

SSSP SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 2024

- Territorial acknowledgement – Treaty 7
- Welcome Joshua Stout as incoming Chair Elect
- Budget

SSSP THEORY DIVISION PROJECTED BUDGET 2025

Budget Item Requested	Amount	Justification
Cash award to the Division's student paper competition	\$200	We request a \$200 honorarium to help cover the student's expenses associated with attending the meeting
Plaque for the Division's outstanding scholarship award winner + shipping (if needed)	\$80	We request \$80 to pay for a plaque and shipping (if the winner does not attend the annual meeting) for our Division's outstanding scholarship award.
Stipend for social media manager / newsletter editor	\$170	We request \$170 (or \$14/month) for the dual role of social media manager and editor of the Division's newsletter. Managing the Facebook and X accounts well requires significant work.
Division-sponsored reception at the annual meeting	\$150	We would like to contribute \$150 toward the co-sponsored reception with other SSSP divisions.
Total	\$600	

- Membership
 - Currently 130 members, 119 approving of group announcements, up from 101 members on the group list in fall 2023, and 115 in 2022
 - Those who do not wish to receive emails sent to division members may opt out
- Thanking subcommittees

I would like to thank (in the order of our sessions) those who have organized and/or will chair one of our sessions: Michael O. Johnston, Faryal Razzaq, Korey Tillman, Keith Johnson, Michael Branch, David Lane, Clara Mey, Joshua Stout, Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, and Nicholas Dumas.

Our outstanding student paper subcommittee was chaired by Faryal Razzaq, with Joshua Stout and Morena Tartari. Our outstanding book award subcommittee was chaired by David Lane, with Keith Johnson and Kemi Johnson Pratt. My deep thanks to all our subcommittee members!

- Award winners

I'm very pleased to announce this year's winner and honourable mention for the SSSP Theory Division's outstanding student paper competition. CONGRATULATIONS to Mx. Eden Nay for their paper *The Normate Circle and the Biopolitics of Trans Stigma*. Mx. Nay's achievement will be recognized at our awards ceremony to be held on Saturday, August 10 from 5:45pm-7:00pm in the Ballroom Centre. Mx. Nay will present their paper at the conference in Session #4: Inequalities and Abilities, on Friday August 9th, 8:30am ET.

Our honourable mention goes to Andrew Shapiro for his paper *Hurt People Hurt People: Theorizing liminal complicity in the reproduction of inequality*, which he will present during Session #63: New Work in Social Problems Theory, on Saturday, August 10th, 12:30pm ET. Congratulations Andrew!

This year we recognize outstanding books published by our members. It's my sincere pleasure to announce this year's outstanding book award goes to Dr. Asia Friedman for *Mammography Wars: Analyzing attention in cultural and medical disputes*, published by Rutgers University Press!

- Key sessions this year

Session 009: Bodies for Sale: Use of Humans and Animals for Entertainment
Room: Drummond West

Date: Friday, August 9

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM

THEMATIC

Sponsors: Critical Race and Ethnic Study
Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
Social Problems Theory
Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Session 028: Decolonizing the Canon: Global South Scholarship and Countering Western Hegemony in Social Problems Theory and Research

Room: Lamartine

Date: Friday, August 9

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Sponsors: Conflict, Social Action, and Change
Global
Social Problems Theory

Session 045: CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Critical Perspectives on Law and Violence

Room: Jarry

Date: Saturday, August 10

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM

THEMATIC

Sponsors: Law and Society
Social Problems Theory

Session 054: Social Problems in the Digital Age

Room: Jarry

Date: Saturday, August 10

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Sponsor: Social Problems Theory

Session 063: New Work in Social Problems Theory

Room: Jarry

Date: Saturday, August 10

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM

Sponsor: Social Problems Theory

Session 093: Problematizing the Medicalization of Addiction

Room: Hemon

Date: Sunday, August 11

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Sponsors: Drinking and Drugs
Social Problems Theory

Session 103: Violence and Theory
Room: Joyce

Date: Sunday, August 11

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM

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Sponsor: Social Problems Theory

Session 107: CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Critical Race and Rural Studies
Room: Salon 5

Date: Sunday, August 11

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Sponsors: Community Research and Development
Social Problems Theory

- Social media site “X” – consider alternatives? Discord?

Q. what are we using social media for?
-frequency?

Discord?

User friendly?

-would need training

q. who would maintain it

q. objective

arg. – discord – best platform – can have video chats, groups, stable and secure
need knowledgeable person managing it, and connecting it with SSSP

arg. – good for communications with members, but not those not already members

arg. – Instagram and/or tiktok, can showcase works and books, reels of members attending
members

snips – why joined

can connect through discord to insta and tiktok too

arg. – youtube?
-award winners

- Keynotes

Speaker series on youtube
Subscription for editing
Transcribe interviews automatically, can archive in volume

Signal and telegram

Training sessions – free for members
Mentorship
-volunteers

Volunteers for organizing sessions and outstanding paper awards

Speaker workshop – foregrounding theory in action/community engagement

Institutional memory

What's appealing?

NICK CANNON – celebrity talking social problems theory, got cancelled

Swiss Beats – Yale

Non-traditional scholars and academic

TI – social problems theory

- Division consolidation
 - Our title is not changing
 - Relevance and experiences with 'theory'
 - Tightening up 'bin' new directions session
- New business/items going forward