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## Message from the Chair

Hello Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division members!

I don't know about most of you, but I know I've had an exceptionally busy fall. While I find myself still quite busy, I welcome the semester break and hope you are fortunate to find some rest and peace.

This is an information packed newsletter, with updates on: 2025 annual meeting, our division paper awards (now with one for articles and student papers!), a letter from white anti-racists sociologists, calls for papers, and some wonderful news on some of our members publications and accomplishments.

Some items I'd like to draw your attention to:

- I hope to see you this summer in Chicago for the annual meeting. Our division has some fantastic sessions planned. The deadline for submission (Jan. 31) will be fast upon us; make plans to get your submission in — especially for our paper awards.
- SSSP and the Council of Division Chairs are exploring the rebranding and/or consolidation of divisions. It's been a slow developing process over the last two years, but has recently started to take shape, with some divisions merging this summer. I am scheduling a Zoom Division Meeting for the last week of January to discuss this affair and get your feedback on what CSACD's future should be. Find the Doodle Poll info below or keep an eye out for an email from me in the next weeks.
- My term as Chair ends this August during the annual meeting. Depending on the fate of our division (e.g., stays independent, merges, dissolves, etc.), we will need to hold nominations and elections this spring. If you are interested in serving as Chair, please reach out *and* I encourage you to take an active role in discussions on division reorganization.

Well, I'm out of space and time...need to email this to the main office. Look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards;

- C

## CSAC Division Announcements

### Membership Renewal

**Membership Renewal for 2025.** If you haven't already, renew your SSSP membership and membership in the Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division. [Renew your membership](#) for the 2025 calendar year online.

### 2025 Annual Meeting

**2025 Annual Meeting Announced.** The theme and schedule for the 75th annual meeting of the SSSP was announced and the call for papers is now out. Our division is sponsoring 6 sessions. More about the annual meeting on pages 3-6.

**Division Sponsored Article Award.** As members have requested, returning to our itinerary of annual awards is our *Outstanding Article Award*. Nomination submissions for outstanding published papers are due by January 31, 2025. You can find out more about the criteria and nomination submission process below on page 6.

**CSACD Student Paper Competition.** Division is sponsoring a student paper award. The winner will receive a \$200 cash award, a one-year student membership to SSSP, conference registration fees, and a plaque commemorating their superb achievement. Review the annual meeting call for papers for submission guidelines (<https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1702/>). More about this competition on page 6.

**2025 Meeting Session Presiders and/or Discussants.** Interested in volunteering as a Session Presider and/or Discussant for the 2025 Annual Meeting? Email [csac.sssp@gmail.com](mailto:csac.sssp@gmail.com) to inquire.

**CSACD 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting FAQ Forum. January 9 3PM CST.** Have questions about participating in the 2025 Annual Meeting? On January 9, the Chair will host a for questions about submissions and participation for the August 2025 annual meeting in Chicago, IL. Look for an email invitation in the coming weeks!

### Division Reorg Initiative

**Division Reorganization Initiative.** The Council of Division Chairs is exploring the rebranding and/or consolidation of divisions. CSAC has been asked to consider merging with the Labor Studies Division. Discussions are on going and nothing has (yet) been decided. A meeting of the Council of Division Chairs is scheduled for January 23; the focus of this meeting is discussing division rebranding/consolidation and other measures the divisions can take to reduce costs and support the sustainability of SSSP.

### January Division Meeting

**Zoom Division Meeting Last Week of January: Schedule via Doodle Pool.** Following the above mentioned meeting, the CSACD Chair wants to host a Zoom meeting with division members to provide an update and get feedback on future directions and decisions for the division. This will be the last week of January (Jan. 27-31). The date and time TBD. Please complete the [Doodle Poll scheduling poll](#) either by email or by following this link: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/aAWmjgld>.

### Division Chair Election

**Division Officer Election.** The current CSAC Division Chair's term ends this summer, corresponding with the annual meeting. Pending no changes to the division status, nominations and elections for a new chair will take place this spring.

### Connections and Socials

Looking forward to exploring new and/or better mediums for division communications, networkings, and community in 2025. I'd like for the division to have some new medium for more regular, including information, communication and interaction. ...more to come!

