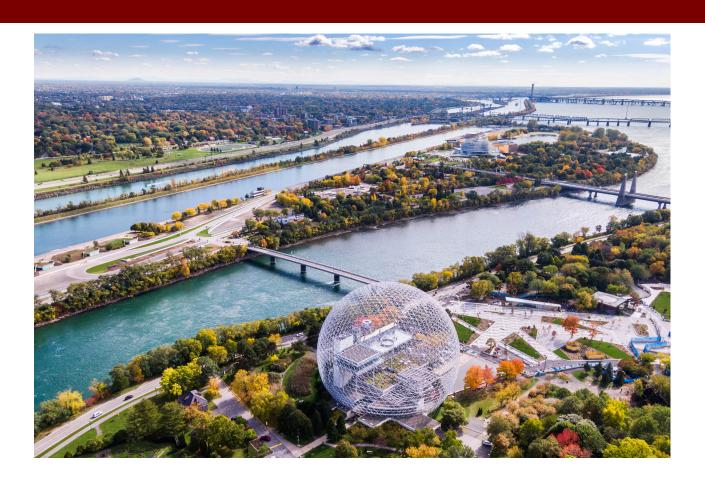# Social Problems
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From: Andrew S. Fullerton, Michael A. Long, Rachel M. Schmitz, and Kelley J. Sittner, Co-Editors
Re: *Social Problems* Annual Report, 2024

Our work, including this report, would not be possible without the help from many others, including our graduate assistants Kamala Shrestha and Syeda Barkha. We also extend our thanks to the outgoing Editorial Team Annulla Linders, Earl Wright II, and Derrick R. Brooms for supporting us during our transition into the Editorial team for the Journal and for helping us put together this annual report.

At SSSP, we appreciate and rely on the expertise of Michele Koontz and Elroi Windsor. At OUP, we have been supported by Sarah Levine and her team in production and marketing, and Cindy Carlton-Ford and the OUP copy-editing team. A special thanks to the Social Media Committee, led by Mi'Chael Wright, and the Student Social Media Committee members. We also express our appreciation for the work done by our Associate Editors and Advisory Board members. We could not have done this without you!

We are forever grateful to the many authors who submit their work to us and the many reviewers who tirelessly provide feedback on papers. Without you there would be no journal!

The Report

This report provides a detailed overview of submissions, decisions, and the review process. We continue the practice of framing our work from a historical perspective (going back about 10 years when feasible). Appendix 1 includes more details about the global regions from which we receive papers, general topic areas of submissions, and the methodological approaches (quantitative and qualitative) of submissions. The (comparative) data we present in the tables cover calendar years whereas team-related updates cover academic years.

The Team

The incoming editorial team includes Co-Editors Andrew S. Fullerton, Michael A. Long, Rachel M. Schmitz, and Kelley J. Sittner from the Sociology Department at Oklahoma State University (OSU). The outgoing editorial team, consisting of Co-Editors Annulla Linders (University of Cincinnati), Earl Wright II (Rhodes College), and Derrick R. Brooms (Morehouse College), began the transition in May 2024. The OSU Co-Editors also brought in Sociology department graduate students Kamala Shrestha and Syeda Barkha as Managing Editors.

The Social Media Committee headed by Mi'Chael Wright remains intact. The OSU team also appointed a new Editorial Advisory Board that will officially take effect in August 2024. See appendix 1 for a listing of the outgoing *Social Problems* team, and appendix 2 for the new editorial board.

News

The outgoing team published many high-quality and innovative papers that are widely cited (also within the narrow 2-year window of the Impact Factor). Please see OUP's report for more details.

- 2023 Impact Factor: 3.0
- 2022 Impact Factor: 3.2
- 2021 Impact Factor: 5.397
- 2020 Impact Factor: 3.115
- 2019 Impact Factor: 2.345
- 2018 Impact Factor: 2.789

Work During the Year

The OSU team is becoming well-versed in navigating the Manuscript Central system and streamlining their workflow using Microsoft Teams for shared and secure data storage and submission management documentation.

We continue working on the goal of shortening the time from submission to decision. More detail about this work can be found in the reports by OUP and the Social Media Committee.

The outgoing editorial team posted two Authors' Attic videos this past year, one by Sarah Combellick on abortion story-telling and one by Scott Duxbury on big-data police surveillance.

