

## Justice 21 Committee Report

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

FROM: Kristen M. Budd, Chair of the Justice 21 Committee

RE: Annual Report of the Justice 21 Committee, 2023-2024

DATE: July 01, 2024

*J21 Committee Members:* Kristen M. Budd (Chair), Heather Dillaway, David C. Lane, Glenn W. Muschert, Manjusha Nair, Jason A. Smith.

This is the annual report of the Justice 21 (J21) Committee, the editorial group responsible for publishing the Agenda for Social Justice series. This series includes the *Agenda for Social Justice* (which coincides with presidential election years 2024, 2028, etc.), the *Global Agenda for Social Justice* (which alternates with the US volume, 2026, 2030, etc.), and the rapid response volumes (special topics).

As Chair, it has been an honor to work with such a fantastic editorial team that pursues public sociology and social justice. I thank them for their service.

The J21 Committee would like to thank Michele Koontz and Elroi Windsor for their continued support and time as we navigated contracts, email blasts, social media, website updates, and more. We thank Policy Press for supporting this series. They are excellent publishing partners with whom we are proud to collaborate. Last, we thank the SSSP E&P Committee, the SSSP Board of Directors, and the Society membership for their continued support and contributions to *The Agenda* series.

### Outcomes

The 2023-24 year has been a very active one for the J21 Committee, as the Committee has:

- 1) In August 2023, the J21 Committee, in partnership with The Sentencing Project and Policy Press, published the rapid response volume, *Beyond bars: A path forward from 50 years of mass incarceration in the United States*, Bristol/Policy Press, ISBN: 978-1447370123 (<https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/beyond-bars>). This volume was co-edited by Kristen M. Budd, David C. Lane, Glenn W. Muschert, and Jason A. Smith.
- 2) The primary bulk of our work since our last report has been to curate the *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions for 2024*. This volume was co-edited by Kristen M. Budd, Heather Dillaway, David C. Lane, Glenn W. Muschert, Manjusha Nair, and Jason A. Smith. The final proofs were submitted to Policy Press in early May. The publication will coincide with the SSSP 2024 annual meeting. The book's anticipated publication dates are 7 August 2024 (UK) and 3 September 2024 (US).

Note: Due to the publication timeline, the UK version will be “live” for the SSSP annual meeting, but the U.S. version will be released about a month after that. For the next volume (the

Global volume), we have adjusted the publication timeline so that the U.S. version of the *Global Agenda 2026* will coincide with the 2026 annual meeting. After a discussion with Policy Press, the global volume must be submitted before November 7, 2025 to align the U.S. version’s publication with the SSSP conference.

2a) Two members of the committee, Jason A. Smith and David C. Lane, organized a session with the authors at the 2024 SSSP meetings to coincide with the release of the *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions for 2024*. A Critical Dialogue session titled, “Agenda for Social Justice: Active Agents for the Future” will feature six authors from the volume, with the session focused on both panel and audience engagement. This is the first time in recent years that the J21 Committee has organized a session for the SSSP annual meetings in alignment with a volume, and are hoping to make it a standing practice.

3) Our next focus for 2024-2025 will be to prepare the *Global Agenda 2026*.

4) We selected a new Chair, David C. Lane, who will lead the 2028 US *Agenda of Social Justice*. Dave will partner with the current Chair, Kristen, to learn the lead editor role during the curation of the 2026 *Global Agenda for Social Justice*.

5) We operated on a zero budget.

#### **Updated J21 committee recruitment process**

As of 2022, the J21 Committee became a permanent SSSP committee. With this transition, the Editorial and Publications Committee is responsible for staffing the J21 committee. From the operations manual:

The Editorial and Publications Committee has the responsibility, prior to the expiration of each Justice 21 Committee member’s term to inquire if they will rotate off the committee or are requesting a second term. This should be done one year in advance prior to term expiration. If the Justice 21 Committee member elects to rotate off the Justice 21 Committee after their first term, the Editorial and Publications Committee will publish a call for applications and appoint a group to select members of the Justice 21 Committee. If the current Justice 21 Committee member requests a second term, the Editorial and Publications Committee can recommend reappointment of the Justice 21 Committee for a second and final term not to exceed four years.

Please see below to assist with the rotation of committee members.

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Year to inquire if seeking another term</b>
Kristen Budd (Chair)	2022-2024	2023
Glenn Muschert	2022-2024	2023
Heather Dillaway	2022-2026	2025
David C. Lane	2022-2026	2025
Manjusha Nair	2022-2026	2025
Jason A. Smith	2022-2026	2025

### **Action Items for E&P**

1. Glenn Muschert will rotate off the J21 committee at the end of his term. Therefore, as per the SSSP bylaws, the E&P Committee should proceed with publishing a call for applications. A subgroup of E&P members (to be selected) will then review applications and select the next member of the J21 committee.
2. Kristen M. Budd requests to be reappointed for an additional term [2024-2028]. This is to provide training, support, and continuity as the J21 Committee onboards a new Chair and new members. She would then conclude her service and rotate off the J21 committee, as per the bylaws, after the publication of the 2028 US volume.

### **Action Item for BOD**

3. The J21 committee requested to add a publicity position for the Agenda series, which was approved by the BOD. Because this position was envisioned to be staffed by a graduate student, the J21 committee kindly requests the BOD approve waiving their student membership fee during their years of service. We are requesting this waiver, because we operate on a zero budget and cannot provide a stipend akin to Divisions who may pay their graduate student newsletter editors.

Respectfully,

Kristen M. Budd  
Justice 21 Committee Chair

On behalf of the Justice 21 Committee