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In courses on social problems and health, gender, aging and disability, the harmful side effects of prescription drugs are an overlooked epidemic. They are the 4th leading cause of death in the United States and result in an estimated 1.5 million hospitalizations a year.(1) An estimated 46 million Americans suffer from harmful side effects, especially from newer drugs tested in trials that companies design to minimize evidence of harm and maximize evidence of benefits. Most vulnerable are women, people with chronic conditions, and seniors.

Out of the roughly 100 new drugs approved each year, 3-4 offer significant new benefits, and another 7-11 offer some advantage over existing drugs. Over time they have contributed to a large medicine chest of drugs that greatly improve our lives. But the other 85-90 new drugs are judged by independent review groups as little or no better than existing ones. These new drugs, approved as “safe and effective,” have a 20 percent chance of getting a Black Box warning or being withdrawn because their side effects are so toxic.(2, 3) This is hardly the benefit-harm ratio that society thinks it is getting.

The sociological and institutional dynamics behind this man-made epidemic are explained in *The Risks of Prescription Drugs* (Columbia 2010). They involve incentives that reward companies for developing mostly drugs of little benefit, testing them to minimize evidence of harms, approving any drug not inferior to a placebo, massively marketing launches before good safety information is available, and paying lead clinicians to persuade colleagues to prescribe drugs for unapproved uses. Usually, patients are not told. Peter Conrad and Cheryl Stults illustrate in the book the pharmaceuticalization of women’s bodies, while Allan Horwitz describes the pharmaceuticalization of people’s minds and moods. Prescriptions for sadness, disappointment, anxiety, anger, and loss have increased many fold. These examples build on Conrad’s important earlier book, *The Medicalization of Society*.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Hello from Georgia,

I hope that this issue finds your fall semester productive and exciting. Having returned from our fourth most well attended meetings, it is exciting to report the society's business: meeting minutes, budget, and other key events from Las Vegas. This issue also contains calls for nominations for our awards (pgs.11-15).

Be sure to read Dr. Héctor Delgado's column (pg. 3). It is important and thought provoking. His discussion of the sad set of events involving Troy Davis reminds me why we are in this business, particularly since I am in Criminal Justice in Georgia. Other very good reads in this issue include our cover story by Dr. Donald Light on the harmful effects of prescription drugs and the book review by Dr. Kathleen Guidroz of *Naked Lives* (pg. 8). Finally, don't miss our President- Dr. Wendy Simonds' call for papers for next year's meeting "The Art of Activism" (pg. 10).

Happy Reading,
Brent Teasdale, Ph.D.
Editor – *Social Problems Forum*



FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

August 16 – 18, 2012
The Grand Hyatt Denver
Denver, CO

August 9 – 11, 2013
The Westin New York at Times Square
New York, NY

August 15 – 17, 2014
The San Francisco Marriott Marquis
San Francisco, CA

From the Executive Officer—Héctor L. Delgado

It was great to see so many of you in Las Vegas. It was the fourth best attended meeting in the history of the organization. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the meeting, but especially to program chair Karen McCormack and her committee, President A. Javier Treviño, and to Michele, Kelley, Sarah, and Lisa in the administrative office. The Board, as always, worked hard, as have numerous committees, meeting long hours, making important decisions to improve the organization and to recognize the achievements of our members. But it was not all work. Folks had the chance to catch up with old friends. I heard a lot of laughter and saw a lot of hugs. The breakfast for new members was a huge success!

I'd also like to thank members who sent in their evaluations. These are always helpful to us. This year's comments were perhaps the most negative we've received in a long time, but not surprisingly given the location. Most of the negative comments had to do with the fact that it was Las Vegas, not the most ideal location for an annual meeting of the SSSP. Some of the issues raised by folks will be addressed next year simply by not being in Las Vegas, since they were Vegas-specific. While it is unlikely that we will return to Las Vegas in the future, I can't promise that we won't, since the location is determined by the ASA, as it was this year (and at the last moment). (BTW, I should note that some members would love to return to Sin City.) Issues raised by members in the survey not unique to Vegas, however, will be taken very seriously, as they always are. We look forward to seeing all of you next year in Denver. Next year's theme is "The Art of Activism," and the meeting will be presided over by our new president for 2011-2012, Dr. Wendy Simonds.

Troy Davis

As many of you know, Troy Davis was executed by lethal injection September 21 after the Supreme Court of the United States refused a stay. He died at 11:08 PM, at the age of 42 and 22 years after he was found guilty of murdering Officer Mark MacPhail. Before he died, he declared his innocence for the last time, saying to the MacPhail family, that "despite the situation you are in, I'm not the one who personally killed your son, your father, your brother. I am innocent. The incident that happened that night is not my fault. I did not have a gun. All I can ask ... is that you look deeper into this case so that you really can finally see the truth." He added, "I ask my family and friends to continue to fight this fight. For those about to take my life, God have mercy on your souls. And may God bless your souls."

We may never know whether Mr. Davis murdered Officer MacPhail, and it is difficult to imagine what Officer MacPhail's family has had to endure for over two decades, but if there was ever a case that warranted a commutation from death to life in prison, this was such a case. Yet, the Georgia Pardon and Parole Board decided not to grant clemency. I will not go into the details of the case in this column. Instead, I'd like to express the hope that someday we as a society will end this barbaric practice, as have so many countries around the world and as several more states have in the past few years. Currently, the United States is fifth in the world in the number of executions, behind China, Iran, North Korea, and Yemen. But what is especially troubling is that, according to the Innocence Project, there have been 273 post-conviction exonerations in the United States. Seventeen of those exonerated through DNA were on death row. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg observed, "I have yet to see a death case among the dozen coming to the Supreme Court on eve-of-execution stay applications in which the defendant was well represented at trial ... People who are well represented at trial do not get the death penalty." Even if the death penalty is not eliminated as a form of punishment, racial disparities in the manner in which the death penalty is applied should be sufficient reason for a moratorium to be put in place until they, at least, are eliminated.

But there is some light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully this execution, decried by so many people, not only in the United States but from around the world, will help to change public opinion, which had been changing even before this execution. A 2011 Gallup poll showed that 61% of Americans supported the death penalty in cases of murder, the lowest percentage recorded by Gallup since 1976. But what is more encouraging is that when given a choice between the death sentence and life without parole, 49% of respondents selected death and 46% life without parole. There is still work to do. We were reminded of that during a recent televised debate between GOP presidential hopefuls, when the audience erupted into loud applause when the moderator noted that Texas under Governor Perry had executed 234 people. The SSSP should think long and hard about how it can contribute to this debate and ultimately, hopefully, to the eradication of the death penalty in the United States and everywhere else in the world.

The Overlooked Epidemic in Harmful Side Effects from Prescription Drugs

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The epidemic of adverse drug reactions illustrates C. Wright Mills' emphasis on how personal troubles are shaped by social institutions. Pharmaceutical companies lie at the heart of the medical-industrial complex. Market-driven research and company-sponsored researchers create new categories of risk and disease, often based on surrogate or substitute measures, such as high cholesterol as a surrogate for risk of heart disease, or serotonin levels as a surrogate for major depression. In both these cases and others, millions of people take billions of pills before independent researchers finally discover they benefit patients far less than claimed. Meantime, people think they are "sick" and take drugs that prompt adverse reactions.

The sociological study of the epidemic from harmful side effects is leading to new insights. One model of institutional practices is the Risk Proliferation Syndrome. It consists of network interactions between companies, regulators, insurers, clinical leaders and patients that maximize the number of people exposed to harmful side effects. How this works for people with different disabilities, compared to people with HIV/AIDS, or people who have no clinical symptoms but believe they have a medical problem is an area ripe for further exploration.

A related theory draws on the economic concept of a market for 'lemons' to argue that the epidemic of harmful side effects stems from pharmaceuticals being a market for 'lemons' in which the sellers know about dangers and risks but profit from not disclosing them to customers or diverting their attention from them. Unlike the used car market, however, this is a market that *produces* new 'lemons.' For example, companies are developing cancer drugs by the score because they can charge so much for them. Yet most are approved with weak evidence of their clinical advantages over existing drugs, though most are highly toxic. Heavy marketing, cash payments (called 'rebates') to oncologists who prescribe them, and close management of which trial findings are published in medical journals all contribute to underplaying or masking seriously harmful side effects. Sociological studies of how this epidemic is spreading are badly needed.

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MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR EGON BITTNER

Faculty Meeting, Sept. 8, 2011

Not long after he started at Brandeis in 1968—it may have been just a few weeks—Egon Bittner and I had occasion one day to stay at the university for an evening meeting or event. First, we went to dinner in Waltham. It was a warm day, and we were both wearing short sleeved shirts. As we were sitting across from each other, I saw the tattooed number on Egon's arm. 'Oh,' I said, 'I didn't know....' Egon was silent. I said I had just finished reading Solzhenitsyn's *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*. 'Was it anything like that?' I asked. 'It was much worse; there were ways to survive,' Egon replied, and then he added, 'I don't want to talk about it.'

I never brought it up again, but the pain and resignation I felt and saw in Egon at that moment have always stayed with me. To be able to endure what he went through in concentration camps for four years is in itself almost incomprehensible. And admirable beyond knowing how to say it. Egon often had a sort of default sad look on his face. I never knew, partly because I never asked, how much he dwelt on the tragic years in the camps and how much melancholy may simply have been deeply embedded in his character.

Egon was born in 1921 in Czechoslovakia. He immigrated to the United States in 1949. His studies of sociology, particularly sociological theory, led him to do his PhD at the University of California at Los Angeles. He first taught at the University of California at Riverside and then at the University of California Medical School before coming to Brandeis in 1968. He remained here until his retirement in 1991.

After mastering sociological theory, Egon came to specialize in ethnomethodology, the study of meaning, order, and patterns in the behaviors of everyday life. He also came to specialize in the study of the police. Among his important writings were *The Function of the Police in Modern Society* (1970), "The Police on Skid Row" (1967), *Aspects of Police Work* (1970), and "The Capacity to Use Force as the Core of the Police Role" (1985).

I found it completely understandable that Egon became well known among police and sociologists for studying the proper limits of police power. His research included driving around in squad cars and hanging around police stations to gather data. As I saw it, he who had been subjected to the most excessive and grotesque power of the twentieth century found his way to empathize with other victims of unjust power and to try, as a professional, as an academic, as a sociologist, and as man of great compassion, to take steps toward defining the proper limits of power and persuading some people in authority who could act on his ideas and insights to do so. So significant were his contributions to police scholarship that he was awarded the Police Executive Research Forum's Leadership Award in 1998. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies regularly gives the Bittner award for distinguished service in law enforcement.

Here, from our forthcoming department newsletter, are tributes to Egon from two well respected scholars who as graduate students were thrilled to work with him and ever grateful for his guidance and counsel. Ruben Rumbaut, a major scholar of immigration issues, wrote:

I met Egon in 1971 when I arrived at Brandeis as a graduate student. I became his TA, and he became my advisor, chair of my dissertation committee (with Kurt Wolff and Morrie Schwartz), collaborator on my first sociological publication in the 1970s, and for almost four decades a cherished friend. Egon was one of the wisest and most profoundly decent men I've ever met, and ...he was extraordinarily kind, generous, and modest to a fault. He influenced by example, and I was greatly indebted to him -- to the point that one day about 30 years ago I asked him rhetorically, "how can I ever repay you?" Egon just looked wryly at me and said in that understated way of his, "In the great chain of being, one day it will be your turn." Several years later in San Diego I was put in a similar position after I'd helped a Vietnamese couple in various ways, and my friend Thuy asked me "how can I ever repay you?" I told her about Egon Bittner and simply repeated his answer to me.

Nancy Chodorow is known far and wide as the author of *The Reproduction of Mothering*, which had been her dissertation, done under Egon's guidance. She wrote:

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How to convey how important Egon Bittner was to me when I was at Brandeis and, really, ever since? He was a model of brilliance, intellectual integrity, and generosity, a magnet for students of my generation (students from other universities as well) who wanted to learn from him about phenomenology, ethnomethodology, Weber, Durkheim, Parsons – about being able in a serious way to read and think. Every course was superb: I and several others took the ethnomethodology seminar more than once....

Egon's personal presence was remarkable. He was completely interested, quietly tolerant of whatever any student expressed or did. He made respect the center of his intellectual practice, as he listened to students and taught us to read texts from within and to think from the point of view of the writer himself...

About her dissertation, later her first book, Nancy added:

Shortly before I finished, he named the dissertation's subject – “you are writing about the reproduction of mothering” -- which became the title of my book and is now an everyday phrase in psychoanalysis, social science, and academic feminism.

Egon's politics were clear and strong. Democracy, civil liberties, civil rights, the works. But he had a most interesting take on the moment in 1977 when a neo-Nazi group wanted to march in Skokie, Illinois, where many Holocaust survivors lived. Egon appreciated that the ACLU was defending the Nazis' right to demonstrate there and said that he hoped they would do their very best to make the Nazis' case and that the courts would all the same find against them.

He startled me by speaking of “First Amendment Voluptuaries,” a phrase that seemed to me to combine exasperation, bitterness, ambivalence, admiration, and irony toward the whole shebang. If I recall correctly, he did not really oppose the courts' finding that the Nazis had the right to carry out their plan, even though the march finally was held in Chicago, not Skokie.

Egon was modest and self-effacing and exceptionally clear and judicious. As people remember him, the word “brilliant” comes up repeatedly. Egon came at ideas and events from angles new to most of us. There was a twinkle, a delight, sometimes even a mischievousness that allowed us enjoy and even be awed by the unexpected interpretation, provocative question, analysis, or insight.

Egon was an admirable department chair whose decency and whimsical sense of humor helped guide us through some difficult moments. He was a man of great respect for others and appreciation for differences, and he was blessed with an extraordinary sense of fairness.

I last saw Egon at his home not far from Berkeley two summers ago. He was already being treated for brain cancer, and it was clear there was not much time left. As my family and I departed from our visit with Egon and his wife Jean, I felt an ache for his condition and the pain of realizing we would never talk another time—I would never see him again. I also felt a deep sense of gratitude that he had been my friend and colleague and had had such profound effects on so many people despite and perhaps in some way also because of the great traumas of his early years.

There is in Jewish tradition a concept of the “lamed-vavniks.” Traditional Hebrew uses letters for numbers, so that the Hebrew letters for the mystical number 36 are the letter lamed, which equals 30, and the letter vav, or 6. 36 is a multiple of 18, whose numbers spell “chai,” or life. According to Jewish mysticism, there are 36 righteous and extraordinarily good people upon whom the fate of the world depends. The lamed-vavniks are not known to each other, but when one dies, another immediately takes their place. They are often not recognized or known as lamed-vavniks, but without their presence the world would come to an end.

I do not remember who, many years ago on some public occasion, praised Egon and concluded his remarks by suggesting that Egon Bitter was truly one of the lamed-vavniks. Indeed.

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Submission Information:

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

The deadline for submitting material for the next issue is January 31, 2012.

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Call for Abstracts

ISA Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography

In 2011 the International Sociological Association established Institutional Ethnography as a thematic group (TG06), and we are soliciting abstracts for our inaugural sessions during the ISA Forum of Sociology in Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 1-4, 2012. Sessions are being organized on the following topics:

Puzzles and Challenges in Institutional Ethnography Research
 The Social Organization of Knowledge
 New Directions in Institutional Ethnography Research
 Researching and Working in the Community
 Transnational Ruling Relations
 Social Justice and Institutional Ethnography

Descriptions of these sessions can be found at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/tg/tg.php?n=TG06>. Since we did not have time to organize workshop sessions, presentations that are primarily instructional are certainly welcome. From this website, you can click on "On-line Abstract Submission" to submit a 300-word abstract electronically. The deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm EST, December 15, 2011.

For more information on the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography or to join the ISA and the Group, go to <http://www.isa-sociology.org/tg06.htm>. The membership is for four years.

Book Review of Naked Lives: Inside the Worlds of Exotic Dance by Mindy S. Bradley-Engen (2009)

Reviewed by Kathleen Guidroz, Ph.D.