The outgoing team published one virtual issue on Queer Studies in Social Problems, curated by Kyle Shupe and Josh Warren. This was in conjunction with the release of an Authors' Attic video by stef m. shuster and Laurel Westbrook on their paper "Reducing the Joy Deficit in Sociology: A Study of Transgender Joy." Please see the OUP report for more details. Another virtual issue paired with an Authors' Attic video, on the topic of Scholarship on Policing, is set to be published in the summer of 2024.

The outgoing team's first special issue, including work inspired by W. E. B Du Bois and co-edited by Earl Wright II and Aldon Morris, was published in May of 2021. A second special issue, on the Lives (and Futures) of Black Children, guest-edited by Derrick R. Brooms and Marcelle Medford, is close to completion as papers have been selected and are currently in production. A third special issue on Racism of Omission, guest-edited by Victor Ray, Rory Kramer, and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, is currently in the final review stage. This is the last special issue the outgoing team will pursue during their editorial term. Both special issues are planned to be published in the November 2024 issue. See Table 6.

Submissions
The outgoing editorial team saw an increase in submissions, from 289 in 2018 to 356 in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic did not initially slow the pace of submissions, but once most universities began switching back to in-person teaching in the fall of 2021, the number of submissions began to drop. This slower pace continued into 2022 (except for the special issue on Racism of Omission, which attracted many additional submissions) but stabilized in 2023 and is currently on the rise for 2024. See Table 1.

Table 1: Total Submissions by Year, 2010-2024[1]			
	New Submissions	**Revised Submissions[2]**	**Total Submissions**
2010	287	70	357
2011	262	58	320
2012	329	113	442
2013	327	101	428
2014	323	63	386
2015	375	114	489
2016	335	155	490
2017	295	43	338
2018	289	58	349
2019	344	142	516
2020	356	104	460
2021	324	75	399
2022	362	85	447
2023	348	80	428
2024[3]	144	66	210

[1] Papers include regular and special-issue submissions (beginning in 2023).
[2] Revised submissions include revised manuscripts (.R1s) and conditional accepts (.R2s)
[3] Data for 2024 captures the period from January 1st to June 20th

Decisions

Table 2 provides an overview of the distribution of final decisions on **original** manuscripts submitted since 2010.

Table 2: Final Decisions on Original Manuscripts by Year First Submitted, 2010-2024[1]					
	MS without Decisions[2]	**Deflect**	**Reject**	**Accept**	**Total**
2010	10	53 (53%)	102 (36%)	22 (7.7%)	287
2011	3	101 (38%)	125 (48%)	33 (12.6%)	262
2012	1	88 (27%)	211 (64%)	29 (8.8%)	329
2013	3	105 (32%)	203 (62%)	17 (5.2%)	327
2014	7	93 (29%)	180 (56%)	43 (13.3%)	323
2015	8	80 (21%)	232 (62%)	55 (15%)	375
2016	2	120 (36%)	197 (59%)	18 (5%)	335
2017	0	120 (41%)	150 (51%)	25 (8%)	295
2018	1	110 (38%)	109 (38%)	69 (24%)[3]	289
2019	4	111 (32%)	169 (50%)	60 (18%)	344
2020	3	125 (35%)	162 (45.5%)	66 (18.5%)	356
2021	19	103 (32%)	158 (49%)	43 (13%)	324

2022	1	127 (35%)	182 (50%)	52 (14%)	362
2023[5]	29	84 (24%)	195 (56%)	40 (11%)	348
2024[4,5]	74	45 (31%)	24 (17%)	1	144

[1] Counts all MS decisions by year they were originally submitted, regardless of the year a final decision was made on the manuscript. Papers include both regular and special-issue submissions.

[2] Manuscripts without a decision include MS that are still under review, received Revise & Resubmit decisions but were never resubmitted, were unsubmitted and never resubmitted, or did not complete the review process for another reason.

[3] The spike in the number of accepted manuscripts in 2018 is linked in various ways to the transition of editors.

[4] 2024 includes manuscripts submitted between January 1, 2024, through June 20, 2024.

[5] Data for these years are preliminary as a number of manuscripts are still in process or under review.

Overall, Table 2 shows that the acceptance rate, while fluctuating from year-to-year, has remained relatively stable over time and ranges from 5% to 18%, with an average of about 10-15%. Both the deflection and rejection rates vary over time and likely capture variations in editorial preferences rather than the quality of papers submitted.