## SSSP Announcements

- **Membership Renewal.** If you have not already, please renew your membership for the 2025 calendar year. Renew by January 31, 2025 to take advantage of the “Buy One, Get One Free” divisional membership promotion.
- **Consider Donating to SSSP.** You may also want to consider making an end-of-year donation to SSSP — together, we can make a difference! Your tax-deductible, end-of-year donation helps us continue essential work to create a more just world. Support one of our awards, funds, or give a general donation to help us reach our goals. Consider gifting a SSSP membership – perfect for friends, students, and colleagues alike.
- **Global Agenda for Social Justice.** The SSSP and the Justice 21 Committee are proud to announce the third iteration of the *Global Agenda for Social Justice*. This iteration of the series – *Global Agenda for Social Justice 3* – is the internationally-focused volume, designed to provide accessible insights into some of the world’s most pressing social problems and proposes practicable international public policy responses to those problems. We are seeking brief chapters proposals (1-2 pages max.) identifying a significant international/global social problem by the extended deadline on January 10, 2025. Learn more and access proposal guidelines.
- **2025 Annual Meeting Call for Papers.** Submit a paper for the 2025 Annual Meeting to be held August 8-10, 2025, at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, IL. The paper submission deadline is January 31, 2025.
- **2025 Annual Meeting Hotel Reservations.** Make your hotel reservation at the Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel. Our single/double room rate is \$229 plus tax, per night. Book your room here at the group rate. You may also call the hotel toll-free at 1-800-445-8667. Be sure to request the SSSP 2025 Annual Conference room rate. Reservations must be confirmed by July 7, 2025 to guarantee our negotiated group rate. Reservations received after or if the room block is filled prior to that date, are subject to availability or increased rate.
- **2025 SSSP General Election.** Candidates for the 2025 General Election have been announced. You may find the complete listing of the candidates here. Voting will begin online February 15, and the poll will close on March 15, 2025.
- **2025 SSSP Award Nominations.** Nominations and applications are open for several awards. Find more information on the SSSP Awards webpage. Deadlines vary for these awards.



Call for papers to the 2025 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois is now open.

Submit a Paper for the 2025 Annual Meeting by January 31, 2025.

*Make sure to check out the sessions sponsored and organized by our Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division and division members!*

### **Please Renew Your Membership**

Renew by January 31 to take advantage of the “Buy One, Get One Free” division membership promotion.

# Insurgent Sociology in a Time of Crises



**75th ANNUAL MEETING • AUGUST 8-10, 2025**

**Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois**

**Dr. Rose M. Brewer, SSSP President, University of Minnesota**

## CALL FOR PAPERS

As we commemorate our 75th anniversary as a Society, we center Insurgent Sociology as a deep pillar of our history and current practice. Indeed, we must draw from the best of our praxis given the transformational work that the period demands. Our founding principles are to be renewed and made anew as we contend with ethical, scholarly and emancipatory practices in our teaching, analyses, and engagement. We face multiple crises in these times: global capitalism, war, militarism, climate crisis, assault on critical studies and more. In counter hegemony, lifting up solidarity with communities in struggle, visioning, and worldmaking are critical. As we face challenges and possibilities in the 75th year of SSSP, our insurgent history, theory, research and practice are foundational to the program focus and the road ahead.

## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

- Community, Research, and Practice
- Conflict, Social Action, and Change
- Crime and Justice
- Critical Race and Ethnic Study
- Disability, Mental Wellness, and Social Justice
- Drinking and Drugs
- Educational Problems
- Environment and Technology
- Family, Aging, and Youth
- Gender, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities
- Global
- Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
- Institutional Ethnography
- Labor Studies
- Law and Society
- Poverty, Class, and Inequality
- Social Problems Theory
- Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare
- Sport, Leisure, and the Body
- Teaching Social Problems

For more information, visit [sssp1.org](http://sssp1.org)

Sessions Sponsored and/or Cosponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division		<u>Call For Papers</u>
Session Title	Organizers	Sponsors
CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Transformative Justice: Theory and Research in Pursuit of Emancipatory Power, Agency, Community, and Peacemaking-THEMATIC	1. Schöpf, Caroline M. [ <a href="mailto:caroline.schoepf@gmail.com">caroline.schoepf@gmail.com</a> ]	1. Community Research and Development 2. Community, Research, and Practice 3. Conflict, Social Action, and Change 4. Global 5. Social Problems Theory
CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Critical Reflections on Mutual Aid and Anticapitalist Approaches to Community and Care	1. Schoeneman, Andrew [ <a href="mailto:aschoene@richmond.edu">aschoene@richmond.edu</a> ] 2. Spires, Bob [ <a href="mailto:bspires@richmond.edu">bspires@richmond.edu</a> ] 3. Gomez, Gabby [ <a href="mailto:gabby.gomez@okstate.edu">gabby.gomez@okstate.edu</a> ]	1. Community, Research, and Practice 2. Conflict, Social Action, and Change 3. Health, Health Policy, and Health Services 4. Poverty, Class, and Inequality
CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Right to Resist: Insurgent Counter-Hegemony and Agency of the Unapologetic, Emancipatory, Revolutionary, and Transformative Kinds-THEMATIC	1. Rabii, Watoii [ <a href="mailto:wrabii@oakland.edu">wrabii@oakland.edu</a> ] 2. Awsumb, C. Michael [ <a href="mailto:c.michael.awsumb@gmail.com">c.michael.awsumb@gmail.com</a> ]	1. Conflict, Social Action, and Change 2. Critical Race and Ethnic Study
CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Fighting for Socioeconomic Rights: The Growing Crises of Structural Violence and our Human Right to Exist	1. Temko, Ezra J. [ <a href="mailto:etemko@siue.edu">etemko@siue.edu</a> ]	1. Conflict, Social Action, and Change 2. Global
CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Collective Care in Action: The Praxis of Solidarity through Mutual Aid-THEMATIC	1. Hurst Jr., Michael Lee [ <a href="mailto:mlhurstjr@gmail.com">mlhurstjr@gmail.com</a> ]	1. Conflict, Social Action, and Change 2. Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Agendas for a Just Society: Theories and Praxes for an Insurgent Scholar-Activism—THEMATIC	1. Awsumb, C. Michael ( <a href="mailto:c.michael.awsumb@gmail.com">c.michael.awsumb@gmail.com</a> )	1. Conflict, Social Action, and Change