When Hollywood movies feature a strip club, mostly they are portrayed as overwhelmingly male spaces where women's bodies are decorative props. Rarely do they show how that club's organizational structure influences the workers' experiences, behaviors, and perceptions within it. Mindy Bradley-Engen has accomplished this portrayal in her book Naked Lives: Inside the Worlds of Exotic Dance (2009), which takes the reader deep inside the social worlds and organizational patterns of three types of strip clubs, the *hustle* club, the *show* club, and the *social* club. Her book was written from the perspective of a sociologist and a "former sex worker" (p. 3) and stripper. I think this distinction of the researcher's background is important to make, as complete access of non-sex work researchers into the sex industry is somewhat restricted and, therefore, what we know sociologically about the sex trade remains incomplete. While participant observation is not necessary for sociologists to collect good data in researching the sex industry, I believe it gave Bradley-Engen an accurate "insider's" perspective and enabled her to collect an impressive amount of embodied observations and interviews that reflect gender, race (or racist), and social class distinctions within strip clubs. Out of the eight years she spent in strip clubs, Bradley-Engen spent three years dancing in 37 clubs and another two years collecting data in other roles in an additional 12 strip clubs. She conducted more than 50 interviews with exotic dancers; recorded dressing room conversations; made field notes on club policies, physical layout, and dancers' interactions with club owners and each other; and observed strip club interactions in numerous other establishments. This book exemplifies thorough ethnographic data collection and reflects all of the hours Bradley-Engen devoted to her research, which then enabled her to create a typology and distinct patterns of the three strip clubs, in particular how the clubs' organizational structures "increase the likelihood of feeling particular types of constraint or agency" (p. 18). Be sure to examine her "Club Classification Schema" on page 24 and "Select Work Order Features" on pages 87-91. They provide clear visual representations of the clubs' features, including dancer and customer turnover, power relations, money-making method and potential, emphasis on beauty, club atmosphere, and enforcement of policies. Chapters 3, 4, and 5 provide details and examples of these characteristics.

What does it mean to be a dancer in a *hustle* club versus the *show* and *social* clubs and how much "constraint or agency" is present? Bradley-Engen shows how in a *hustle* club dancers' bodies are the product being sold, and there are consistent patterns of dancers being "frustrated and powerless, devalued and exploited" (p. 33). Bradley-Engen describes "an atmosphere of normlessness" (p. 44) where dancers pay the club a "stage fee" (p. 35) and therefore must *hustle* for tips. The overall ethos, including the management encouraging solicitation without enforcing "no touching" policies, fosters apathy and antagonism. Readers like me might be surprised to envision how a *hustle* club stage becomes an assembly line "[w]ith no room to dance" (p. 31). The women simply move (and sometimes push or kick each other) down the stage to stop, squat, and collect tips from customers.

The *show* club is probably what most outsiders think of as a “gentlemen’s club” (p. 55). In a show club the emphasis is on dancers’ overall physical appearance and “pageantlike” (p. 58) behaviors and qualities. Bradley-Engen argues that here the focus is on receiving affirmation (p. 60) through “beautiful costumes” (p. 52) and engaging routines and “pole work” (p. 63) rather than hustling for money from customers. Given societal appearance norms, readers will understand Bradley-Engen’s use of the term “affirmation addicts” (p. 61) for dancers who have internalized the show club’s focus on validation and continual self-improvement. An interesting feature of the show club is “showcasing” (pp. 59-60), where dancers parade in evening gowns first on stage and then in the crowd. While Bradley-Engen writes that this event resembles part of a beauty contest (p. 59), this practice also mirrors Nevada brothels’ use of line-ups, as the goal is to be selected by customers for private one-on-one encounters.

In contrast to the exploitation present in the hustle club and the emphasis on affirmation at the show club, the *social* club is marked by a “‘good time’ atmosphere” (much like a neighborhood bar) with more symmetrical power relations and collaboration among dancers and club owners (pp. 73-74). Bradley-Engen argues that positive dancer-dancer, dancer-owner, and dancer-customer dynamics present in the social club are fostered by management’s de-emphasis on money (p. 74), as well as “dancer socialization” by older dancers who adopt the “mentor” role (p. 77). Accordingly, Bradley-Engen writes that long-term “networks of mutual obligation” (p. 81) contribute to a social club dancer’s obligation to others, which in turn “dissuades career termination” (p. 81).

Bradley-Engen uses the next chapter to explore the implications of dancers’ commitment and “career continuity” in relation to “differential experiences of agency and/or constraint” in the three types of clubs (p. 84). She reiterates in her conclusion that dancers’ ongoing experiences and participation are directly influenced by the “organizational culture and structural patterns” (p. 117) of the clubs; however, it would be interesting to have additional sociological explanations of strippers’ “aging out” process as we have for other populations such as musicians or criminal offenders.

Professors will find Bradley-Engen’s book to be a useful text in not only courses on the sex industry, but also courses on social stratification, gender, work and labor, and sexuality. Rather than a stand-alone book, I recommend it in tandem with another book such as Bernadette Barton’s *Stripped* (2006); Diablo Cody’s memoir *Candy Girl* (2006); Egan, Frank, and Johnson’s anthology *Flesh for Fantasy* (2006); or *Strip Club* (2010) by Kim Price-Glynn. Unfortunately, most academic literature focuses on heterosexual exotic dancing and heteronormative strip clubs. Nonetheless, students will be able to make additional comparisons on varying types of such clubs as well as the ways exotic dancers’ work lives reflect these differences. Ideally, students will also reflect on their own work experiences in other industries (or the same) and gain a solid sociological understanding of how social structure imparts tangible influences on individual experiences.

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Call for Papers

This year, let us celebrate a crucial part of what initially brought the SSSP into existence in 1951: the art of activism. By focusing on the myriad intersections between art and activism, I mean to encourage the sharing of work that explores the creative spirit in activism as well as the sociopolitical power of art. Art and activism are both situational, relying always on history, context, and interpretation for their meaning. The meaning of art cannot be limited to aesthetic or meritocratic considerations, which also result from social interactions. Through our organizing, scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and community service, we are participant-observers in a variety of forms of activism and of artistry. Art and activism both: Emerge out of creative, passionate impulses; Involve transgression, challenging conventions, and making meaning in ways that are emotionally evocative and intellectually provocative; Have the potential to transform worldviews, social practices, and power dynamics; Have the ability to impel momentous connections between the many people who rail against multiple machines in pursuit of a variety of forms of social justice. Let us consider art and activism - and our role as practitioners in both cultural arenas.

See you in Denver!

Wendy Simonds, SSSP President, Georgia State University

Graduate Student Awards

Graduate student paper awards will be given by each of the SSSP Special Problems Divisions: Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Disabilities; Drinking and Drugs; Educational Problems; Environment and Technology; Family; Global; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Institutional Ethnography; Labor Studies; Law and Society; Mental Health Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Social Problems Theory; Sociology and Social Welfare; Sport, Leisure, and the Body; Teaching Social Problems; and the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course.

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Society for the Study of Social Problems
62nd Annual Meeting, August 16-18, 2012
The Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2011 C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD

Nominations are now open for the [2011 C. Wright Mills Award](#). **Members of the Society are encouraged to submit letters of nomination for this prestigious annual award.** Self nominations are acceptable. 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 2011 award nominations is December 15, 2011.** The 2011 award will be presented at the 62nd Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, August 16-18, 2012.

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 2011 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.

To nominate a book for the 2011 C. Wright Mills Award, click the following nomination form link: [2011 C. Wright Mills Award Nomination Form](#). All nominations, including a cover letter explaining how the nominated book addresses each of the criteria for the award must be submitted by December 15, 2011. Click the following link for information on [where to send books](#).

Please address all questions to:

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS **2012 LEE FOUNDERS AWARD**

Nominations are now open for the 2012 [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

2011	Claire M. Renzetti, University of Kentucky
2010	Thomas C. Hood, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2009	John F. Galliher, University of Missouri
2008	David A. Snow, University of California, Irvine
2007	Peter Conrad, Brandeis University
2006	Barbara Katz Rothman, Baruch College, CUNY Graduate Center
2005	Robert Perrucci, Purdue University
2004	Mary A. Romero, Arizona State University
2003	Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University and Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide Jerome Scott, Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide
2002	Thomas J. Scheff, University of California, Santa Barbara
2001	Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine
2000	Beth B. Hess, County College of Morris Norma Williams, University of Texas at Arlington
1999	Gary L. Albrecht, University of Illinois, Chicago
1998	John I. Kitsuse, University of California, Santa Cruz
1997	Irwin Deutscher, University of Akron
1996	No Winner Chosen
1995	Gideon Sjoberg, University of Texas
1994	Joyce A. Ladner, Howard University
1993	Irving Kenneth Zola, Brandeis University
1992	Marvin B. Sussman, University of Delaware
1991	Richard Cloward, Columbia University Francis Fox Piven, CUNY, Graduate Center
1990	Louis Kriesberg, Syracuse University
1989	Arlene Kaplan Daniels, Northwestern University
1988	James E. Blackwell, University of Massachusetts, Boston
1987	John Useem, SSSP Life Member Ruth Hill Useem, SSSP Life Member
1986	Jessie Bernard, Pennsylvania State University
1985	Butler Jones, Cleveland State University
1984	Elliot Liebow, National Institute of Mental Health
1983	Charles V. Willie, Harvard University
1982	S. M. Miller, Boston University Joan Moore, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

The 2012 award will be presented at the 62nd Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, August 16-18, 2012. To nominate a person for the 2012 Lee Founders Award, click the following nomination form link: [2012 Lee Founders Award Nomination Form](#). Supporting documents and additional information should be sent no later than April 15, 2012 to:

Dr. Shari Dworkin, Chair, Lee Founders Award Committee
University of California, San Francisco
Social & Behavioral Sciences, 3333 California St, LHTS #455
San Francisco, CA 94118
Work: (415) 476-9487; E-mail: shari.dworkin@ucsf.edu

CRITERIA FOR THE LEE FOUNDERS AWARD

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

GUIDELINES

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

[TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE](#)

The Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee announces funds available for Unemployed and Underemployed Sociologists to participate in the 2012 Annual Meeting, August 16-18, Denver, CO.

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

Erwin O. Smigel Award Guidelines: 1) the Smigel Fund monies are to be used to help pay for three or four unemployed or severely underemployed sociologists' transportation to and registration fees for the SSSP meeting; 2) applicants must be SSSP members who are presenting a paper at the main SSSP meeting (rather than at an adjacent workshop or meeting) or participating as a SSSP elected or appointed officer or committee member; 3) a maximum of \$500 dollars is to be granted to any one recipient.

An [online application](#) must be submitted no later than March 15, 2012 and will be automatically sent to:

Michelle Budig, Chair
Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee
University of Massachusetts
Work: (413) 545-5972; E-mail:
budig@soc.umass.edu

Other Committee Members:
John C. Alessio, Chair-Elect,
Minnesota State University
Melanie B. Carlson, The College of Mt. St. Joseph

The Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee announces funds available for Foreign Scholars to participate in the 2012 Annual Meeting, August 16-18, Denver, CO.

The Society for the Study Social Problems established the Lee Scholar Support Fund to help bring foreign scholars to the Annual Meeting. The specific purpose is to facilitate scholarly participation by persons engaged in research related to labor, gender, race-ethnicity, less advantaged countries, and other struggles. More generally, the purpose of this fund is to foster cooperative relations among persons and organizations engaged in applying sociological findings to confront social problems and create social change. Consistent with past practice, preference will be given to applicants from economically disadvantaged countries who without these funds could not attend the Annual Meeting. Preference will be given to applicants who have not received support from the Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee before.

An [online application](#) must be submitted no later than March 15, 2012 and will be automatically sent to:

Nadia Shapkina, Chair
Lee Student Support Fund Committee
Kansas State University
Work: (785) 532-2790; E-mail: shapkina@yahoo.com

Other Committee Members:
Jon Shefner, Chair-Elect, University of Tennessee
Hephzibah Strmic-Pawl, University of Virginia

The Lee Student Support Fund Committee announces funds available for Undergraduate and Graduate Students to participate in the 2012 Annual Meeting, August 16-18, Denver, CO.

In recognition of Al Lee's commitment to social justice and his history of critical contributions to the Society for the Study of Social Problems, SSSP established the Lee Student Support Fund. The fund provides up to \$500 in travel support (transportation costs only) for undergraduate and graduate student conference participants. Awards are allocated by the committee. In addition to need, the committee may recognize the Society's commitment to diversity, the applicant's commitment to scholar-activism, and interdisciplinary work among other factors. Only complete online applications will be reviewed, and there is only one award per applicant. Please contact Jennifer K. Wesely, University of North Florida, with any questions (jwesely@unf.edu).

An [online application](#) must be submitted no later than March 15, 2012 and will be automatically sent to:

Jennifer K. Wesely, Chair
Lee Student Support Fund
University of North Florida
Work: (904) 620-1685; E-mail: jwesely@unf.edu

Other Committee Members:
Jane C. Hood, Chair-Elect, University of New Mexico
Ruth K. Thompson-Miller, Texas A&M University

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2012 JOSEPH B. GITTLER AWARD

Members of the Society are urged to submit the names of nominees for the [2012 Joseph B. Gittler Award](#).

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

PREVIOUS WINNERS

- 2011 Frances Fox Piven, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2010 Ellen Pence, Praxis International
- 2009 Gregory D. Squires, George Washington University
- 2008 Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

The 2012 award will be presented at the 62nd Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, August 16-18, 2012. [Click here](#) to submit a nomination for the Joseph B. Gittler Award. Nominations and supporting documents should be sent no later than April 15, 2012 to:

**Dr. Gabriel Aquino, Chair
Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee
Westfield State University
577 Western Avenue
Westfield, MA 01086-1630
E-mail: gaquino@westfield.ma.edu**

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Any member of the Society may nominate one or more persons for the award. Members of the Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee are encouraged to nominate.
2. All nominations must be accompanied by supporting evidence sufficiently detailed for the committee to render a decision (e.g., a resume; media accounts of activist activities inspired by the nominee's scholarly efforts, testimonials from grass roots organizations or advocacy agencies; or additional supporting description of the nominee's work, demonstrating that the contributions meet the criteria for nomination). Please include supporting information not covered in a resume. List names of colleagues who would be willing and able to write supporting letters upon the request.

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

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

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2012 THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

Nominations are open for the [2012 Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award](#). **Members of the Society are urged to submit names of organizations as nominees for this award.**

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

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

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

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

Preference is given to small, local agencies in the **Denver 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 17, 2012 at the SSSP Awards Banquet in Denver, CO. **Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2012.**

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

2011	Las Vegas, NV	Sex Workers' Outreach Project (SWOP), Las Vegas
2010	Atlanta, GA	Youth Speak Truth (YST)
2009	San Francisco, CA	Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana (WAMM)
2008	Boston, MA	We're All in This Together (WAITT House) Haley House
2007	New York, NY	CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities
2006	Montréal, Québec, Canada	Action Réfugiés Montréal
2005	Philadelphia, PA	Alliance for a Clean Environment (ACE)
2004	San Francisco, CA	Free Battered Women
2003	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta Harm Reduction Center
2002	Chicago, IL	Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
2001	Anaheim, CA	Innecity Struggle
2000	Washington, DC	Council of Latino Agencies
1999	Chicago, IL	Rogers Park Community Action Network
1998	San Francisco, CA	People Organized to Win Employment Rights
1997	Toronto, Canada	Heritage Skills Development Center
1996	New York, NY	SAKHI
1995	Washington, DC	Foundation for Youth at Risk Friends and Jr. Friends of the Southwest Branch Library
1994	Los Angeles, CA	Coalition for Human Immigration Rights of Los Angeles
1993	Miami, FL	Women Will Rebuild P.A.C.E Center for Girls Haitian Refugee Center
1992	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh Jobs with Peace Campaign
1991	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio Welfare Rights Organization ReSTOC Inc.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES:

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

1. Your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.
2. The name and address of the organization you wish to nominate.
3. The name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the organizational contact person.
4. Give an overview of the organization's work.
5. Indicate why you believe that the nominee merits the award.
6. Please submit any supportive materials in electronic form (as attachments) you believe would be helpful to the committee.

To nominate an organization for the 2012 Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award, click the following nomination form link: [Thomas C. Hood 2012 Social Action Form](#).

Nominations should be submitted no later than April 1, 2012. Please submit any supportive materials in electronic form (as attachments) you believe would be helpful to the committee no later than April 1, 2012.