Looking at the final disposition of **revised** manuscripts, Table 3 shows extensive variation regarding the final decision, with both reject and accept decisions ranging from about 30% to 90%.

Table 3: Final Decisions on R&R MS by Year Originally Submitted, 2010-2024				
	MS without Decisions[1]	**Reject**	**Accept**	**Total[2]**
2010	0	15 (42%)	21 (58%)	36
2011	0	51 (61%)	32 (39%)	83
2012	0	54 (65%)	29 (35%)	83
2013	1	17 (49%)	17 (49%)	35
2014	0	25 (37%)	43 (63%)	68
2015	1	71 (56%)	55 (43%)	127
2016	0	29 (62%)	18 (38%)	47
2017	1	10 (28%)	25 (69%)	36
2018	1	10 (13%)	69 (86%)	80
2019	2	9 (12%)	65 (86%)	76
2020	0	6 (8%)	66 (92%)	72
2021	11	2 (4%)	41 (76%)	54
2022	1	6 (10%)	51 (88%)	58
2023	26	4 (6%)	39 (57%)	69
2024	13	0	0	13

[1] Manuscripts without decision primarily include papers that are still under review.

[2] Revised (.R1s) and conditionally accepted (.R2s) manuscripts are only included once, so manuscripts are not double counted.

Time from Submission to Decision

One of the Journal's main goals is to continue decreasing the time from submission to decision for manuscripts we send out for review. The initial sharp drop in the time from submission to decision of **original** manuscripts was accomplished by simplifying the submission management process. See Table 4.

Table 4: Average Time from Original Submission to First Decision (in Days), 2015-2024[1]			
	Deflect	**Reject**	**Revise & Resubmit**
2015	29 days	164 days	168 days
2016	43 days	160 days	164 days
2017	51 days	185 days	183 days
2018	36 days	137 days	141 days
2019	28 days	122 days	127 days
2020	20 days	112 days	119 days
2021	22 days	114 days	110 days
2022	31 days	129 days	139 days
2023	25 days	121 days	129 days
2024[2]	17 days	94 days	104 days

[1] Almost no manuscripts are accepted after the first round of reviews (except the Presidential Address), so accept decisions are not included here.

[2] Data for 2024 covers the period from January 1st to June 20th.

A similar pattern emerged for time from submission to decision of **revised** papers. See Table 5.

Table 5: Average Time from R&R Submission to Final Decision (in Days), 2015-2024[1]			
	Reject	**Conditional Accept**	**Accept**
2015	142 days	159 days	113 days
2016	139 days	137 days	99 days
2017	140 days	190 days	122 days
2018	105 days	104 days	57 days
2019	88 days	84 days	44 days
2020	96 days	75 days	46 days
2021	137 days	76 days	48 days
2022	166 days	110 days	61 days
2023	147 days	80 days	62 days
2024[2]	65 days	68 days	28 days

[1] As different editors have used the second Revise & Resubmit decision (.R2s) in different ways, we only include data for the years during which editors have used it as a conditional accept decision.

[2] Data for 2024 covers the period from January 1st to June 20th.

Special Issues

The following special issues were led by the outgoing editorial team: The special issue on contemporary uses of the Sociology of W. E. B. Du Bois, co-edited by Earl Wright II and Aldon Morris, was published in May of 2021 (68:2).

A special issue on the Lives (and Futures) of Black Children and Youth, co-edited by Derrick Brooms and Marcelle Medford, is currently under production. The latest special issue on Racism of Omission, guest-edited by Victor Ray, Rory Kramer, and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, is also nearing completion. Both special issues will be published in November of 2024 (Vol. 71, Issue 4). See Table 6 for an overview of our special issues.

Table 6: Special Issue Submissions						
	In Process	**Deflect**	**Reject**	**R&R**	**Accept**	**Total**
Contemporary Uses of Du Bois	--	15	9	--	7	31
Black Children & Futures	0	14	5	13	9	32
Racism of Omission	0	40	5	10	6	55

Award-Winning Papers

The outgoing editorial team worked with OUP and Mi'Chael Wright and the Social Media Committee to identify all award-winning papers and keep the Award-Winning Articles page up to date. Approximately 5-10 of the papers published each year receive awards, but not always in the year they were published. More details can be found in the Social Media Committee report.

