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TO: SSSP Board of Directors and SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee

FROM: Stephen R. Couch, Editor, *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*

RE: Annual Report of the Editor of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*

I have now completed my fifth year as Editor of the SSSP Newsletter (Volume 34, Number 3 through Volume 35, Number 2). As in the previous four years, this year's issues have appeared on schedule and within the allotted budget. I have requested the same budget amount for the coming year.

I wish to thank those of you who contributed to *Social Problems Forum*. Special thanks goes to Erin Robinson who coordinated and contributed an essay to the third installment of "Convergences and Divergences: Points of View on Social Problems." My appreciation also goes out to Joel Best, Myra Marx Ferree, Kamini Maraj Grahame, Peter R. Grahame, Nancy Jurik, Tom Lief, Michael Messina-Yauchzy, Susan D. Rose, and Lisa Anne Zilney, for their contributions ranging letters to the editor to book reviews to essays.

I also wish to thank Tom Hood and Michele Koontz for their excellent support, and the Newsletter's Editorial Assistant, Anne Mercuri, for her continuing and invaluable assistance.

This coming year, I will be soliciting guest coordinators to continue our "Convergences and Divergences" feature, which I expect will continue to consist of three or four essays addressing theory, research and policy on a particular social problem. I would welcome volunteers to coordinate a set of essays on a topic of interest.

I am also hoping to continue to increase the number of other substantive essays, book and film reviews, and letters to the editor. In order to do this, I need assistance from the SSSP Board and membership. Please submit essays, reviews and letters for possible inclusion, so that *Social Problems Forum* can do an even better job at promoting dialogue and discussion among us about issues of common interest.

Thank you for your continued support of the SSSP Newsletter.