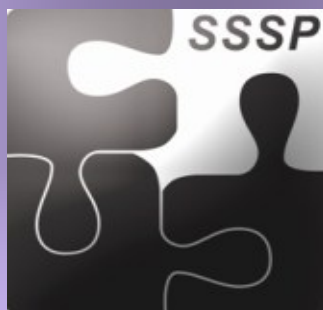
Lisa Pasko, Chair
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Barbara Katz Rothman, Chair-Elect, City University of New York
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Hava Gordon, University of Denver
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Mark R. Pogrebin, University of Colorado, Denver
Rae Shevalier, Metropolitan State College of Denver

**TO VIEW THE
APPROVED 2010 AUDIT
REPORT VISIT:**

<http://www.sssp1.org/file/2010/2010%20Audit%20Report.pdf>



CALL FOR PAPERS

The Henry Kaufman Conference on Religious Traditions and Business Behavior

This conference explores two central questions in the relationship between the world's major religious traditions and the business behavior of adherents to those traditions:

First, what do the world's major organized religious traditions – Protestantism, Catholicism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism – proscribe about business and financial ethics and behavior?

Second, how and why have business and financial actors seriously compromised the leading religious traditions of their cultures?

By interrogating these two core questions, the conference will yield insights valuable to contemporary business and religious leaders about abiding questions such as: Do the scriptures and doctrines of these religions appear to have had a marked effect on financial behavior? Does religion appear to be a more potent or less potent influence than business ethics courses in fostering sound, ethical, and socially responsible financial behavior? How can religion best be promulgated to make financial behavior more sound, ethical, and socially responsible?

Authors are invited to submit papers related to the questions listed above.

The deadline for submitting papers is **February 1, 2012**. Please submit completed papers as e-mail attachments to BusinessandReligion@rhsmith.umd.edu.

Note: When submitting a paper, please include a title page with an abstract, names of authors/affiliations, and contact information for the submitting author.

Scholars will be invited to participate in two discussion sessions in College Park, MD, prior to the Spring 2013 conference. Further instructions will be communicated to the scholars at the time of proposal selection.

For more information, contact:

Michelle Lui, Assistant Director, Center for Financial Policy: [301-405-0400](tel:301-405-0400) or mlui@rhsmith.umd.edu

David Sicilia, Henry Kaufman Fellow in Business History: [301-405-7778](tel:301-405-7778) or dsicilia@umd.edu

Call for Proposals: New Editor of *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*

The Editorial Staff of the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* (JCE) announces a search for the next editor of our journal. The editor will serve a four-year term beginning in January 2013 and ending with Volume 45 (4) in December 2016. This editorial term is potentially renewable if the editor wants to continue and receives permission from Sage Publications to do so.

The editor is responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and making decisions about all manuscript submissions. JCE publishes six issues annually, and each issue typically contains four articles. JCE operates on an electric platform (Manuscript Central) which the editor uses to manage all aspects of the publication and review process. The editor is expected to work with the publisher to ensure timely and accurate delivery of manuscripts for publication.

JCE seeks an editor with a vision and strategy for maintaining and strengthening the journal as a prestigious outlet for the publication of ethnographic research conducted in a variety of disciplines. Applicants should have a distinguished scholarly record and experience in academic leadership roles. Applicants should also possess strong organizational and management skills, the ability to work well with others, and a commitment to JCE's mission.

Sage Publications provides JCE with generous support for the editorial office but the institution that hosts the journal will also be expected to provide support for the editor and the office. The proposal should indicate the expected institutional support. This institutional support might come in the form of additional faculty release time, travel funds, summer salary, office space, utilities, the use of computers and other office equipment, support for a full time Managing Editor, student workers, and/or other basic expenses.

Applicants should send a cover letter of application which includes their vision for the future of the journal and a description of their qualifications for the editorship.

Applicants should also include copies of their CV and documentation of prospective institutional support. These application materials will be due by November 1, 2011.

The review process will begin December 1, 2011. Applications, nominations and requests for additional information should be sent electronically to the JCE editorial team at jce@uni.edu. Please put "JCE editor application" in the subject line of your email.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact the current co-editors, Kent Sandstrom and Marybeth Stalp, at jce@uni.edu.



2012 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

sponsored by the

Society for the Study of Social Problems

The Special Problems Divisions are pleased to announce the 2012 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. Please note each division has a unique deadline and submission process.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: 4/1/12

The **Community Research and Development Division** announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage scholarly endeavors which enhance our understanding of issues affecting the community. Paper topics can focus on various aspects of the community, including its capacity (i.e., social capital), development, renewal, and its relationship with other social issues or problems. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication. Papers must be student-authored; they may be authored by a single student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Papers must not exceed 25 double-spaced pages (including all notes, references, and tables), and should include a brief abstract. To be considered for the award, the author must make a commitment to present the paper at a Community Research and Development Division session during the 2012 SSSP meeting. To be considered, submit (a) a copy of the manuscript, (b) a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Community Research and Development Division Graduate Student Paper Competition, and (c) a letter from each author's advisor certifying the person's status as a student and including some brief comments about the research. All materials must be submitted electronically to Dr. Andrea Leverentz at Andrea.Leverentz@umb.edu. Papers may be sent beginning on January 1, 2012 but will be accepted no later than April 1, 2012. The winner will receive a \$100 cash award at the SSSP 2012 Annual Meeting, registration for the meetings, a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet, and the opportunity to present her/his paper at the SSSP meetings in Denver, CO.

CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE

Deadline: 5/1/12

The **Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division** announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Students are encouraged to submit theoretical or empirical papers that address some aspect of the interrelation of conflict, social action, and change. The winner of the competition will receive a \$150 cash award, a one-year membership to SSSP, conference registration fees to the 2012 SSSP meeting in Denver, CO, and a ticket to the SSSP Awards Banquet. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication. Also, papers must be authored by a current graduate student (either solely or co-authored by more than one student) and may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. The winning author is required to present the paper at a Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division session during the 2012 SSSP meeting in Denver, CO, August 16-18, 2012. Papers must not exceed 30 pages including all notes, references, and tables. Please send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter to Maralee Mayberry at mayberry@usf.edu with the subject line: SSSP-CSAC Student Paper Competition.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Deadline: 3/15/12

The **Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division** announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of crime or delinquency, including related issues of social control. Eligible papers must have been written during 2011, and at the time of submission may not be

published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers presented at a professional meeting or accepted for presentation are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; in the case of co-authorship, all authors must be students. Recommended length is under thirty pages, including all notes, references, and tables; length is a criterion of evaluation. Submissions should use 12-point font, one inch margins, and double spacing throughout. Send paper and a cover letter confirming eligibility and nominating the paper to Dr. Tim Berard. Papers should be submitted electronically, by e-mail attachment in MS Word 2007, sent to: tberard@kent.edu. Winner will be announced in Spring, 2012. Winner will receive a plaque, a stipend, and compensation covering registration for the 2012 annual meeting and the awards banquet.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Deadline: 12/15/11

The **Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Lifetime Achievement Award** is intended to honor individuals for their distinguished scholarship in the field of crime and delinquency and/or for the positive impact of their actions/activism addressing problems of crime, delinquency and justice. In submitting a nomination, please provide the following supporting materials: a statement surveying the nominee's relevant contributions, and the nominee's vitae (short version preferred). Please submit your nomination and supporting materials electronically to Tim Berard at tberard@kent.edu. The submission deadline is December 15, 2011. Previous nominations have no bearing on eligibility.

DISABILITIES

Deadline: 5/1/12

The **Disabilities Division** is pleased to announce its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, may concern any social aspect of disability, and should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages. They should be prepared for anonymous review. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after December 2011) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2012 SSSP Annual Meeting in Denver. Thus it is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to a Disabilities Division session by the January 31st deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership in SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Send an electronic copy of the paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Laura Lorenz at llorenz@brandeis.edu.

DRINKING AND DRUGS

Deadline: 3/31/12

The **Drinking and Drugs Division** invites graduate students to apply for the 2012 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award. The First Place Winner will receive a \$100 stipend and be recognized at the 2012 meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Papers under consideration must present original research (empirical and/or theoretical) related to drinking and/or drugs. To be eligible, entrants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program and have not yet received a Ph.D., J.D., or M.D. degree at the time of submission.

Participants must have had sole responsibility for preparation of the paper. Self-nominations are permitted. The paper should be no longer than 30 pages. The division reserves the right to identify additional prizes or to not award a first place winner at its discretion. Applicants should send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter identifying the matriculated graduate program by 3/31/12 to: Dina Perrone, Criminal Justice Department, Cal State Long Beach, dperrone@csulb.edu.

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Educational Problems Division announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers must address a contemporary educational problem and may be empirical or theoretical in nature. Authors must be current graduate students or recent graduates with conferral dates no earlier than January 2012. Only unpublished, single-author papers will be considered. Papers must not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (excluding notes, references, tables and figures). All papers must include a 150-200 word abstract and be prepared for anonymous review with the author's name and institutional affiliation appearing only on the title page. Winners will receive a small stipend, student membership in the SSSP, conference registration to the 2012 SSSP annual meeting, and a complimentary ticket to the awards banquet at which all winners will be recognized. The recipient will also have the opportunity to present the paper at the 2012 SSSP conference held in Denver, CO. All papers must be submitted electronically (as an attachment) to the Division Chair, Dr. Leslie R. Hinkson at lrh27@georgetown.edu, with subject line: SSSP-Edu. Probs. Div. Student Paper Competition. Please include your name, institutional affiliation and contact information in the body of your email. The paper should be submitted no later than 11:59 PM (EST), May 1, 2012.

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Deadline: 3/16/12

The Environment and Technology Division is pleased to announce its 2012 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award. This award honors the late Brent Marshall's (1965-2008) personal and professional commitment to the Division and encouragement of student engagement in academic scholarship and research. Papers will be considered in the areas of environmental sociology including, but not limited to political economy of the environment, global environmental issues, social movements and the environment, technology and society, natural disasters and society, and risk perception. The winner will receive a \$150 cash award, membership dues, annual meeting registration, and a ticket to the annual SSSP awards banquet where the winner will be acknowledged. The winner will also be offered the opportunity to present this paper at one of the Environment and Technology sessions held at the 2012 SSSP meeting in Denver, CO. To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written between January 2011 and March 2012; 2) the paper may not have been submitted for publication (papers presented at other professional meetings or that have been submitted for presentation at other meetings are eligible); 3) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) the paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the work for The Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award (formerly the Environment and Technology Division Graduate Student Paper Competition). Students should send one copy of the paper accompanied by a letter of support to: Erin E. Robinson, Ph.D., Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208. Electronic submissions to robinso5@canisius.edu are preferred. Submissions must be received no later than midnight on March 16, 2012.

FAMILY

Deadline: 3/15/12

The Family Division announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should be of professional quality and may relate to any aspect of the sociology of the family. Authors should be currently enrolled as graduate students, or individuals who received

their PhDs May 2012 or later. To be eligible, a paper may not be published, accepted, or under review for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or submitted for presentation at a professional conference are eligible. Papers must be student authored; they can be authored by one or more students, but may not be co-authored with a faculty member or non-student. Papers should be no more than 25 pages in length, including all notes, references, and tables. Please e-mail papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Dr. Ebonie Cunningham Stringer, e.cunninghamstringer@wingate.edu. The winner and any runners-up will be announced in Spring 2012. The winner(s) will receive a modest cash stipend, registration fees, and an opportunity to present her/his paper at the upcoming SSSP meetings in Denver, CO. Please include your name, institutional affiliation and contact information in the body of your e-mail. Please indicate that your paper is being submitted for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition in the subject line of your e-mail.

GLOBAL

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Global Division in cooperation with the Sage journal *Critical Sociology* announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global or transnational studies and social problems. Suggested paper topics include but are not limited to the following themes:

- Transnational Public Sociology;
- Knowledge Production about Globalization;
- Democratizing Globalization
- The Politics of Human Rights;
- Re-imagining Community;
- Critical and/or Institutional Ethnography and Global Governance;
- Transnational Corporate Accountability
- Immigration, Citizenship, and Global Justice;
- Globalization and Environmental Justice;
- Transnational Movements;
- Transnational Organizing within the Global South;
- Gender Issues in Globalization; and
- Transnational Families

Jointly-authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current graduate students or have graduated not prior to January 1, 2012. The award recipient will receive student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2012 Annual SSSP Meeting in Denver, CO, a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet and a \$450 prize (this award has been made possible in part by support from the Sage Journal *Critical Sociology*). Award recipients are expected to present their paper at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Winning papers will be invited to submit their paper for publication in *Critical Sociology*. Papers must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with MS WORD and authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. Although faculty sponsorship is not formally required to enter the competition, participants are invited to request a note from a faculty member or independent scholar that speaks to the academic quality of the submission and they should be emailed directly to the addresses below. Note: Previous winners of this award are ineligible to compete. Papers should be double-spaced pages and not exceed 10,000 words including citations. Submissions may be sent beginning on January 31, 2012 but no later than May 1, 2012 to both Co-Chairs: Dr. Tony Samara at tsamara@gmu.edu and Dr. David Smith at dasmith@uci.edu.

GLOBAL OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD

Deadline: 4/9/12

The Global Division is pleased to announce its 2012 Outstanding Book Award. Given the massive growth of interest and research in the areas of global studies and social problems over the last decade, the Award is intended to recognize published work of exceptional quality in these areas and to encourage further critical scholarship about them. Accordingly, books on a variety of topics and themes will be considered for the Award, including but not limited to the

following: alternative models of globalization; global dynamics and forms of resistance to neoliberalism (including the post-Washington Consensus era in Latin America, Asia, Africa, or the Middle East); transnational social movements; human rights struggles and global activism (around gender, indigeneity, migration, peace, social justice, etc.); transnational communities and cultural politics; global cities. We are particularly interested in books that link critical politics and activism with analytical and theoretical rigor.

To be eligible for consideration, books must have been published within 3 years of the meeting (2009-2012 for this year's award). Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the Award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2012 Annual Meeting. The award recipient(s) will receive one or two tickets to the SSSP awards banquet, at which the Award will be announced. Nominations can be made by members of the Global Division as well as from publishers; self-nominations are also welcomed.

Nominees should send full publication information and a paragraph explaining why this book is recommended. If available, contact information for the author should be included. Authors will be requested to facilitate with their publishers that copies of the nominated book be sent to each of the Award Committee Co-Chairs. Nominations must be received no later than April 9, 2012. To nominate a book for this award, please send your message to Co-Chair of the 2012 Global Division Outstanding Book Award Committee, Bhavani Arabandi, barabandi@ithaca.edu.

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES

Deadline: 5/1/12

The **Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division** invites all graduate students to apply for this annual paper award competition. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest, including health and illness, health policy, and health services. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified on a title page but not referred to in other parts of the text). Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2011) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. (Please do not submit the thesis or dissertation itself.) Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors were graduate students at the time the paper was written. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2012 SSSP Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. Thus it is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to any Health Division session organizer or the roundtable organizer by the January 31st deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Send an electronic copy of the paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Miranda Waggoner, PhD, waggoner@princeton.edu.

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY

Deadline: 5/1/12

The **Institutional Ethnography Division** solicits papers for its 2012 George W. Smith Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should advance institutional ethnography scholarship either methodologically or through a substantive contribution. Authors must be currently enrolled graduate students or have completed their degree since September 2011. Prizes include a \$100 cash award, registration fees and an opportunity to present the paper at the 2012 SSSP meetings, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Students who submit papers should be prepared to attend the conference. Send a copy to Laura Bisailon islandlaura@yahoo.com and Marie Campbell mariecam.@uvic.ca. (For an overview of institutional ethnography and the purposes of the IE Division, see <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1236>.)

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY: DOROTHY E. SMITH AWARD FOR SCHOLAR-ACTIVISM

Deadline: 5/1/12

The **Institutional Ethnography Division** is pleased to solicit nominations for the 2012 Dorothy E. Smith Award for Scholar-Activism. This award recognizes the activities of an individual or group who has made substantial contributions to institutional ethnographic scholar-activism in either a single project or some longer trajectory of work. The contributions may involve IE research conducted and used for activist ends, or it may involve activist efforts which have drawn upon or contributed to IE scholarship. The award committee invites members of the division to send a one-page statement describing the contributions of the nominee to Janet Rankin at jnrankin@ucalgary.ca. The honoree will be recognized with a certificate at the Institutional Ethnography business meeting during the Annual Meeting in August 2012 in Denver.

LABOR STUDIES

Deadline 5/1/12

One of the most important activities of the **Labor Studies Division** is to recognize the work of graduate students. As in the past, the division is soliciting graduate student papers that build on the legacy of the late Harry Braverman. The Award consists of a \$200 cash prize and a ticket to the annual SSSP awards banquet. The Braverman tradition includes work in a variety of areas, including (but not limited to): labor process studies, critical organization studies, research on the intersections of gender, race, and class at work, technical and organizational change and its impact on work culture, labor movements and resistance in the workplace, critical perspectives on labor markets and occupational transformation. Papers co-authored with faculty members will not be accepted. Single authored papers by graduate students and papers co-authored by graduate students are welcome. All papers will be evaluated by a committee composed of at least three Labor Studies Division faculty scholars. E-mail your paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program to: Ted Brimeyer, tbrimeyer@georgiasouthern.edu.

