

SSSP Law and Society Division
2024 Business Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 1, 2024
6:00PM ET | Held Via Zoom

Attendance:

Catherine Hastings (Chair)
Michael Branch (Chair-Elect)
Jacinta Gau (Vice Chair)
Asad Asad
Amani Awwad
Miltonette Craigh
Sino Vazbakattan Esthappan
Brian Gran
Jacqueline Johnson
Aliu Oladimeji Shodunke

Agenda:

1. Review of minutes from 2023 division business meeting
 - a. No changes made; no comments from members

2. Session ideas for the 2025 SSSP annual meeting program
 - a. Annual meeting will be held in Chicago
 - b. Discussed panel types and how many sessions a division can sponsor
 - c. Tentative ideas for division-sponsored sessions:
 - i. Law as Emergent Crisis
 - ii. Law as Crisis, with an international focus
 - iii. Supreme Court as a Social Problem
 - d. Tentative ideas for co-sponsored sessions:
 - i. Generational shifts in views of laws
 - e. Suggestion for the division to bring in a local practitioner or activist to engage with division members on a panel
 - i. Briefly discussed pros and cons of this kind of panel and how to organize them
 - f. Brief discussion on the role of round tables at the meeting
 - i. These sessions do not typically get submissions. For our division, they have often been a “life raft” where papers in the repository can be “rescued”

- ii. If presenters cancel at the last minute, the session usually gets cancelled since there's typically no audience for round tables
- 3. Ideas for special activities of the divisions
 - a. Division can host workshops before and/or after the meeting, but it is an extra cost to participants
 - b. Workshops tend to sell out, so there's interest in participating
 - c. Law and Society had not done one but is soliciting topic ideas
 - i. Workshop plans have to be submitted at least a year and sometimes two years in advance
 - ii. Challenge of getting people to come to the conference a day early or stay a day later given other costs and considerations
- 4. Announcement of winners of awards sponsored by the division
 - a. **Alfred R. Lindesmith Paper Award Winner:** "Legitimizing strategies: Pretrial risk assessments and the logics of data-driven judicial discretion", Sino Esthappan, Northwestern University
 - b. **Alfred R. Lindesmith Paper Award Highly Commended:** "Stop and Sexual Assault?: How Police Searches Become Legally Authorized Sexual Violence", Brandon Alston, Northwestern University
 - c. **Alfred R. Lindesmith Paper Award Honorable Mention:** "Reconceptualizing Eviction: Examining the Violent Dynamics against Tenants", Natalie Cholula, Portland State University, and Minji Cho, Portland State University
 - d. **Edward H. Sutherland Book Award Winner:** *Engage and Evade*, Asad Asad
 - e. **Edward H. Sutherland Book Award Honorable Mention:** *The Colour of Asylum: The Racial Politics of Safe Haven in Brazil*, Katherine Jensen
 - f. **Edward H. Sutherland Book Award Honorable Mention:** *Recovering Identity: Criminalized Women's Fight for Dignity and Freedom*, Chez Rumpf
- 5. Recruitment of members for the divisions
 - a. SSSP is considering consolidating divisions
 - i. Membership across divisions is down and administrative costs to maintain them are up
 - ii. Nominations for awards are sparse in many other divisions, though our division does not have that problem

- b. Suggestion that SSSP needs to become more truly international to boost membership and awards
- 6. Division leadership
 - a. Discussed challenges that emerge from how term limits work
 - i. Each person can only serve one two-year term, causing frequent turnover, hampering long-term division goals, and creating a constant need for new volunteers
 - b. Recruitment of new members to the division is needed both to boost membership and expand the pool available for leadership positions
- 7. 2025 division budget
 - a. Brief update on division's budget and how money has been allocated
 - b. No volunteers for social media coordinator, so money may be put toward paper awards instead
- 8. Representation at the in-person SSSP meeting in Montreal
 - a. Michael Branch will be able to attend the division chairs meetings in Montreal to represent the division
- 9. Any other business
 - a. Brief discussion of hosting periodic virtual workshops or presentations particularly focused on publishing and other issues of import to junior scholars