Content Attention and Marketing

The goal of the incoming editorial team is to continue the work that the student-run Social Media Committee is doing. Thanks to the work done by Mi'Chael Wright, the social media committee chair, in collaboration with OUP, the quality and utility of the Authors' Attic videos have greatly improved under the leadership of the outgoing team. The Social Media Committee and OUP reports will have more information.

The incoming editorial team will continue working with OUP on assembling Virtual Issues (curated collections of papers previously published in the journal). This past year the outgoing team published one virtual issue on Queer Studies in Sociology, curated by Kyle Shupe and Joshua E. Warren, which included 14 papers boasting 36,210 views and 1,394 citations. The OUP report elaborates more on this.

Other Issues of Note

The *Social Problems* Editorial Team is required to organize a session during the annual SSSP meeting. The outgoing team tried several different formats – such as inviting several former *Social Problems* editors to sit on a panel, the 2021 virtual session, and finally assembling as many team members as possible to discuss publishing. This year, the incoming team of co-editors will do a panel on publishing. We are happy to share these experiences with anyone who is interested in publishing, whether in *Social Problems* or elsewhere.

Thinking About the Future

This is the final year for the outgoing team of Annulla Linders, Earl Wright II, and Derrick R. Brooms, and is the first year for the incoming team of Andrew S. Fullerton, Michael A. Long, Rachel M. Schmitz, and Kelley J. Sittner. The incoming team is excited to take the Journal's reins and continue the important work of facilitating cutting-edge research and discipline-defining scholarship.

Thank you!

Appendix 1: *Social Problems* Advisory Board, 2023-2024

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Appendix 3: Additional Information About Manuscripts and Authors

Table 7: MS Submissions by Author's Region and Country, 2015-2024[1,2]										
Region/Country	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Africa	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Egypt	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ghana	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kenya										1
Nigeria	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
South Africa	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Tunisia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asia	**20**	**18**	**17**	**18**	**30**	**16**	**20**	**26**	**24**	**15**
Azerbaijan	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
China	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	5	3	4
Hong Kong	2	1	2	4	2	2	1	5	3	3
India	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	0
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
Iran	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Israel	10	8	8	7	12	2	6	7	5	3
Japan	2	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	1	1
Jordan	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kazakhstan									1	0
Kuwait	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Malaysia										1
Pakistan	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Qatar	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Singapore	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
South Korea	2	2	0	1	2	3	1	2	1	1
Taiwan	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0
Thailand								1	0	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1

United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Australia & Oceania	5	9	8	9	2	5	9	5	5	3
Australia	4	8	6	9	2	4	9	5	5	3
Fiji	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Europe	36	44	24	33	25	41	32	43	18	18
Austria	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Belgium	2	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
Croatia	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Denmark	3	4	0	2	1	1	1	3	1	1
Estonia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
France	2	1	2	1	3	1	3	4	0	0
Germany	4	4	5	6	1	4	5	11	5	2
Hungary	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iceland	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ireland	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Italy	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1
Luxembourg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Netherlands	5	7	2	4	3	1	2	2	0	3
Norway	0	3	0	1	4	3	0	1	1	1
Poland	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	2
Portugal	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Serbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Slovenia	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	1	1	1	3	3	8	5	5	3	2
Sweden	1	2	1	4	0	6	2	2	1	3
Switzerland	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	1	0	1
United Kingdom	7	13	8	7	4	7	3	9	5	1
North America	309	258	242	225	309	290	290	285	179	116
Canada	15	15	8	10	12	15	15	16	13	5

Mexico	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
United States of America	293	243	234	213	296	275	275	269	166	110
South America	0	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	0	0
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Chile	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Ecuador	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown Country	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

[1] Author's country refers to the submitting author's listed country of residence on Manuscript Central.
[2] Data for 2023 and 2024 are from January 1st through June 30th.