LAW AND SOCIETY

Deadline: 3/15/12

The **Law and Society Division** announces its 2012 Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of law and society. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2011, and at the time of submission, it may not be published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers which have been presented at a professional meeting or accepted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; they can be single-authored or co-authored by students, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Please submit in MS Word 2007. There is a 25-page limit, including all notes, references, and tables. Submissions should use 12-size font, one inch margins, and double spacing throughout. Send papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the SSSP Law and Society Division Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Dr. Lloyd Klein. Submissions should be submitted electronically to: klein@stfranciscollege.edu. The winner(s) will be announced in Spring 2012, will receive a \$200 stipend, and is eligible to present the paper at the 2012 annual meeting in Denver.

LAW AND SOCIETY: OUTSTANDING BOOK SCHOLAR COMPETITION

Deadline: 3/15/12

The **Law and Society Division** announces its 2012 Outstanding Book Scholar Competition. Books may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of law and society. To be eligible, the book must have been written between 2010 and 2011. Submissions should be sent to: Paul Steele, Morehead State University pd.steele@moreheadstate.edu. The winner will be announced in Spring 2012. The winner will receive a \$100 award.

MENTAL HEALTH**Deadline: 5/15/12**

The **Mental Health Division** announces the 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should involve an empirical analysis, either qualitative or quantitative, dealing with any aspect of the sociology of mental health. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2011 or 2012, and it may not be published or accepted for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting, submitted for presentation at a professional conference, or are under review for publication are eligible. Papers must be student-authored. They may be single authored by the student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other nonstudent. Paper must not exceed 28 pages including all notes, references, and tables. To submit your paper for consideration, send two online copies to: Richard Carpiano, Ph.D. at richard.carpiano@ubc.ca. Please include (1) a cover letter indicating that you are submitting your paper for the competition; and (2) a letter from your advisor that certifies your graduate-student status and offers some brief comments about your work. The winner will be announced at the 2012 Annual Meeting and will receive a \$150 cash award, plus a ticket to the SSSP banquet where the award will be presented, conference registration and student membership.

MENTAL HEALTH: JAMES R. GREENLEY AWARD**Deadline: 5/1/12**

The **Mental Health Division** invites nominations for the 2012 James R. Greenley Award for distinguished contributions to the sociology of mental health. With this award, the Division seeks to recognize individuals who have distinguished careers and made a significant impact on the field through their scholarship, teaching, and community involvement. Previous award winners include Jerome Myers, Bruce Link, Thomas Scheff, Walter Gove, R. Jay Turner, Bruce Dohrenwend, Bill Avison, Virginia Hiday, and Eric Wright. Nominations, including a letter of nomination and a copy of the nominee's CV, should be sent via email to Stephanie.hartwell@umb.edu by May 1, 2012. The winner of the 2012 award will be notified in June and the award will be presented at the Mental Health Division's Business Meeting in Denver, CO.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY**Deadline: 5/1/12**

The **Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division** announces its 2012 Student Paper Competition. The PCI division would like to reward student work that addresses issues related to poverty, class, and inequality. Papers should be original empirical works of professional quality completed during students' graduate or undergraduate studies. Papers must be student authored; they can be authored by one or more students, but may not be co-authored with faculty or non-students. The winner of the competition will receive: a small cash award, complimentary annual dues for SSSP, and registration and a banquet ticket for the annual meeting. Papers should be no more than 30 pages in length, including notes, references, and tables. Send papers, electronically, to: Tracy Peressini, tracy.peressini@uwaterloo.ca. Please specify that you are submitting a paper for the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division Student Paper Competition.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY: MICHAEL HARRINGTON AWARD**Deadline: 4/1/12**

The **Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division** invites nominations for the 2012 Michael Harrington Award. This award will be granted to an individual who, or an organization that, by his/her/its actions advance our understanding of poverty, social class, and/or inequality, and proposes effective and practical ways to attend to the needs of the poor and reduce class inequalities. Self-nominations are acceptable. The award will be presented at the 2012 SSSP meetings in Denver, CO. The winner will receive a plaque at a special session honoring the work of Michael Harrington. One-page nomination letters should be sent electronically to Shawn Cassiman, University of Dayton: shawncassiman@gmail.com.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES**Deadline: 4/30/12**

The **Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division** invites graduate student papers that cover any aspect within the field of race and ethnic relations to be submitted for consideration for our Graduate Student paper award. Papers may be empirical or theoretical. To be eligible, a paper must have been written in 2011, may not have been accepted for publication, or currently under review. Papers which have been presented at previous meetings or conferences are eligible. Papers must be single authored by the student. Papers must not exceed 25 pages, including notes, tables, and references. Papers should be accompanied by a cover letter specifying their submission as consideration for the graduate student paper competition to: Marlese Durr at marlese.durr@wright.edu. The winner will be announced in early summer 2012 and will receive a \$100 stipend and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES**Deadline: 4/1/12**

The **Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division** announces the 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, or sexual communities. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100, payment of the winner's SSSP registration fee for the 2012 SSSP meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a ticket to the awards banquet. The winner will be expected to present their winning paper at one of the SBPC sessions being held as part of the 2012 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2011 and March 2012; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must not exceed 35 pages including notes, references, and tables; 5) The paper must be typed using 12 point font in either Times New Roman or Courier; and 6) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's college or university nominating the paper for the SBPC Division Student Paper Competition. Students should send via email, with no identifying information on any part of the paper; and a letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Dawn Baunach, Ph.D., Email: socdmb@langate.gsu.edu, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, Atlanta, GA, 404-413-6525.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY**Deadline: 3/30/12**

The **Social Problems Theory Division** invites papers for its annual Student Paper Award Competition. To be eligible, papers must be authored or co-authored by students, have relevance to social problems theory, and cannot have been accepted for publication. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible. Self-nominations are welcome. Manuscripts should be limited to fewer than 10,000 words (not including references). Subject to budgetary approval, we anticipate that the winner will receive a monetary stipend, membership dues, meeting registration fees, and a ticket for the 2012 SSSP awards banquet. The winner will also be invited to present her or his paper at the 2012 SSSP meetings. Please send submissions as an e-mail attachment to the Student Paper Competition Committee Chair: John Barnshaw (University of South Florida) at Barnshaw@usf.edu.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY: OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD**Deadline: 2/15/12**

The **Social Problems Theory Division** requests nominations for its Outstanding Book Award. The goal of this award is to encourage and recognize scholarship in the area of social problems theory. Eligible books must have been published between 2009 and 2011. Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted. Authors are encouraged to nominate their own work. Nominees must be members of SSSP.

Please send a brief nomination letter and arrange to have a copy of the book sent directly to each of the committee members listed below:

Gary Alan Fine (Chair)
Sociology, Northwestern University, 1810 Chicago Ave
Evanston, IL 60208

Scott Harris
Sociology & Criminal Justice
Saint Louis University, 3750 Lindell Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63108

Kathy Charmaz
Sociology, Sonoma State University, 1801 East Cotati Ave
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Deadline: 4/1/12

The **Sociology and Social Welfare Division** announces its 2012 Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage scholastic endeavors that enhance our understanding of issues related to sociology and social welfare. Papers may explore and analyze any social welfare policy or institution along any dimension of interest, or they can be related to the conference theme, and perhaps analyze social activism in the face of oppressive institutions and policies. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, papers must be: 1) written between January 2011 and April 1, 2012 and not published or submitted for scholarly review; 2) authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 3) 25 pages or less, including references and tables; 4) accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the paper for the competition. To be considered for the award, the author must make a commitment to present the paper at a SSW session during the 2012 SSSP meeting. You are encouraged to seek acceptance of your paper at a relevant SSW session; in your application to a session just summarize the contents of your student paper. Such acceptance will qualify you for a Lee Student Award, which will help pay for your transportation to the conference. <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/171>. Send a copy of your paper and the faculty nomination letter as email attachments to Richard K. Caputo (caputo@yu.edu), Chair, SSWD Student Paper Competition, Wurzweller School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, Wilf Campus, 2495 Amsterdam Ave., Belfer Hall, Rm 907, New York, NY 10033. The SSWD competition winner receives a cash prize of \$200 plus 2012 SSSP membership, annual conference registration, and a banquet ticket.

SPORT, LEISURE, AND THE BODY

Deadline: 4/1/12

The **Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division** announces the 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and may be on any aspect of sport or sporting culture, leisure, and/or sporting bodies broadly defined. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100, student membership in SSSP for 2012, complimentary registration for the 2012 annual meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a complimentary ticket to the 2012 SSSP awards banquet. The winner will also be invited to present the winning paper at one of the Sport, Leisure, and the Body sessions at the 2012 annual meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the applicant must be a graduate student at the time of the SSSP annual meeting in August 16-18, 2012, 2) the applicant must be the first (lead) author on the paper, 3) the paper must not be co-authored with a faculty member or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 5) the paper must not exceed 30 pages including notes, references, and tables; 6) the paper must be typed using 12 point font in either Times New Roman or Courier; and 7) the paper must be accompanied by a nominating letter from a faculty member at the student's college or university. Please submit your paper electronically as a Microsoft Word and PDF file to ccooky@purdue.edu. The faculty letter of nomination may be sent

electronically or as a hard copy to: Dr. Cheryl Cooky, Department of Health & Kinesiology, Purdue University, 800 W. Stadium Ave. West Lafayette, IN 47907-2046. Paper submission must be dated (via electronic time/date stamp and post-mark) on or before 4/1/12.

TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Deadline: 3/15/12

The **Teaching Social Problems Division** announces its 2012 Outstanding Paper Competition. Papers may be on any aspect of teaching about social problems. Topics for papers can include "best practices" in the classroom, service-learning courses, using technology, using media, assessment of learning, and other areas. The winner will receive a cash award of \$100, a ticket to the 2012 SSSP awards banquet, and a one year membership to SSSP. The winner will be offered an opportunity to present this paper at the 2012 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: (1) The paper must have been written between January 2011 and February 2012; (2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); (3) The paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables. Self nominations are welcome and highly encouraged. Please submit the paper electronically as a Word-compatible file, along with a letter of nomination, to the Outstanding Paper Competition committee chair: Dr. Carrie Lee Smith, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Millersville University, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-0302, 717-872-3543, carrie.smith@millersville.edu. The winner will be announced prior to the 2012 SSSP Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE

Deadline: 5/15/12

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for the annual **Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division** Graduate Student Paper Award Competition. Papers should be able to contribute broadly to the sociology of youth, the sociology of aging, or the sociology of the life course. One award will be made, and the winner will receive a monetary prize, student membership in SSSP for one year, 2012 conference registration, and a complimentary ticket to the 2012 SSSP awards banquet in Denver, CO, where the award will be made. To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been completed between January 2011 and May 2012; 2) the paper must not have been accepted for publication (papers submitted for publication are eligible, as long as they are not already accepted; papers based on theses and dissertations are eligible as well); 3) all authors of the paper must be graduate students and the student who submits the paper must be first author; 4) the paper must be no longer than 30 double-spaced pages, including all notes, references, and tables; and 5) the author of the winning paper must be ready to present this paper at the SSSP meetings in Denver in August of 2012. To be considered for this award, graduate students should submit their papers electronically to the Chair of the Division. E-mail two copies of the paper (i.e., one blind copy and one copy that includes a title page with all contact information), along with a brief letter of submission confirming your graduate student status, to Mary Byrnes, mbyrnes4404@marygrove.edu. Mailings can be directed to Byrnes at the Department of Social Sciences, Marygrove College, 8425 West McNichols Road, Detroit, MI, 28221.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Michele Koontz
Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager
901 McClung Tower, University of Tennessee
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<http://www.sssp1.org>

THE 2012 BETH B. HESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an advanced sociology Ph.D. student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school. A student advanced to candidacy (ABD status) in an accredited Ph.D. program in sociology in the U.S. is eligible to apply if she or he studied at a U.S. two-year college either part-time or full-time for the equivalent of at least one full academic year that was not part of a high-school dual-enrollment program.

The Scholarship carries a stipend to be used to support the pursuit of a Ph.D. in the amount of \$15,000 from Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) and an additional \$300 from the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), as well as a one-year membership in SWS (including a subscription to *Gender & Society*) and SSSP (including a subscription to *Social Problems*). The Scholarship will be awarded at the summer meetings of SWS and SSSP. Recognizing Beth Hess's significant contributions to the American Sociological Association (ASA), ASA joins SWS and SSSP in supporting and celebrating the awardee at their Annual Meetings, August 17-20, 2012 in Denver, Colorado. The awardee's economy-class airfare, train fare or driving mileage/tolls will be paid by SWS. Each association will also waive its meeting registration and provide complementary banquet and/or reception tickets for the awardee.

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

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

Applications for the award should be sent electronically as a single Word or RTF file via e-mail attachment to: dcopelto@brockport.edu. Applications must contain in the following order:

1. A cover sheet with:
 - Name and full contact information, including phone and email
 - Current academic affiliation, with years in attendance
 - Community college or technical school attended, with years of attendance and number of credits completed
 - Name and contact information for graduate faculty reference
 - If included, name of honored community or technical college faculty member
2. A letter of application (no more than 2 pages) describing the student's decision to study sociology, commitment to teaching, career goals, research agenda, service and activism that would help the committee to see how the Scholarship would be a fitting honor
3. Full curriculum vitae, including all schools, degrees awarded, years of study, and full or part-time status in each
4. (Optional) A one-page letter describing a community/technical college faculty member who contributed in a significant way to the decision to study sociology or pursue higher education

Applicants should also arrange for the following to be sent directly either electronically via e-mail attachment or in hard copy:

1. A letter confirming advancement to candidacy (ABD status) in a sociology Ph.D. program and aid award, if any
2. A letter of recommendation from a sociologist
3. Transcript (official or unofficial) from the community or technical college attended

Only the enrollment confirmation, letter of recommendation, and transcript will be accepted in hard copy. *Electronic copies of these materials are preferred* and should be sent directly by the individual or institution supplying them. Hard copies can be mailed directly to:

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

To be considered, all application materials (electronic and hard copy) must be received by midnight on March 31, 2012.

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

REVISED RESOLUTION: Sex Work

During the annual meeting in Las Vegas this past August, a resolution in favor of decriminalizing sex work was tabled for minor revisions at the Open Discussion of Resolutions Proposed to the Board of Directors' session. The Executive Officer and Jennifer Heine-man, a representative of a sex workers' organization in Las Vegas, made the changes and submitted it to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors approved the resolution. The resolution appears below:

Whereas the criminalization of prostitution and other forms of sex work negotiated between consenting adults perpetuates violence and social stigma against sex workers, including by law enforcement, and prevents trafficked individuals from seeking medical care or protection from law enforcement and holding custody of their children; and represents one of the most direct forms of discrimination against women, trans individuals, and other gender minorities;

Whereas the criminalization of prostitution and other forms of sex work denies sex workers basic human and civil rights, including healthcare and housing, extended to workers in other trades, occupations, callings, or professions;

Whereas the decriminalization of prostitution would lead to safer working conditions and better health for both the worker and client, and allow workers to report nonconsensual activities to law enforcement without fear of being arrested;

Whereas the decriminalization of sex work would allow sex workers to enjoy their lives and livelihood without having to hide, and thereby seek and receive the same legal protections enjoyed by workers in other trades, work, occupations, or professions against crimes such as sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and rape;

Be it therefore resolved that the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) supports occupational support and sexual self-determination for adults engaged in sex work;

Be it further resolved that non-consenting adults and all trafficked children forced into sexual activity (commercial or otherwise) deserve the full protection of the law and perpetrators deserve the full punishment by the law;

Be it further resolved that the SSSP supports international AIDS relief that allows access to reproductive health for sex workers and renounces anti-prostitution legislation such as the APLO, or Anti-Prostitution Loyalty Oath, which prevents U.S. aid from being allocated to health organizations that provide medical support for sex workers;

Be it further resolved that the SSSP supports non-profit organizations that supply housing and other resources to trafficked individuals in the sex industry without mandatory, moralistic, 'therapy' or diversion programs;

Be it further resolved that the SSSP supports: (1) bipartisan legislation to decriminalize prostitution (2) public education regarding the costs of policing sex workers and (3) normalization of the occupation.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2012 RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the [2012 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 on February 3, 2012.** Applicants will be notified of the results by July 16, 2012. **All applicants must be current SSSP members when applying.**

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

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. The purpose of the scholarship is:

- 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 identified as either Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Asian-American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or American Indian or Alaska Native 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
- Submission of a dissertation proposal of 15 or more double spaced pages. The student's dissertation advisor's letter should note that s/he expects the student to have defended the dissertation proposal and have achieved advanced status in the doctoral program (completed course work, examinations, and approval of their dissertation prospectus) by the end of the Spring 2012 academic year.
- A grade point average or equivalent of at least 3.25 in one's current graduate program [of study]
- 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 must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States

FUNDING

A \$12,000 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 2012 and January 2013. 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.
- Serve on the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee after completing graduate school, and attend the scheduled meeting of the committee.

STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete application packets should be sent to the SSSP Administrative 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 student's dissertation Advisor. The letter from the Advisor should address the financial need of the applicant, and should also note that the student will have defended the dissertation proposal and have achieved advanced status in the doctoral program (completed course work, examinations, and approval of their dissertation prospectus) by the end of the Spring 2012 academic year.
5. 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.
6. Personal statement of commitment to a career of scholar activism;
7. Fifteen or more double spaced pages of your dissertation proposal

Contact **Tyrone Forman, Chair, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee** with all questions (W: 404-727-7524 or e-mail tyforman@stanford.edu)

Click on the following link to [download an application](#). Complete application packets should be sent to:

The Society for the Study of Social Problems
University of Tennessee, 901 McClung Tower
Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
W: 865-689-1531; F: 865-689-1534; sssp@utk.edu

CALL FOR PAPERS

For a special issue of the American Behavioral Scientist

“THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF MENTAL HEALTH COURTS IN AMERICA”

Mental health courts (MHCs) are a relatively new development in the U.S. criminal justice system. In the late 1990s mental health courts began to emerge in the United States as a diversionary response to the large numbers of persons with mental illness recycling through the criminal justice system. Today it is estimated that there are 250 mental health courts operating nationwide. Mental health courts offer a problem-solving therapeutic-focused court response intended to reduce the continued recycling of people with mental illness through the criminal justice system. Based upon the theoretical framework of therapeutic jurisprudence, and modeled after drug court programs, MHCs are specialized voluntary criminal court dockets that utilize a designated judicial, legal, and treatment team to divert volunteering individuals from the criminal justice system into community-based treatment in lieu of traditional case processing and sentencing.

American Behavioral Scientist (ABS) invites submissions for a **special issue on mental health courts**. The purpose of the special issue is to bring together current research and analysis of these problem solving courts. The journal prefers academically oriented articles from social scientists and practitioners who are interested in understanding, advocating for, and critiquing mental health courts. We particularly welcome papers that are conceptually broad or oriented toward policy and practice. Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods approaches are all welcome.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The emergence of mental health courts
- Treatment issues for mental health court participants
- Analysis of the dynamics among key players in problem-solving courts
- Ethical and social policy issues in the implementation and financing of mental health courts
- Methodological challenges in studying mental health courts, especially around issues of efficacy and effectiveness
- Analysis/review of existing literature in the field

Guest Co-editors:

Leon Anderson, Utah State University

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Submission Guidelines

All submissions judged suitable for consideration will be peer-reviewed. Manuscripts are expected to follow guidelines in *Chicago Manual of Style*. For additional inquiries, please contact one of the guest editors: Leon Anderson (leon.anderson@usu.edu), Terry Peak (terry.peak@usu.edu) or Ursula Castellano (castellan@ohio.edu).

Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to: mhcsubmissions@gmail.com

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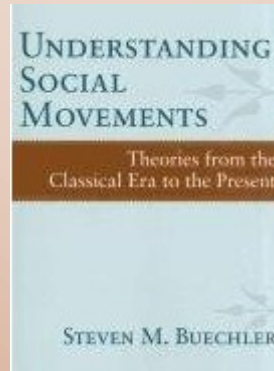
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NEW BOOK!!!

Steven M. Buechler, Minnesota State University, Mankato.
**Understanding Social Movements: Theories from the
 Classical Era to the Present.**
 (Paradigm Publishers, 2011).



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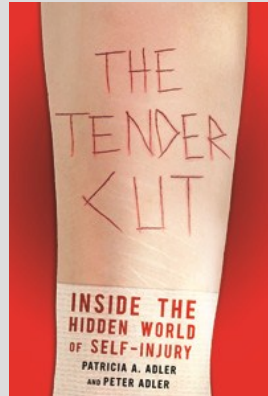
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PATRICIA A. ADLER (University of Colorado) and PETER ADLER (University of Denver) are the authors of a blog for Psychology Today called "The Deviance Society," which can be found at: <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-deviance-society>

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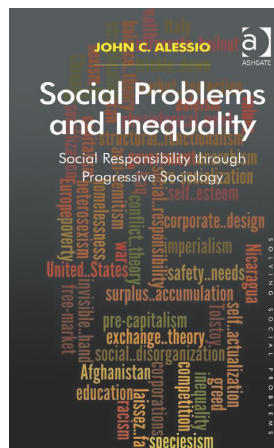
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Call for Abstracts

Institutional Ethnography A New International Sociological Association Thematic Group

In 2011 the International Sociological Association established Institutional Ethnography as a thematic group (TG06), and now it solicits abstracts for our inaugural sessions that will be held in conjunction with the ISA Forum of Sociology in Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 1-4, 2012. Sessions are being organized on the following topics:

- Puzzles and Challenges in Institutional Ethnography Research
- The Social Organization of Knowledge
- New Directions in Institutional Ethnography Research
- Researching and Working in the Community
- Transnational Ruling Relations
- Social Justice and Institutional Ethnography

Descriptions of the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography (TG06) and these sessions can be found online by going to <http://www.isa-sociology.org/tg06.htm>. Click on “Call for Papers” to read the session descriptions and [ISA website platform](#) to submit an abstract electronically. The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2011. For membership in the Thematic Group go to http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/.

Institutional ethnography is an alternative sociology founded by Dorothy E. Smith that examines social relations and social institutions from the standpoint of the experiences of particular, active subjects. It is distinct from other sociological modes of investigation in that it is not under the direction or conceptual control of any sociological theory; rather, inquiry begins in and remains in the social world in which we live. The aims of institutional ethnography investigations are threefold. The first is to discover how it is that day in and day out we put together our social world, including how our local everyday activities are linked to and coordinated by social relations that are not entirely visible from any one location. The second aim is to develop new ways of discovering ruling relations that are consistent with the materialist social ontology of institutional ethnography. The third aim is to build knowledge of institutional processes in general. This work involves an examination of studies done in varied institutional settings and drawing out those relations and social processes that are commonly found across institutions. Throughout institutional ethnography investigations, however, the focus is on the material world: what people are doing, with whom they are doing it, and the conditions under which their activities are carried out. Institutional ethnography investigations are not limited to any specific substantive area of research or professional practice.

For more information about the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography, contact its President, Alison I. Griffith, York University, Canada, at agriffith@edu.yorku.ca.

For information about the sessions at the Forum of Sociology, contact the Programme Coordinator, Paul C. Luken, University of West Georgia, USA, at pluken@westga.edu.

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- Historical and contemporary struggles over collective bargaining and unions (e. g. the Pullman Strike of 1894 and recent corporate and governmental incursions into unions in the United States)
- Having a "Calling in Life" or "Life's Work" as opposed to a career
- Philosophies of work and employment especially those that promote freedom from work
- Labor in prison settings such as correctional institutions and internment camps
- Separation of work from healthful living in contemporary society
- Utopian visions of work in literature, film, and communal living arrangements.

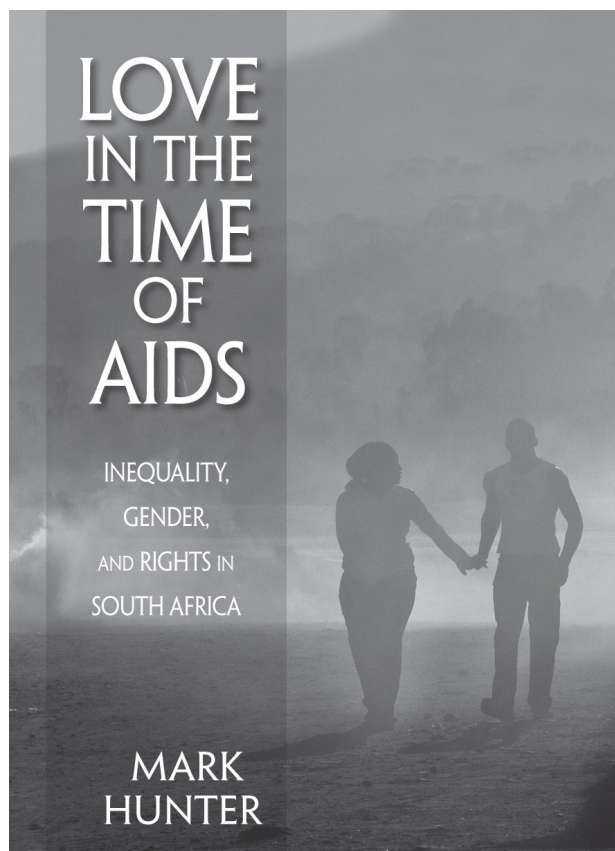
We also seek presentations that relate matters of work not only to quality of life generally but also to how individuals choose to live justly. Presenters might wish to touch upon as well topics related to peacemaking, restorative justice, and nonviolent conflict resolution.

The association puts great emphasis on the full participation of all at its conferences so presenters are encouraged to be brief. All sessions are plenary. We also seek to foster an atmosphere of hospitality during meals and after the work of the day is done.

You may submit an abstract for a scholarly paper or propose an entire panel session. JSA also encourages more creative modes of presentation including but not limited to video, photography, song, and interactive sessions.

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REVENUE		
<u>MEMBERSHIP DUES</u>		
4110	Membership Dues, Current Year	\$131,500
4111	Membership Dues, Sustaining Members	300
4115	Departmental Memberships	935
4118	Extra Division Fees	1,000
4120	Mailing Fees	680
	Total Membership Dues Income	\$134,415
<u>JOURNAL AND PUBLICATIONS</u>		
4205	Back Issues - Single Copy Sales	\$3,567
4210	Advertising - Social Problems	1,687
4215	Reprint Permission Fees - Subsidiary Rights	39,056
4216	Non-Journal Royalty Income	0
4220	Sale of Membership Subscription List	1,200
4224	Online Submission Fee (MsCentral)	7,500
4225	Editorial Processing Fee	1,500
4226	Offprints	0
4228	JSTOR Risk Sharing Program	30,000
4230	Gross Subscription Income - UC Press	298,064
	Total Journal and Publications Income	\$382,574
<u>ANNUAL MEETING</u>		
4305	Pre-Registration - Member - \$135	\$50,085
4310	Pre-Registration - Student/Underemployed/Emeritus - \$50	13,550
4311	On-Site Registration - Student/Underemployed/Emeritus - \$60	1,020
4315	On-Site Registration - Member - \$170	5,100
4317	One-Day Registration - \$100	500
4318	Exempt Conference Registration - \$70	1,400
4319	Guest Registration - \$20	390
4320	Program Advertising	2,250
4321	Critical Sociology Conference Registration - \$50	0
4322	Non-Member Registration - \$75	1,875
4323	Institutional Ethnography Workshop	3,200
4340	Awards Banquet - \$60	11,220
4341	Donate a Banquet Ticket Program - \$60	780
4342	Annual Meeting Contributions	3,500
4343	AIDS Raffle Ticket - \$5	450
4344	AIDS Fundraiser Ticket - \$50	1,000
4348	Freemont Street Experience ACLU Tour - \$20	480
4349	Miscellaneous Annual Meeting Income	0
	Total Annual Meeting Income	\$96,800
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>		
4400	Contributions - General Fund	\$500
4405	Contributions - Justice 21 Project	0
4410	Contributions - Lee Student Support Fund	300
4420	Contributions - Lee Scholar Support Fund	125
4425	Contributions - Accessibility Services Fund	400
4430	Contributions - C. Wright Mills Award Fund	250
4440	Contributions - Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Fund	400

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4450	Contributions - Erwin Smigel Fund	40
4460	Contributions - Lee Founders Award Fund	250
4470	Contributions - Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Fund	1,250
4480	Contributions - Joseph B. Gittler Bequest	25
4490	Sustaining Member Contribution Revenue	0
4698	Transfer From - Restricted Sustaining Memberships	0
	Total Contributions Income	\$3,540
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>		
4715	Dividend Income - Home Federal Bank Money Market	\$800
4725	Dividend Income - Parnassus Equity Fund	200
4730	Dividend Income & Capital Gain-Pax World Fund/Minority Scholarship	5,000
4735	Dividend Income & Capital Gain-Pax World Fund/Lee Legacy	200
4740	Dividend Income & Capital Gain-Pax World Fund/Sustaining Members	725
4745	Dividend Income & Capital Gain-Parnassus Equity Fund/Lee Founders/Social Action	125
4750	Interest - Checking Account	100
4805	Interest - Winthrop Federal Credit Union CD-1.56%	189
4810	Interest - C. Wright Mills Award Fund	25
4815	Interest - Joseph B. Gittler Bequest (Home Federal Bank)	5
4820	Interest - Lee Student Support Fund	15
4825	Interest - Hope Community Credit Union CD-1.25%	700
4830	Interest - Lee Scholar Support Fund	10
4835	Interest - Accessibility Services Fund	10
4870	Interest - Erwin Smigel Fund	25
	Total Investment Income	\$8,129
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME/TEMPORARY</u>		
4880	Interest - Self Help Credit Union CD-1.30% (Joseph B. Gittler Bequest)	\$650
	Total Investment Income/Temporary	\$650
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>		
4890	Gain/Loss on Retirement of Fixed Assets	\$0
4900	Miscellaneous Income	50
	Total Other Income	\$50
	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	\$626,158
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES		
<u>EXECUTIVE OFFICER</u>		
5005	Executive Officer - Salary	\$15,349
5010	Executive Officer - Fringe Benefits (25%)	3,837
5011	Executive Officer - Course Release (includes 12% fringe benefits)	6,272
5015	Executive Officer - Travel Funds (includes BFA, PO&SPC, & AM)	2,500
5020	Bonding of Employees	75
5025	Training Courses	0
5030	Miscellaneous - Operating Expenses	250
	Total Executive Officer Expenses	\$28,283

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<u>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</u>		
5101	UT Project Director - Salary	\$2,350
5102	UT Project Director - Fringe Benefits (UT-28%)	658
5103	UT Dept of Sociology Administrative Specialist - Bonus	500
5106	Administrative Officer - Bonus Pay	500
5107	Administrative Officer - Longevity Pay - UT	1,900
5108	Administrative Officer - Salary	57,923
5109	Administrative Officer - Travel Reimbursement	250
5110	Administrative Assistant - 50% (12 months)	20,600
5111	Graduate Assistantship - 50% (12 months)	20,657
5112	Maternity Leave	0
5115	Department Compensation	11,000
5121	Administrative Assistant - Fringe Benefits (UT-23.13%)	4,713
5122	Graduate Research Associate - Fringe Benefits (UT-\$83.20)	655
5123	Administrative Officer - Fringe Benefits (UT-48.86%)	25,578
5124	Administrative Office - Travel Funds	0
5125	Office Supplies	750
5126	Bonding of Employees	279
5130	Computer Supplies	1,200
5133	Publications	100
5135	Equipment Expenses	750
5140	Repair & Maintenance	300
5145	Telephone Services	1,500
5150	First Class Postage	1,000
5155	Insurance - Business & Equipment	330
5157	Non-Profit Corporation Cost	350
5158	Depreciation Expense - Website	1,995
5159	Depreciation Expense - Software	0
5160	Depreciation Expense - Computers	1,124
5163	Computer Consultant - Membership & AM Database	1,800
5164	Computer Consultant - Electronic Balloting	500
5165	Computer Consultant - Website	1,350
5167	Host Database/Web/eCommerce	600
5170	Bank/Investment Service Charges	950
5171	Visa/MasterCard Service Charges	6,000
5172	Discover Service Charges	200
5173	American Express Service Charges	1,200
5175	CPA Services & Year End Audit	12,788
5177	Consultant-Open Systems Accounting Software	1,200
5180	Copying & Reproducing	0
5185	Contingency Fund-Add't Legal	1,000
5190	Computer/Internet Charges	700
5192	Training Courses	750
5193	Volunteer Appreciation Gifts	400
5195	Miscellaneous - Operating Expenses	600
	Total Administrative Office Expenses	\$187,000
<u>JOURNAL AND PUBLICATIONS</u>		
<i>Journal</i>		
5205	Promotion	\$6,288
5210	Publishing Expense - Manufacturing	30,555
5212	Press Fee	82,912
5215	Postage, Mail & Fulfillment	10,600
5216	Online Submission Costs - Process Credit Cards (MsCentral)	5,850

