	255,962	255,962
	<u>\$ 12,432</u>	<u>\$ 266,299</u>	<u>\$ 278,731</u>

All of the above board designated amounts are included in unrestricted net assets on the statements of financial position for each respective year.

(8) Permanently restricted net assets

In 2000, the Society established the Life Membership Fund. This fund allows members the opportunity to pay \$1,200 for a life membership. One hundred dollars of the \$1,200 is recorded as a payment of dues in the year that the individual becomes a life member. The remaining \$1,100 is placed in an interest and/or dividend bearing account and is not refundable or transferable to another person. The yearly dues of life members will be paid from the account's earnings.

Permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2004 and 2003 consist of cumulative contributions to the Life Membership Fund of \$27,500 and \$26,400, respectively. The investments held in the Life Membership Fund have a fair market value of \$30,521 and \$26,193 as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, which is net of an unrealized gain (loss) in fair market value of \$3,021 and \$(207), respectively, for the years then ended. The unrealized gain (loss) has been recorded in the statement of activities in unrestricted revenues, gains and other support as a portion of investment income.

Interest and/or dividend income from the Life Membership Fund for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 was \$281 and \$255, respectively, and is included in unrestricted revenue since the Society's policy is to record income as unrestricted if any restrictions related to it are met in the same year as the income is earned.

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