Table 8: Original MS Submissions by Topic Area, 2016-2024[1]									
MS Topic Area	**2016**	**2017**	**2018[2]**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021[3]**	**2022**	**2023[3]**	**2024[4]**
Children & Youth	6 (2%)	8 (3%)	4 (2%)	6 (2%)	4 (1%)	14 (4%)	3 (1%)	1 (1%)	8 (5%)
Crime, Punishment & Policing	25 (7%)	24 (8%)	13 (7%)	24 (7%)	16 (4%)	14 (4%)	30 (10%)	19 (10%)	25 (16%)
Culture							4 (1%)	2 (1%)	5 (3%)
Deviance	2 (1%)	6 (2%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 (4%)
Disabilities	1 (.3%)	0	0	0	0	1 (0.1%)	0	0	3 (2%)
Education	19 (6%)	17 (6%)	16 (8%)	24 (7%)	25 (7%)	25 (6%)	16 5%)	6 (3%)	14 (9%)
Environment & Technology	15 (6%)	8 (3%)	6 (3%)	14 (4%)	14 (4%)	11 (3%)	1 (.3%)	2 (1%)	5 (3%)
Family	9 (3%)	6 (2%)	8 (4%)	16 (5%)	5 (1%)	8 (2%)	8 (3%)	11 (6%)	7 (5%)
Gender	7 (2%)	16 (5%)	14 (7%)	21 (6%)	19 (5%)	26 (7%)	26 (9%)	16 (8%)	26 (17%)
Global Issues	4 (1%)	5 (2%)	0	0	0	1 (0.3%)	1 (.3%)	0	7 (5%)
Health & Medical	17 (5%)	17 (6%)	12 (6%)	17 (5%)	21 (7%)	20 (6%)	25 (8%)	12 (6%)	21 (14%)
Identity	6 (2%)	0	3 (2%)	6 (2%)	3 (1%)	3 (.8%)	0	4 (2%)	3 (2%)

Immigration	16 (5%)	18 (6%)	8 (4%)	6 (2%)	24 (7%)	18 (5%)	7 (2%)	8 (4%)	12 (8%)
Law & Society	10 (3%)	18 (6%)	2 (1%)	19 (6%)	12 (3%)	19 (5%)	6 (2%)	6 (3%)	8 (5%)
Life Course	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	2 (11%)	5 (1%)	6 (1%)	0	0	0	2 (1%)
Media	7 (2%)	5 (2%)	3 (2%)	5 (1%)	5 (1%)	6 (2%)	2 (.6%)	2 (1%)	1 (1%)
Methods	2 (1%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 (1%)
Politics	22 (7%)	12 (4%)	6 (3%)	7 (2%)	13 (4%)	21 (6%)	17 (6%)	9 (5%)	19 (12%)
Poverty, Class, & Inequality	22 (7%)	15 (5%)	16 (8%)	27 (8%)	37 (10%)	8 (2%)	20 (6%)	12 (6%)	15 (10%)
Race & Ethnicity	24 (7%)	31 (11%)	28 (15%)	36 (10%)	63 (18%)	65 (18%)	56 (18)	27 (14%)	36 (23%)
Religion	10 (3%)	7 (2%)	3 (2%)	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	8 (2%)	9 (3%)	4 (2%)	6 (4%)
Sexuality	12 (4%)	7 (2%)	2 (1%)	13 (4%)	7 (2%)	4 (1%)	6 (2%)	5 (3%)	5 (3%)
Social Movements	11 (3%)	16 (5%)	12 (6%)	17 (5%)	12 (3%)	17 (5%)	17 (6%)	11 (6%)	13 (8%)
Social Welfare Policy	1 (.3%)	0	3 (2%)	6 (2%)	9 (3%)	5 (1%)	3 (1%)	3 (2%)	1 (1%)
Social Problems Theory	20 (6%)	6 (2%)	0	0	0	0	2 (.6%)	1 (1%)	4 (3%)
Sport & Leisure							2 (.6%)	2 (1%)	0
Work & Economy	20 (6%)	18 (6%)	12 (6%)	22 (6%)	25 (7%)	21 (6%)	20 (6%)	15	29 (19%)
Other	31 (9%)	21 (7%)	16 (8%)	47 (14%)	34 (10%)	38 (11%)	10 (3%)	13 (7%)	9 (6%)
Not Coded	12 (4%)	1 (.3%)	0	0	0	1 (.3%)	18 (6%)	0	0
Total	334	294	189	341	357	360	309	191	155

[1] Special issue submissions are not included.

[2] Includes data only for the period from May 1st to December 30th

[3] Includes data for the period from January 1st to June 30th.

[4] Beginning in 2024, submissions may be classified in more than one category.

Table 9: New MS Submissions by Method, 2016-2024									
	2016	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**
Qualitative	52%	48%	43%	50%	51%	48%	53%	56%	55%
Quantitative/Mixed/ Other	48%	52%	57%	50%	49%	52%	47%	44%	45%