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5217	Subsidiary Rights - Author Payments	9,000
5223	Miscellaneous Journal	100
5224	Editorial Board Luncheon	650
	Total UC Press Expenses	\$145,955
5225	Stipend - Editor	\$9,000
5230	Honorarium - Editor	3,000
5235	Salaries - Managing Editor & Editorial Asst	54,526
5236	Fringe Benefits - Managing Editor & Editorial Asst	3,906
5237	Travel Funds - Editor	2,750
5240	Office Supplies & Expenses - Editor	180
5245	Telephone Expenses - Editor	396
5246	Relocation (Shipping)	0
5247	Relocation (Travel)	3,150
5248	Office Postage - Editor	60
5249	Photocopying - Editor	630
	Total Social Problems Editorial Office Expenses	\$77,598
	Total Journal Expenses	\$223,553
<i>Publications</i>		
5250	Honorarium - Newsletter Editor	\$500
5255	Release Time - Newsletter Editor	12,000
5256	Student Assistant - Newsletter Editor	0
5258	Miscellaneous Expense - Newsletter Editor	0
5280	Membership Directory	0
	Total Publication Expenses	\$12,500
	Total Journal and Publications Expenses	\$236,053
<u>ANNUAL MEETING</u>		
5303	Printing - Final Program	\$2,623
5304	Shipping - Final Program	0
5305	Registration Staff	2,000
5306	Copying	450
5310	Printing - Badges & Signs	339
5315	Depreciation Expense - AM Software	4,077
5317	Call for Papers/Student Paper Competition Flyer 2012	2,000
5320	Audio-Visual Equipment Rental, includes Hotel Electrical Charges	13,000
5322	Accessibility Services	741
5323	Exempt Participants - Conference Registration	1,400
5325	Equipment Rental, includes Hotel charges for riser & podiums & Registration Supplies	2,800
5330	On-Site Telephone & Internet Access for Registration Area	750
5335	Contract Termination Penalty	0
5340	Awards Banquet Expenses	12,000
5345	Program Committee Expenses & Honoraria	1,500
5348	Freemont Street Experience ACLU Tour Expenses	480
5350	Stipend & Expenses - Local Arrangements Chair	2,800
5355	Book Exhibit	400
5356	Film Exhibit	0
5363	Shipping - Registration Materials (includes Box Handling Fee-Harrah's)	3,350
5366	Non-Hotel - Meeting Room Rental Fee	0

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5367	Hotel - Meeting Room Rental Fee	0
5370	Travel Expenses - Administrative Office	1,750
5375	Reception & Catering	18,500
5377	Annual Meeting - Transportation	0
5378	Annual Meeting - Restaurant Guides - ASA	0
5385	Annual Meeting - Insurance	330
5387	Institutional Ethnography Workshop	1,875
5388	Meeting Manager - Fringe Benefits - 17.65%	2,519
5389	AIDS Fundraiser Expenses	2,300
5390	Meeting Promotion & Management	14,273
5391	Graduate Student Meeting w/Board Representatives	750
5392	Site Visit - 2015 - Chicago	1,500
5393	Hotel Expenses - Administrative Office	1,500
5395	Meals Expenses - Administrative Office	750
5396	Pre-Meeting Conference	1,243
5397	Miscellaneous Annual Meeting	750
5399	Promotional Registration Materials/Bags	2,979
Total Annual Meeting Expenses		\$101,729
<u>COMMITTEES</u>		
5405	BFA - Postage	\$0
5410	BFA - Travel & Annual Meeting Expenses	5,200
5415	Accessibility Committee	200
5420	C. Wright Mills Committee (includes award)	690
5425	Editorial & Publications Committee	400
5427	Editorial Site Visit	0
5428	Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee	992
5429	Committee on Committees	0
5430	Permanent Organization Committee - Travel & Annual Meeting Expenses	2,300
5435	Membership Committee/Promotion Campaign	3,500
5440	Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee	190
5445	New Membership Brochures/Flyers	1,500
5450	Membership Renewal	3,000
5455	Elections Committee	0
5460	Committee on Standards & Freedom	0
5470	Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee	300
5474	Executive Officer Recruitment & Site Visit	0
5475	Justice 21 Project	0
<u>PROGRAM OF DIVISIONS</u>		
5476	Community Research & Development	\$600
5477	Crime & Juvenile Delinquency	600
5478	Drinking & Drugs	600
5479	Educational Problems	600
5480	Environment & Technology	600
5481	Family	600
5482	Health, Health Policy, & Health Services	600
5483	Conflict, Social Action, & Change	590
5484	Labor Studies	540
5485	Poverty, Class, & Inequality	600
5486	Mental Health	600
5487	Racial & Ethnic Minorities	600
5488	Sexual Behavior, Politics, & Communities	600
5489	Social Problems Theory	600

Board of Directors Meeting: 8/18/2011		Approved
		2011 Budget
		8/18/2011
5490	Sociology & Social Welfare	600
5491	Youth, Aging, & the Life Course	550
5492	Law & Society	600
5493	Teaching Social Problems	515
5494	Institutional Ethnography	600
5495	Global	600
5496	Disabilities	600
5497	Sport, Leisure, & the Body	600
	Total Committees & Program of Divisions Expenses	\$31,267
<u>BOARD GOVERNANCE</u>		
6000	Board Information Materials	\$200
6005	Governance Mailing-Ballots-SPD Printing & Postage	453
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	3,750
6050	Board & Officer - General	200
6060	Operations Manual	0
	Total Board Governance Expenses	\$8,103
<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	0
	Total Investment Gains and Losses	\$0
<u>BOARD RESTRICTED EXPENSES</u>		
8000	Lee Founders Award Committee	\$195
8010	Lee Scholar Support Fund	4,000
8020	Lee Student Support Fund	7,500
8030	Thomas C. Hood 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	1,000
8070	Lee Scholar Support Fund Carryover (1 year)	0
8075	Lee Student Support Fund Carryover (1 year)	0
8080	Beth Hess Memorial Scholarship	580
8085	Joseph B. Gittler Award	500
8998	Transfer Out - Restricted Sustaining Memberships	0
9999	Suspense	0
	Total Board Restricted Expenses	\$27,775
<u>TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</u>		\$620,210
2011 PROJECTED REVENUE		\$626,158
2011 PROJECTED EXPENSES		\$620,210
2011 PROJECTED SURPLUS		\$5,948

2010-2011 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2011
11:45AM – 5:45PM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President A. Javier Treviño

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

A. Javier Treviño, President

Wendy Simonds, President Elect

JoAnn Miller, Past President

Carolyn Perrucci, Vice President

Wendy Chapkis, Vice President Elect

Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary

Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer

Stephani Williams, Chairperson, Council of the Special Problems Divisions and Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit (BFA) Committee

Barbara Katz Rothman, Board Member

Valerie Leiter, Board Member

Ray Michalowski, Board Member

Claire Renzetti, Board Member

Sarah Jane Brubaker, Board Member

Nancy Mezey, Board Member

Louis Esparza, Student Board Representative

Mandy Frake-Mistak, Student Board Representative

David Levinson, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee

Brent Teasdale, Editor, *Social Problems Forum*

Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted as written.

ITEM #4 – ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2011 GENERAL ELECTION AND BY-LAWS RESULTS

The meeting proceeded according to the approved agenda, with Héctor Delgado presenting the results of the 2011 General Election as follows:

President Elect (2011-2012); President (2012-2013):

Vice-President Elect (2011-2012); Vice President (2012-2013):

Secretary (2011-2012):

Treasurer (2011-2012):

Board of Directors (2011-2014):

Board of Directors: Student Representative (2011-2013)

Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee (2011-2014):

Committee on Committees (2011-2014):

Editorial and Publications Committee (2011-2014):

Membership and Outreach Committee (2011-2014):

Membership and Outreach Committee: Student Representative (2011-2014):

R.A. Dello Buono

Tracy L. Dietz

Glenn W. Muschert

Susan M. Carlson

Marlese Durr & Elisabeth Sheff

Patrick K. O'Brien

Paul D. Steele

Kathleen Asbury & Peter Conrad

Nancy C. Jurik & JoAnn L. Miller

Debora A. Paterniti & Deana Rohlinger

Jay Borchert

In addition, the Bylaws Amendments were approved in the election. Héctor clarified the changes to the bylaws, approved by the membership vote.

ITEM #5 – REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

Secretary Glenn Muschert reviewed the minutes of the 2010 Board Meetings and the Annual Business Meeting. The minutes were approved.

ITEM #6 – MONEY MATTERS

Treasurer Susan Carlson reviewed the report from the Treasurer. The Society continues to break even financially, with sufficient revenue to cover expenses, without dipping into institutional asset holdings. The Society has two sources of revenue: journal subscriptions and membership dues. Selection of an attractive site for meetings seems positively related to membership, as attendance at the meetings brings membership revenue. Institutional subscriptions of *Social Problems* are down, and this is related to the accessibility of the journal via ProQuest and Hein on-line. UC Press is now aware that the journal was available for free via these other on-line services, and this is being changed. There will now be a move by UC Press to recapture those institutional subscriptions that were lost. The Board discussed issues related to maximizing subscription revenues.

Part A: LBMC Communications Letter – LBMC expressed concern about the maintenance of the Society's tax-exempt status. The Board understood this warning, and discussion ensued regarding the activities of the Society, and the need to avoid any direct political action which could potentially threaten the Society's tax-exempt status.

Part B: 2010 Audit Report- the Society received a clean bill of health from its financial audit from LBMC. In addition, the Society was subject to an IRS audit of 2008 taxes. The audit was approved, and the tax-exempt status was approved. Some changes in bookkeeping will ensue, specifically the accounting practices related to advertising revenue.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the results of the annual audit.

Report from Ad Hoc Revenue Generating Committee: Héctor Delgado chaired the committee, and reported on the ideas generated by the committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Revenue Generating Committee.

Stephani Williams, Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee presented the Society's 2011 amended budget.

ACTION: The Board approved the 2011 amended budget.

Stephani Williams, Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee discussed recommendations from the BFA Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved BFA Recommendation #1 – Tabling the usual Board vote on subscription increases for *Social Problems* until April 2012, which would be in line with the market flexibility needed in pricing the subscription.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Héctor Delgado presented the report from the executive officer. A number of important issues were resolved during the previous year.

- The 2011 conference was moved at a late date from Chicago to Las Vegas.
- *Social Problems* subscriptions are down, and the E&P and BFA committees, executive officer, administrative officer and treasurer are monitoring this.
- Revenue generation is also an issue of importance for the Society, and the executive officer continues to monitor this issue.
- The Society launched a new and improved website.
- The Society responded to threats received by Frances Fox Piven as a result of criticisms raised on Fox "News." The executive officer sent letters to various agencies and organized a session on this topic at this year's meeting.
- The executive officer pushed for reconsideration in the Troy Davis death penalty case in Georgia.
- The executive officer sent letters to UNLV in support of social science scholars, whose jobs were slated to be cut.
- The executive officer hosted a meeting of the BFA committee at the University of LaVerne.
- The Board approved a policy for divisions who would like to host workshops before, during, or after the SSSP meetings.
- The Society has graciously received pro bono legal advice, and the SSSP now sets aside \$100 to \$1000 for legal advice for legal advice on contracts.
- Administrative officer and office workload is a continued concern. These staff members are very efficient, though also overloaded.

ACTION: The Board approved the Executive Officer's report.

Héctor Delgado clarified the proposed By-Laws changes:

To Article IV, Section 2, Qualifications for Holding Society Positions

Proposed wording: No person may **be nominated for or** hold any office, serve on any standing or temporary committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems or on the Board of Editors of any periodical publication of the Society who is not a member of the Society. Non-members may be nominated or appointed to such positions provided that they apply for membership when they accept the nomination or appointment except as noted below in Article V, Section 1, requiring two years prior membership

ACTION: The Board approved the proposed By-Laws changes.

To Article VI, Section 6, Committee on Committees

The Committee on Committees shall consist of six members of the Society elected by the voting membership to three year terms with the terms staggered so that at least two members are elected each year, depending on the number of vacancies. Each year the members of the Committee shall select from among their members who have served at least one-year, a Chairperson-elect to serve as Chairperson the following year.

The **Committee's** duties shall be to nominate or recommend for nomination members of selected appointed committees as stated in the By-Laws or assigned by the Board of Directors. **A member may not serve on more than two committees within the Committee on Committee's authority.**

ACTION: The Board approved the proposed By-Laws changes.

To Article VIII, Section 5, Nomination for More than Once Position

Any **member** nominated for more than one position shall be asked by the Elections Committee Chairperson to select the position in which s/he prefers to serve. If the nominee otherwise qualifies but fails to indicate his or her preference, the Elections Committee Chairperson is required to submit the person's name to be a candidate for only one of the positions. **If a member is currently serving in an elected capacity and is elected to another position, s/he must decide between the two positions. Members may not hold more than one elected position.**

ACTION: The Board approved the proposed By-Laws changes.

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR

Karen McCormack presented the report from the 2011 program committee. In addition to thanking those who were instrumental in the process, the report stated that 531 papers had been submitted using the on-line submission system. There are 140 sessions scheduled at this meeting.

Recommendation: there have been a significant increase of papers ending up in the repository, and this required the committee to create additional sessions. Thus, it will be important to watch this trend.

Recommendation: the committee recommends that papers-in-the-round sessions should continue to be used.

Recommendation: continue to explore co-sponsorship of sessions with other associations.

Recommendation: the committee recommends that the new sorts of sessions being used this year could be continued.

Recommendation: the committee recommended that the Society monitor the exemptions of registrations fees.

Recommendation: that this report would be available for editing, once attendance numbers from the meeting are available.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Program Committee.

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Shannon Monnat presented the Local Arrangements Committee report.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Local Arrangements Committee.

ITEM #10—REPORT FROM THE MEETING MANAGER

Michele Koontz, meeting manager, reported on a variety of issues

- The annual meeting currently has 696 attendees registered in 140 sessions.
- The hotel was mostly accommodating to the Society's accessibility requests, though they declined our request to provide a gender neutral restroom. This year, \$235 was donated to the accessibility services fund.

ACTION: The Board expressed its disapproval at Harrah's unwillingness to accommodate a request for a gender neutral restroom for the meeting space. A letter to such effect will be sent to Caesar's Entertainment.

- AIDS Fundraiser is raising money for Aid for AIDS of Nevada.
- Audio-visual services approximately \$13K.
- The awards banquet will have about 200 in attendance.
- Book exhibit is managed by The Scholar's Choice.
- The Society negotiated reduced charges for the food/beverage.
- Donations are much appreciated, included monies and art works.
- We exceeded our room block, and added additional rooms.
- Institutional Ethnography Division held a workshop on the day prior to the main meeting's start.
- Mentorship program is working and in place.
- Registration workers are volunteers, and we have a roommate matching service.
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ACTION: The Board approved the Meeting Manager's Report.

ITEM #11 – REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS

Alison Mudditt, Rebecca Simon, Rebekah Darksmith, and Devon Weston from UC Press reported on the relations between the Society and UC Press. Revenues from *Social Problems* subscriptions increased 6% over FY 09/10, and simultaneously the costs have reduced 37% from FY 09/10. The FY 11/12 budget includes a 9% increase in subscription fees, including a non-member subscription rate of \$256 for print & online subscription and for \$216 for electronic only subscriptions. The FY 11/12 net income for the SSSP is projected at \$247,923. UC Press proposed tier pricing and a revised timeline for future years. They will make their 2012-13 price recommendation in April 2012. The representatives presented the newly-developed communications calendar for working with UC Press. The representatives also presented the full Sales, Marketing, and Circulation Report. Discussion ensued among members of the Board and the UC Press representatives, concentrating on maximizing subscriptions and revenue, while retaining institutional subscriptions.

ACTION: The Board accepted the *Social Problems* Budget and Circulation Report, *Social Problems Marketing Program, FY 2011-12* and the Sales, Marketing, and Circulation Report.

ITEM #12 – REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Item #12 was rescheduled for the August 19 Board meeting.

