

Teaching Social Problems Newsletter

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Message from the Division Chair

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Dear Members of the Teaching Social Problems Division of SSSP:

I welcome the opportunity to serve in this position as division chair. I want to thank Glenn Muschert for all his work during the past years as chair and also for his continued support as I assume this position.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting. I have enclosed information in this newsletter about the meeting so mark your calendars! Please consider submitting a paper to the sessions sponsored and co-sponsored by our division. We think we have some great sessions lined up and need your submissions to make sure we can offer these sessions. We will also join the joint reception of association divisions at the 2007 meetings. You don't want to miss this great time to renew acquaintances and make new ones.

I invite you to renew your membership to SSSP now and urge your colleagues and students to do the same. Please also renew your membership to the Teaching Social Problems Division on the membership form. You can renew your SSSP membership via our secure website, <https://web.dii.utk.edu/SSSP/>. The benefits of membership are numerous: receiving *Social Problems*, our newsletter, our division newsletters, and information about the annual meeting. I know that you will want to continue your connection to the most essential organization in our field. Please consider the option of becoming a Sustaining Member (formerly Life Member). Individuals who become Sustaining Members not only save money, but their contributions increase SSSP's endowment and support the Society's future activities.

*Renew your
memberships soon!*

Thanks to all Division members for your support and participation.

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Social Problems Editorial Search

SSSP seeks an individual with a distinguished scholarly record, previous editorial experience.

The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is searching for the next Editor of *Social Problems*. The three-year term of the new Editor will begin at mid-year 2008 with responsibility for editing Volumes 56-58 (years 2009-2011). All members of the SSSP are encouraged to apply or nominate colleagues.

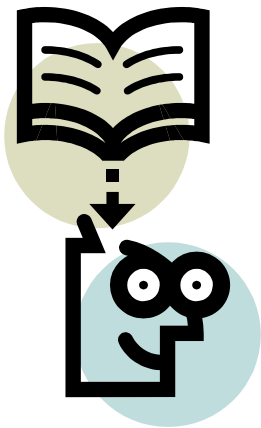
The Editor is responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and making final decisions on manuscripts, and for preparing four issues of the journal for publication annually. The editorial office is responsible for managing the review process and for copy editing and proofreading in accordance with customary publishing standards.

The SSSP seeks an individual with a distinguished scholarly record, previous editorial experience (e.g., service as a journal editor or associate editor), strong organizational and management skills, and an ability to work well with others, and a familiarity with and commitment to *Social Problems*.

The SSSP supports the editorial office with an annual budget and provides a modest stipend and travel expenses for the Editor. Support is also expected from the host institution. This support may include office space, utilities, the use of computers and other office equipment, stipends and tuition waivers for office personnel, faculty release time, and other basic expenses. Each year the Editor will be expected to submit a budget to the SSSP to cover operating expenses that the host institution does not support.

Applications, requests for further information, or names of potential nominees should be sent to: James D. Orcutt, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, Department of Sociology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2270; [850] 644-6416 (Office); [850] 644-6208 (FAX); email: jorcutt@fsu.edu.

Deadline for Initial Nominations and Inquiries: January 31, 2007



4th edition of the ASA Instructor's Resource Manual on Social Problems

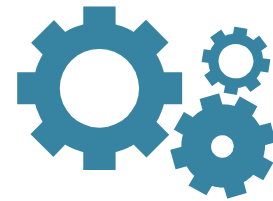
Walter F. Carroll (Bridgewater State College) and Lutz Kaelber (University of Vermont) are compiling the fourth edition of the *ASA Instructor's Resource Guide on Social Problems*. They welcome course syllabi, class exercises and assignments, online resources, examinations and evaluation instruments, computer software and film reviews, and essays on pedagogical challenges and opportunities involved in teaching Social Problems courses. Please send pertinent materials, as attachments in MS Word format, to Walter Carroll at wcarroll@bridgew.edu.

Teaching Social Problems Division 2006 Students Paper Competition Deadline: 3/15/06

The Teaching Social Problems Division announces its 2006 Graduate Student 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 stipend of \$100 plus a ticket to the 2006 SSSP Banquet. The winner will be offered an opportunity to present this paper at one of the Teaching Social Problems Division sessions being held as part of the 2006 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2005 and March 2006; 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 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 college/university nominating the paper for the Teaching Social Problems Division Student Paper Competition. Students should send three copies of their paper, accompanied by a letter of nomination from a faculty member to the Student Paper Competition Chair:

Glenn W. Muschert
Miami University- Oxford, Ohio
muschegw@muohio.edu

The deadline for submission is 3/15/06. The winner will be announced prior to the 2006 SSSP Annual Meeting.



Student Paper Competition



2007th Annual Meeting Information August 10-12, Roosevelt Hotel, New York, NY

"Research Matters: Creating Knowledge, Policy. And Justice"

At the annual meetings in New York, we will have a slew of provocative panels on timely and pressing social problems. In addition, we will be asking does research matter? Under what conditions does the knowledge produced by research get utilized in the development and implementation of public policy and the pursuit of social, economic, and political justice? By whom and for whom is research conducted and deployed? How is research used by those seeking to address social problems? In what ways do researchers play a role in alleviating social problems as well as contributing to the very conditions and constructions, upon which social problems emerge, manifest, get institutionalized, and change? How and when is our research expressed in public debate? What is the content and extent of our influence? And finally, considering examples from the past, what does the future hold?

Call for Submissions to Teaching Social Problems Division Sponsored Sessions

TCP is sponsoring the following sessions:

- **Session 1:** "Teaching About Masculinities and Violence"

Organizer: Melanie Carlson
407/823-2227
melaniecarlson@earthlink.net

- **Session 2:** "Integrating Controversial Subjects in the Social Problems Classroom"

Organizer: Otis Grant
574.520.4157
ogrant@iusb.edu

- **Session 3:** "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Social Problem Instruction" (Thematic)

Organizer: Glenn W. Muschert, PhD
513-529-1812
muschegw@muohio.edu

In addition, TCP is co- sponsoring the following sessions:

- "Teaching Social Policy" with Law & Society Section

Organizer: Otis Grant
574.520.4157
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- "Teaching Students to Integrate Social Problems Theory & Research" with Social Problems Theory Section

Organizers: Susan C. Warner
937-766-7632
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- "Scientists Have Discovered...Disseminating Research Through Media" with Social Problems Theory Section & Health, Health Policies, and Health Services Section

Organizer: Lara Foley
918-631-2050
lara-foley@utulsa.edu

- "Incorporating a Life-Course Perspective in Teaching Social Problems" with Youth, Aging, and Lifecourse Section

Organizer: Jennifer Roebuck-Bulanda
bulandjr@muohio.edu

Contributors can submit papers via the online form: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/268>

In the interest of managing multiple submissions effectively, **all conference submissions must be submitted electronically via this online submission cover sheet.** All papers must be received by midnight (EST) on 1/31/07 in order to be considered. Do not e-mail your submission directly to an organizer. Submitting authors will receive an e-mail acknowledgment of successful submission.