ITEM #13 – REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER*

Brent Teasdale presented on the developments in the newsletter, now located at Georgia State University. All members now receive access to the newsletter electronically. There is now a comment option available on the SSSP website, where Society members can post their comments to materials in the newsletter, and this content flows through a gate keeper.

ACTION: The Board approved the *Social Problems Forum* Editor's Report.

ITEM #14 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS COMMITTEE

Sarah Hendricks reported on the actions of the Information Technology Options Committee. Namely, the Society has a newly redesigned website, use of social media sites (adding a Facebook page, Twitter account, and RSS feeds for the SSSP), and the establishment of a graduate student listserv. The 2011-12 committee members will be: Sarah Hendricks (Chair), Lisa East, James Maples, and Shannon Monnat.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Ad Hoc Information Technology Committee.

ITEM #15 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

From Item #6 – the Board continued a discussion of the structure and funding for the special problems divisions.

ACTION: The Board approved the following change to the membership to special problems divisions: Included in Society membership, each member would receive one division membership, and student members would receive two division memberships. Additional division membership would be available at the cost of \$10 per division.

Once again, the further discussion of strategies to restructure special problem divisions was tabled until the 8/19/11 meeting.

ITEM #16 – NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of the evolution of the AIDS fundraiser ensued. The intention is to keep the spirit of raising money for positive social action, but for exploring strategies to be as effective as possible.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Society would no longer have a pay-to-attend fundraiser.

ACTION: The Board approved that the proceeds of the fund-raising raffle will go to the winner of the Social Action Award.

ITEM #17—ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2010-2011 BOARD

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President A. Javier Treviño .

2010-2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011 4:15PM - 6:15PM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Treviño

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

A. Javier Treviño, President

Wendy Simonds, President Elect

JoAnn Miller, Past President

Carolyn Perrucci, Vice President

Wendy Chapkis, Vice President Elect

Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary

Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer

Stephani Williams, Chairperson, Council of the Special Problems Divisions

Barbara Katz Rothman, Board Member

Ray Michalowski, Board Member

Claire Renzetti, Board Member

Sarah Jane Brubaker, Board Member

Nancy Mezey, Board Member

Louis Esparza, Student Board Representative

Mandy Frake-Mistak, Student Board Representative

Ted Chiricos, Editor, *Social Problems*

Brent Teasdale, Editor, *Social Problems Forum*

Maggie R. Ussery, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee Chair

Kathleen Lowney, Elections Committee Chair

Gale Miller, C. Wright Mills Awards Committee Chair

Deborah Little, Accessibility Committee Chair

Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION (REVISION) OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as is, with one change: Item #20 (*Report from the Ad Hoc Committee: User's Guide Committee Chair – John F. Gallihier* Since the committee completed the User's Guide, the committee will not be submitting a report.) was stricken from the agenda. This item was replaced by Item #12 from the previous board meeting – Report from Editor of *Social Problems* – Ted Chiricos.

ITEM #4 – REPORT FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Deborah Little presented the report of the Accessibility Committee. One issue of disappointment was that the hotel did not supply a gender neutral restroom. The committee recommended bringing back (on a 3 year trial basis) the availability of a comfort room, on the heaviest day of the meetings (2nd day). Also, the committee recommended captioning for the presidential address, so that members with hearing impairments can benefit fully from the experience. [The Board took both recommendations under advisement, pending future consideration.](#)

ACTION: The Board accepted the committee report.

ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM THE C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Gale Miller presented the C. Wright Mills Award Committee report. The committee requested that the nomination deadline be moved up by four weeks (December 15) to facilitate the timely work of the committee. Also, the committee would like the revision of the cover letter requirements, one which would speak to the award's criteria.

ACTION: The Board approved these two recommendations, by separate votes. Namely, that the nomination deadline would be December 15, and that the cover letters would be required to speak to the criteria for the award.

ITEM #6 – REPORT FROM THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Kathleen Lowney presented the report of the Elections Committee. The committee recommended a direct knowledge transfer from the former chair to the incoming chair of the committee regarding best practices. Starting in 2012, the Administrative Office will e-mail the election results to all candidates.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE ERWIN O. SMIGEL AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE JOSEPH B. GITTLER AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

The report suggested that the new members of the committee should be apprised that the solicitation of nominees will be part of the duties they may have to perform.

ACTION: The Board approved an addition to the operations manual to the effect that the solicitation of nominees for the award will be part of the duties they may have to perform as a member of the committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE LEE FOUNDERS AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE LEE SCHOLAR SUPPORT FUND COMMITTEE CHAIR

Michele Koontz presented relevant recommendations on behalf of Hoan N. Bui, committee chair.

ACTION: The Board approved a motion to add “preference will be given to applicants who have not received support from the Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee before” to the criteria for the Lee Scholar Support Fund. In addition, a box will be added on the application from which would require applicants to indicate if they have previously received funding through this award.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #11 – REPORT FROM THE LEE STUDENT SUPPORT FUND COMMITTEE

Michele Koontz presented relevant recommendations on behalf of the committee, namely, that the professional mentor program (not the meeting mentor program) be abolished, due to its ineffective nature.

ACTION: The Board approved the abolishment of the professional mentorship program (not the meeting mentorship program).

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #12 – REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Michele Koontz presented three recommendations on behalf of the committee.

A. *July Membership Reports*

B. *2011 Sustaining Membership Report*

C. *2011 Promotion Report*

D. *Comparison Membership Report, 2001-2011*

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #13 – REPORT FROM THE PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Maggie R. Ussery presented the committee report, including two recommendations. First, that the site reviews be conducted in the same year that the Society's contract is to be renewed. However, the personnel reviews would still be conducted at each annual meeting. Second, the committee recommended that a part time administrative staff member be added to the administrative office.

A. *Questions regarding the Administrative Office Site Visit*

ACTION: The Board approved the recommendation that the site reviews be conducted in the same year that the contracts are to be renewed.

ACTION: The Board charged the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee to move forward with concrete plans to engage the BFA Committee and the Executive Officer to proceed with hiring to meet the staffing needs of the Administrative Office.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #14 – REPORT FROM THE RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

The committee presented a number of recommendations. First, committee members suggested that a conference call meeting may be useful prior to and even after scoring ended. The role of such a conference call would be to increase communication among members, and will help to clarify and organize the process. Second, committee members had concerns regarding scoring criteria for the award, and therefore requested clarification of the following: 1) of the meaning of "disadvantaged background" in the scoring criteria for the award, 2) how to utilize the transcripts to evaluate candidates' commitment to activism, and 3) whether the Board felt that "SSSP involvement" of candidates should be retained as an essential criterion for the award.

ACTION: The Board charged the in-coming Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee with the refinement of criteria for selecting candidates from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The Board encourages the consideration of meaningful qualitative criteria.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #15 – REPORT FROM THE STANDARDS AND FREEDOM OF RESEARCH, PUBLICATION, AND TEACHING COMMITTEE CHAIR

There were no committee activities in the previous year, and the committee did not submit a report.

ITEM #16 – REPORT FROM THE THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #17 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE ON RACE AND RACISM CHAIR

Héctor L. Delgado presented the Report from the Ad Hoc Committee: Committee on Race and Racism. The report noted that a special session on the issue was being held at this year's meetings. The committee delivered a number of recommendations: 1) sending a survey to membership to gather their perceptions, feelings, and other insights on these issues; 2) that the concurrent redesign of the Society's web site should be examined for its use as a recruitment tool; 3) that the membership should be encouraged to provide demographic data (specifically race and ethnicity) to provide greater insight into the matter; and, 4) that the Board at some future date could consider the establishment of a permanent committee charged with the oversight of racial/ethnic inclusiveness, and possibly with the maintenance of an "ombuds group" which could respond to member's concerns on this issue.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #18 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: JUSTICE 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR

Glenn Muschert delivered the *report from the Ad Hoc Committee: Justice 21 Committee Chair*.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #19 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

The committee did not submit a written report, though Héctor Delgado spoke about the committee's actions to enhance the international profile and involvement in the Society.

ITEM #20 – REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Ted Chiricos, outgoing editor of the journal, presented the editorial report of the journal. In the past year, there were 355 total submissions, a slight decline of about 30 from the previous years. He thanked the associate editors and staff. He discussed the issues associated with the transition to the new editor. Finally, he thanked the Society for the opportunity to work as editor.

ACTION: The Board approved the editor's report.

ITEM #21 – REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISIONS

Stephani Williams delivered the report from the Chairperson of the Council of Special Problems Divisions, including the concerns from the Special Problems Division chairs, and the activities of the divisions during 2010-2011. Numerous divisions do not fulfill their divisional responsibilities. Although the Board heard the BFA Committee's recommendation #2 - the restructuring of special problem division fees. After consulting the Council of Division Chairs and the graduate student members, the Board decided to delay action on the BFA Committee's recommendation pending observation of how the approved changes to the division membership takes place over the next year.

A. *Concerns of the Special Problems Divisions*

B. *Summary of Division Activities, 2010-2011*

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #22 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2011

There was no unfinished business from 2011.

ITEM #23 – NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ITEM #24 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2010-2011 BOARD

There being no further business, the 2010-2011 Board was adjourned by President A. Javier Treviño.

**2011 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011
9:50AM – 11:00AM**

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

President A. Javier Treviño called the meeting to order.

ITEM #2 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted as written.

ITEM #3 – REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM LAST YEAR'S MEETING

Secretary Glenn Muschert reviewed the action items from the 2010 business meeting.

ITEM #4 – REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY SUMMARIZING 2011 BOARD ACTIONS

Secretary Glenn Muschert presented the action items from the 2011 Board meetings.

ACTION: The Board approved the reports of the Treasurer, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, Ad Hoc Revenue Generating Committee, Program Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, Executive Officer, Meeting Manager, *Social Problems Forum* Editor's Report, Ad Hoc Committee on Information Technology, Accessibility Committee, C. Wright Mills Award Committee, Elections Committee, Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee, Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee, Lee Founders Award Committee, Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee, Lee Student Support Fund Committee, Membership & Outreach Committee, Permanent Organization & Strategic Planning Committee, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee, Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee, Ad Hoc Committee on Race & Racism, Ad Hoc Justice 21 Committee, and the Chairperson's Report from the Council of Special Problems Divisions.

ACTION: The Board approved the results of the annual audit.

ACTION: The Board approved the 2011 amended budget.

ACTION: The Board approved the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee's recommendation – Tabling the usual Board vote on subscription increases for *Social Problems* until April 2012, which would be in line with the market flexibility needed in pricing the subscription.

ACTION: The Board approved three changes in the wording of the Society's proposed By-Laws changes.

To Article IV, Section 2, Qualifications for Holding Society Positions

Approved wording: No person may **be nominated for or** hold any office, serve on any standing or temporary committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems or on the Board of Editors of any periodical publication of the Society who is not a member of the Society. Non-members may be nominated or appointed to such positions provided that they apply for membership when they accept the nomination or appointment except as noted below in Article V, Section 1, requiring two years prior...

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Any **member** nominated for more than one position shall be asked by the Elections Committee Chairperson to select the position in which s/he prefers to serve. If the nominee otherwise qualifies but fails to indicate his or her preference, the Elections Committee Chairperson is required to submit the person's name to be a candidate for only one of the positions. **If a member is currently serving in an elected capacity and is elected to another position, s/he must decide between the two positions. Members may not hold more than one elected position.**

ACTION: The Board expressed its disapproval at Harrah's unwillingness to accommodate a request for a gender neutral restroom for the meeting space. A letter to such effect will be sent to Caesar's Entertainment.

ACTION: The Board accepted the reports from UC Press regarding the *Social Problems* Budget and Circulation Report, *Social Problems* Marketing Program, FY 2011-12 and the Sales, Marketing, and Circulation Report.

ACTION: The Board approved the following change to the membership to special problems divisions: Included in Society membership, each member would receive one division membership, and student members would receive two division memberships. Additional division membership would be available at the cost of \$10 per division.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Society would no longer have a pay-to-attend fundraiser.

ACTION: The Board approved that the proceeds of the fund-raising raffle will go to the winner of the Social Action Award.

ACTION: The Board approved two recommendations from the C. Wright Mills Award Committee, by separate votes. That the nomination deadline would be December 15, and that the cover letters would be required to speak to the criteria for the award.

ACTION: The Board approved a recommendation by the Joseph B. Glitter Award Committee. Namely, the addition to the operations manual to the effect that the solicitation of nominees for the award will be part of the duties they may have to perform as a member of the committee.

ACTION: The Board approved a motion to add "preference will be given to applicants who have not received support from the Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee before" to the criteria for the Lee Scholar Support Fund. In addition, a box will be added on the application from which would require applicants to indicate if they have previously received the award.

ACTION: The Board approved the abolishment of the professional mentorship program (not the meeting mentorship program).

ACTION: The Board approved the recommendation that the site reviews be conducted in the same year that the contracts are to be renewed.

ACTION: The Board charged the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee to move forward with concrete plans to engage the BFA Committee and the Executive Officer to proceed with hiring to meet the staffing needs of the Administrative Office.

ACTION: The Board charged the in-coming Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee with the refinement of criteria for selecting candidates from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The Board encourages the consideration of meaningful qualitative criteria.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the *Social Problems* editor.

ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM THE OUTGOING EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Ted Chiricos reported on previous year of the journal's operation. In all, 355 manuscripts were submitted, 26 accepted, with an average of 3.3 reviews for each journal and an average time of 62.1 days from submission to acceptance. Issues related to the responsible transition to the new editor. Expressions of gratitude were given to those whose support is instrumental in the functioning of the journal.

ITEM #6 – PRESENTATION BY THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Claire Renzetti, chair of the Editorial and Publications Committee, expressed the Society's gratitude for Ted's stewardship of the Society's journal. As an expression the Society's appreciation, Ted Chiricos was presented with bound copies of the journal volumes that appeared under his stewardship.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE INCOMING EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Becky Pettit, new editor of *Social Problems*, reported on the transition to the new editor's office. The journal is up and running at the University of Washington, the process is moving seamlessly. The new members of the editorial advisory board were reviewed, and the membership was welcomed to submit manuscripts for consideration.

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER*

Brent Teasdale, Editor of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*, reported that thus far there have been two issues produced by the new office at Georgia State University. The newsletter has been distributed electronically only, and a new comments section has been added to the Society's website.

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Héctor L. Delgado, Executive Officer, reported on the move of the meetings from Chicago to Las Vegas. In particular, the Executive Officer expressed gratitude to the Administrative Officer and to the members of the Board of Directors. In addition, the Executive Officer discussed the development of a new committee to discuss Revenue Generation. The new website is running, and the Executive Officer expressed gratitude to the technology committee. In addition, the Executive Officer commented on activities in the last year: responding to the death threats received by Francis Fox Piven; responding to the Georgia death penalty case of Troy Davis; efforts by the UNLV administration to terminate tenure track faculty, including some active Society members; and the needs of the Society for legal advice.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND MEETING MANAGER

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager reported that 716 participants came to this year's meeting, exceeding expectations. Accessibility services were a focus, and the Society was able to provide dietary accommodations and ASL services. Advertising campaigns were run in the previous year, and two new events were held: a new member breakfast and a welcoming reception. Michele Koontz expressed gratitude for the cooperation of those with whom she works closely, including Héctor Delgado, Kelly Flatford, Sarah Hendricks and President A. Javier Treviño. Sarah was presented with a token of the Society's gratitude for her four years of service.

ITEM #11 – REVIEW OF THE BY-LAWS CHANGES AND ANY PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CHANGE

Héctor Delgado reported on the By-Laws Changes and any Proposals for Further Changes. These changes will come up for a vote by the membership at the up-coming election. See ITEM #4 above for full text of the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Héctor clarified the spirit and reasoning behind the three proposed changes to the By-Laws.

ITEM #12 – REPORT FROM THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Vice President Carolyn Perrucci reported on the 2011 Society resolutions. In all, there were three resolutions considered. Discussion of Resolution #3 regarding Sex Work was tabled, pending a stronger resolution that would be considered by the membership in the future.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS #1: EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE and #2: LABOR RIGHTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR were approved by a combined open vote of the membership present at the business meeting.

The full text of the resolutions is as follows:

RESOLUTION 1: Expression of Gratitude

Our sincere appreciation is expressed to all of the officers, committee chairs, and members who have made this program possible and whose efforts maintain the vitality of the SSSP. First, we thank President A. Javier Treviño for his outstanding leadership in developing the 61st Annual Meeting and its theme: Service Sociology. We also thank this year's Program Committee: Chair: Karen McCormack and committee members Luis Fernandez, Holly Foster, Michelle Y. Jan-

ning, and Monica White; and Local Arrangements Committee Chair: Shannon Monnat. We thank the staff of Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel for fine accommodations and we particularly want to recognize the efforts made by Greg MacKenzie, Catering/Convention Services Manager and Cindy Norlander, Citywide Group Reservations Coordinator.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to Past President JoAnn L. Miller for her years of leadership; Vice-President Carolyn C. Perrucci for managing the resolutions process; Glenn W. Muschert for his service as Secretary; and Susan M. Carlson for her service as Treasurer. The Society also thanks Wendy Simonds, President-Elect; Wendy Chapkis, Vice-President Elect; Board of Directors: Sarah Jane Brubaker, Barbara Katz Rothman, Claire M. Renzetti, Valerie Leiter, Nancy Mezey, outgoing members Carol Brooks Gardner, Raymond J. Michalowski; Louis Edgar Esparza (outgoing) and Mandy Frake-Mistak, student representatives of the Board; Stephani Williams, Chair of the Council of Special Problems Divisions; Ted Chiricos, outgoing Editor of Social Problems; Brent Teasdale, Editor of Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter; Stephani Williams, outgoing Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Chair and committee members David L. Levinson, Patrick Donnelly, and Susan M. Carlson; Claire M. Renzetti, Editorial and Publications Committee Chair and committee members Benigno E. Aguirre, Marjorie L. DeVault, Lara Foley, David A. Smith, Suzanne Vaughan, Ted Chiricos, Brent Teasdale, Stephani Williams, and Amy S. Wharton; the University of Tennessee and the Department of Sociology for hosting the SSSP Administrative Office; the Provost's Office at Wheaton College for its contribution to program activities and to the University of California Press for its financial contribution to the registration bags.

The Society wishes to thank Executive Officer Héctor L. Delgado, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Assistant Kelley Flatford, and Graduate Research Associate & Webmaster Sarah Hendricks for continuing to make the organization run and do all that it does year in and year out. We especially want to thank Sarah for her exceptional service over the past four years.

RESOLUTION 2: Labor Rights in the Public Sector

WHEREAS: Public employees in many contexts have already made financial sacrifices to work in the public sector and have already been negatively affected by cuts or threatened cuts in public funding.

WHEREAS: Several state legislatures, in the name of closing these deficits, have moved to disenfranchise public employees by removing workers rights and restricting unionization; reduce and negate tenure for public teachers and college employees and professors; and overturn their collective bargaining rights; AND

WHEREAS: polls indicate a majority of Americans oppose the weakening of public sector employees bargaining rights;

AND BE IT RESOLVED: that the SSSP opposes restrictions on the rights of public employees at the local, state and federal level to collective bargaining and freedom of association and opposes legislation curbing collective bargaining for elementary, secondary and higher education institutions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the SSSP stands in solidarity with public workers, including university and public education employees in their right to collective bargaining and to a fair and reasonable bargaining process.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution with a cover letter be forwarded to the governors, legislative leaders, and organizations, including public-sector unions, in states where legislation threatening the collective-bargaining rights of workers is pending or is being challenged, and any other individual or body that the Executive Officer of the SSSP and the Division determine.

Resources:

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ITEM #13 – REPORT FROM THE TREASURER ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE SOCIETY

Treasurer Susan M. Carlson reported on the financial condition of the society. Susan thanked those with whom the Treasurer closely works. Despite difficult economic times, the Society continues to break even, with sufficient revenue to cover expenses. The Society realized a growth in the net assets, as result of the Society's socially-responsible investment holdings. One area of present and future concern is the decline in institutional subscriptions for *Social Problems*, a significant source of revenue for the Society. Institutional subscriptions have declined approximately 35%, and this appears to be due to the availability of the journal via ProQuest. The journal has been removed from ProQuest, and efforts are underway to regain some of the lost subscriptions. A call to the membership will be forthcoming, in the form of an email that encourages members to encourage the maintenance and/or recapture of institutional subscriptions. Susan also spoke about the IRS audit experienced in the past year, and the Society's tax-exempt status was retained, and no penalties or levies were applied to the Society.

The Society is currently discussing the implications of the IRS audit, especially regarding the efforts on behalf of the Society to engage in political lobbying, which may threaten the Society's tax-exempt status. Finally, the Society received a clean bill of financial health from the independent accounting auditors. In sum, despite challenges, the Society continues to be financially sound.

ITEM #14 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No new business was proposed.

ITEM #15 – INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PRESEIDENT AND PASSING OF THE GAVEL

President A. Javier Treviño introduced the 2011-2012 President, Wendy Simonds.

ITEM #16 – NEW PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE SITE AND DATE AND THEME OF THE 2012 MEETING

President Wendy Simonds announced that the 2012 Annual Meeting will take place August 16-18, 2012 in Denver, Colorado. The theme of the 2012 meetings will be "The Art of Activism."

ITEM #17 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned by President Wendy Simonds.

**2011-2012 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011
8:00AM – 12:00PM**

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Wendy Simonds

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Wendy Simonds, President
 R.A. Dello Buono, President Elect
 A. Javier Treviño, Past President
 Wendy Chapkis, Vice President
 Tracy Dietz, Vice President Elect
 Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary
 Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer
 Stephani Williams, Chairperson, Council of the Special Problems Divisions
 Barbara Katz Rothman, Board Member
 Valerie Leiter, Board Member
 Claire Renzetti, Board Member
 Nancy Mezey, Board Member
 Marlese Durr, Board Member
 Elisabeth Sheff, Board Member
 Mandy Frake-Mistak, Student Board Representative
 Patrick K. O'Brien, Student Board Representative
 David Levinson, Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee
 Paul Luken, Chair, Committee on Committees
 Becky Pettit, Editor, *Social Problems*
 Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer
 Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted as written.

ITEM #4 – NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY AND TREASURER

The board identified candidates for the positions of SSSP Secretary and Treasurer. Glenn W. Muschert agreed to serve an additional term as Secretary and Susan M. Carlson agreed to serve an additional term as Treasurer, if elected.

ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE, INCLUDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

Stephani Williams presented the report from the Nominations Committee, specifically the move to the new nomination process for generating the slate of nominations. In general, the new nominations process was described, including the advantages and disadvantages of the new process. The committee recommended that the committee be composed of members appointed by the Board. This would give continuity to the Committee membership, increasing institutional memory. Also, the committee recommended that the Council of Division Chairs could continue to be involved in the process of ranking the slate of suggested candidates.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Nominations Committee would be composed of four members appointed by the Board, and that the Nominations Committee would be chaired by the Chair of Special Division Chairs. Such a change will move forward as a By-Laws amendment. The 2012 members of the Nominations Committee include Stephen Morewitz, Marlese Durr, Joyce Bialik, and Shawn Cassiman.

ACTION: The Board accepted the committee report.

The record reflects that the new process of nominating candidates for the election, both the Board process and the Nominations Committee processes, functioned more smoothly than in past years.

ACTION: The Board approved the amended nominations list for the 2012 SSSP general election.

ITEM #6 – APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

As reported in ITEM #5 above, Marlese Durr was appointed to serve on the Nominations Committee.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mandy Frake-Mistak and Patrick O'Brien presented the report of the graduate student member meeting. The graduate students appear to be very satisfied with the opportunities to get involved and engaged with the Society. This reflects concrete efforts on the part of the Society to welcome graduate student members. The graduate student members suggested that extra funds generated by the division membership could potentially be used to fund student conference travel. The students reported on their continued efforts to improve the situation and engagement of graduate students.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Student Representatives.

ITEM #8 – PRESENTATION OF THE 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

David Levinson presented the 2012 proposed budget. BFA committee projected a \$39,386 deficit in the Society's 2012 budget. It is hoped that this trend improves, and the UC Press changes access to the subscriptions to *Social Problems*. The BFA Committee is working to identify funding for additional staffing in the Administrative Office, though at this time the BFA Committee cannot locate available funds for such a position. Discussion ensued of ways in which the food and beverage expenses might be economized. The BFA committee does not recommend the \$1000 increase in the annual budget for the Lee Scholar Support Fund. The revenue is reduced due to decreasing interest rates, though the Treasurer has placed the Society's investments in socially responsible and secure places.

ACTION: The Board approved the 2012 budget as proposed.

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES CHAIR

Paul C. Luken presented the report of the Committee on Committees. The committee provides the list of members selected for the appointed committees of the Society.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Committee on Committees and the slate of members for the next year's committee. Kathleen Lowney, Deborah Little, Tommy Horejes were added to the roster for the Accessibility Committee.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Claire Renzetti presented the report of the Editorial and Publications Committee. Perhaps the largest issue concerned the placement of *Social Problems* on ProQuest. This situation has been remedied, though the recapture of lost institutional subscriptions is a priority for both the Society and UC Press. The journal's impact factor seems to have declined slightly, despite an increasing number of citations. This does not seem to be a significant concern, though it will be monitored. The committee encouraged the incoming editor of *Social Problems* to consider immediate online publication of manuscripts, and to consider one or two special issues during the three-year term. The committee recommended the addition of additional international members to the advisory editors of *Social Problems*. The committee suggested that the Society could consider sponsoring membership for new international members for one year, if they cannot otherwise afford the membership. The committee recommended the addition of the following statement to the *Social Problems* ScholarOne Manuscript Submission page: "*The Editor will review each submission to see if it is appropriate for further review by external referees.*" The editor of *Social Problems Forum* is charged in the following year with the development of a policy for monitoring inappropriate content on the web forum. An important step in the process will be to consider best practices of other professional associations. Once completed, the policy will be forwarded to the Board for its approval. The committee presented the reprint policy, and an amendment to the policy proposed by the Board was that authors who are approved for reprints will be requested at the time of approval whether they would be willing to donate their royalties to the Society.

ACTION: The Board accepted the report and recommendations, including the stated reprint policy, of the Editorial and Publications Committee.

A. REPORT FROM THE INCOMING EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Becky Pettit, incoming Editor of *Social Problems* reported on the journal. The transition to the University of Washington has moved smoothly, and the editorial office is functioning well in its new location. The editorial office has effective and valuable staff. The journal is operating within budget. Though the new editor has only been in place three months, the flow of manuscripts through the review process seems very similar to the flow in previous years, with an acceptance rate of approximately 8%.

B. PROPOSED 2011-2012 ADVISORY EDITORS

The editor outlined five associate editors: Kenneth (Andy) Andrews, Alexis Harris, Jennifer Jordan, Zaid Munson, and Abigail Saguy. In addition, there are 40 advisory members recommended, and 14 student editors recommended for the journal.

ACTION: The Board approved the *Social Problems* editor's report and the slate of associate editors, advisory editors, and student editors for *Social Problems*.

ITEM #11 – DISCUSS ANY BUSINESS MEETING REFERRALS OR MOTIONS

There were no motions or referrals from the business meeting.

ITEM #12 – DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING (INCLUDING DISPOSITION)

Wendy Chapkis, on behalf of Carolyn Perrucci, discussed the resolutions from the business meeting. Resolution 1: Expression of Gratitude and Resolution 2: Labor Rights in the Public Sector were both approved. The full text appears in the minutes for the 2011 business meeting. Resolution 3: Sex Workers was tabled pending the strengthening of the resolution, though this non-passage of the resolution should not be construed as non-support for the rights of sex workers. The Board heard comments that the process of the resolutions proposal/approval should be streamlined so that resolutions should be approved in a timely way, else resolutions may potentially be untimely. In addition, specifying actions/activism related to resolutions and other issues of concern for the Society's membership.

ACTION: The Board created an Ad Hoc Committee on Social Action whose purview will be to explore social action and activism, including identifying actions for responding to social issues of concern to the Society's membership. The committee would be chaired by the Vice President. The following members will be asked to serve for the 2011-12 term: Kristen Budd, Jenny Heine-man, Louis Esparza, Luis Fernandez, and Heather MacIndoe.

ITEM #13 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2011

There was no unfinished business.

ITEM #14 – NEW BUSINESS

On behalf of Michele Paludi, Michele Koontz conveyed a request from the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment to partner with SSSP for their 2012 conference.

ACTION: The Board approved a request from the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment to partner for the 2012 meetings.

ITEM #15 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2011-2012 BOARD

There being no further business, the Board was adjourned by President Wendy Simonds.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary



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Privacy & Communication Preferences

___ Yes, send me an e-mail link (preferred) for *Social Problems*. Otherwise check an alternate method. ___ Paper copy ___ No copy
 ___ I do not want to receive an e-mail link to *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*.
 ___ I do not want to vote in SSSP elections.
 ___ I do not want my name, affiliation, website, and e-mail to be listed in SSSP's online, members-only directory.
 ___ I do not want my address and other information shared with related professional organizations.
 ___ I do not want to receive any group e-mails from SSSP, including election notices, division newsletters, preliminary program, and other announcements.

1. Choose your membership dues category.

___ Life Members, Emeriti (\$0)
 ___ Students (\$30), *current photo ID required*
 ___ Unemployed (\$30)
 ___ Retired Member (\$45)
 ___ First Time Professional Member (\$45)
 ___ \$24,999 and under (\$70)
 ___ \$25,000-\$34,999 (\$90)
 ___ \$35,000-\$44,999 (\$100)
 ___ \$45,000-\$54,999 (\$120)
 ___ \$55,000-\$64,999 (\$150)
 ___ \$65,000-\$74,999 (\$170)
 ___ \$75,000-\$84,999 (\$190)
 ___ \$85,000 and up (\$210)
 ___ Sustaining Membership (\$1,700)
 ___ Departmental Membership (\$85)

2. Choose which Special Problems Divisions you would like to join. Each member will receive one FREE division membership and student members will receive two FREE division memberships. Members may choose additional divisions at \$10 each.

___ A. Community Research and Development
 ___ B. Crime and Juvenile Delinquency
 ___ C. Drinking and Drugs
 ___ D. Racial and Ethnic Minorities
 ___ E. Conflict, Social Action, and Change
 ___ F. Family
 ___ G. Poverty, Class, and Inequality
 ___ H. Mental Health
 ___ I. Social Problems Theory
 ___ J. Sociology and Social Welfare
 ___ K. Youth, Aging, and the Life Course
 ___ L. Educational Problems
 ___ M. Environment and Technology
 ___ N. Labor Studies
 ___ O. Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities
 ___ P. Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
 ___ Q. Law and Society
 ___ R. Teaching Social Problems
 ___ S. Institutional Ethnography
 ___ T. Global
 ___ U. Disabilities
 ___ V. Sport, Leisure, and the Body

3. Check if you would like to serve on any of the following elected positions. The Administrative Office will give your name to the Nominations Committee.

___ President Elect/President
 ___ Vice-President Elect/Vice-President
 ___ Secretary
 ___ Treasurer
 ___ Board of Directors/Student Board Representative
 ___ Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee
 ___ Committee on Committees
 ___ Editorial and Publications Committee
 ___ Membership and Outreach Committee

4. Check if you would like to serve on any of the following appointed committees. The Administrative Office will give your name to the Committee on Committees.

___ Accessibility
 ___ C. Wright Mills Award
 ___ Elections
 ___ Erwin O. Smigel Award
 ___ Joseph B. Gittler Award
 ___ Lee Founders Award
 ___ Lee Scholar Support Fund
 ___ Lee Student Support Fund
 ___ Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning
 ___ Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship
 ___ Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching
 ___ Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award

5. Decide if you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Society's awards and funds.

Accessibility Services \$ _____
 C. Wright Mills Award \$ _____
 Erwin O. Smigel Award \$ _____
 Joseph B. Gittler Award \$ _____
 Lee Founders Award \$ _____
 Lee Scholar Support Fund \$ _____
 Lee Student Support Fund \$ _____
 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship \$ _____
 SSSP General Fund \$ _____
 Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award \$ _____

6. Payment Amount

1. Membership Dues \$ _____
 2. Additional Special Problems \$ _____
 Division Fee
 3. Mailing Fee* \$ _____
 4. Tax-Deductible Contributions \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

7. Choose your payment method.

- a. Enclose check or money order, in U.S. currency, payable to: SSSP, 901 McClung Tower, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0490
- b. Provide credit card authorization below
- c. Fax this form to: (865) 689-1534
- d. Join online: www.sssp1.org

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* Mailing Fee Note: For SSSP members with a mailing address in Canada and Mexico, a mail fee of \$20 will be applied. For all other mailing addresses outside the United States, the mail fee is \$30. This fee is waived for members who opt out of the paper option in all categories.