## CSAC Division Outstanding Article Award

The Division is excited to announce our call for [2025 Outstanding Article Award](#) nominations. With this award, the division aims to recognize published and pre-published work exemplary in its contributions for scholars and activists with work advancing the rigorous critical-scholarship and activist-informed understandings of the character and causes of oppression, conflict, social movements, and social change central to the division's mission. Articles on a broad range of topics are welcomed.

Eligible articles must have been or will be published between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2025. Single- or multiple- authored articles are accepted. Nominees must be members of SSSP. Authors are encouraged to nominate their own work. Nominations are submitted to the Division Chair, C Michael Awsumb, via email at: [csac.sssp@gmail.com](mailto:csac.sssp@gmail.com).

[Additional guidelines for submission of nominations](#) are available on the [SSSP website \(link\)](#). The awardee(s) will receive a plaque of recognition at the Conflict Social Action and Change business meeting and be featured in the division newsletter.

## 2025 CSAC Division Outstanding Article Award

**Nominations are due by  
January 31**

**Questions? Email:  
[csac.sssp@gmail.com](mailto:csac.sssp@gmail.com)**

## 2025 CSAC Student Paper Award Competition

**Submissions are due by  
January 31, 2025**

*Make sure to submit your paper to both the [2025 SSSP Call for Papers](#) portal and to the CSAC Division Chair via email ([csac.sssp@gmail.com](mailto:csac.sssp@gmail.com)) to participate.*

**Questions? Email:  
[csac.sssp@gmail.com](mailto:csac.sssp@gmail.com)**

## CSAC Student Paper Competition Award

The division is excited to announce our call for [2025 Graduate Student Paper Award](#) submissions. Students are encouraged to submit empirically based papers with a theoretical contribution addressing topics pertaining to collective conflict, action, and change.

The winner will receive a \$200 cash award, a one-year student membership to SSSP, conference registration fees, and a plaque commemorating their superb achievement.

In order to be considered, applicants are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) prior to the January 31, 2025 submission deadline. This will ensure that winning papers are both designated and included in the program.

Please upload your submission to both the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) submission site AND send an electronic copy of all requested materials to the Division Chair, C Michael Awsumb at [csac.sssp@gmail.com](mailto:csac.sssp@gmail.com) with the subject line: "CSAC 2025 Student Paper Award."

Additional [guidelines and criteria for submissions](#) are available on the SSSP website. Papers should not exceed 50 doubled-spaced pages including all notes, references, and tables. The advisor's letter can arrive separately or from the graduate student directly (if separately, please use the same subject line).

## Feature: Member News and Publications

### Shaonta' E Allen

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#### **“I can’t tell you what freedom is’ cause I’ve never seen it”: Addressing the Omission of Liberation Narratives in Sociology**

##### **ABSTRACT**

While liberation, or the process of freeing marginalized individuals and groups from societal oppression and domination, is referenced across many sub-disciplines of sociology, it surprisingly remains under-conceptualized in sociological literature. To address this omission, the present study responds to the following query: how, if at all, do Black individuals conceive of a Black liberated future? I draw on data from 65 in-depth interviews with Black Millennials during Black Lives Matter to capture their imaginings of a Black liberated future. Findings reveal that participants construct four types of liberation narratives when detailing their perceptions of Black freedom: 1) Liberation via Reformation, 2) Liberation via Reconstruction, 3) Liberation via Afrocentrism, and 4) Liberation as Inconceivable. I ultimately argue that liberation narratives function as resistant knowledge projects and, as such, are significant socio-political artifacts and resources for future generations of change agents, community organizers, and social movements actors. Altogether, this study demonstrates how rectifying the omission of liberation narratives magnifies our sociological knowledge about marginalized groups and deepens our analytic capacity to make sense of their ontological approaches toward politics of liberation and imaginings of their collective futures.

Allen, S. E. (2024). “I can’t tell you what freedom is’ cause I’ve never seen it”: Addressing the Omission of Liberation Narratives in Sociology. *Social Problems*, spae055. (Link: <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spae055>)

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#### **Organizational Form and Fragmentation in the Lethal Outcomes of Mexico’s Vigilante Mobilizations**

##### **ABSTRACT**

In 2013, people in Michoacán and Guerrero, especially from rural areas, armed themselves against criminal cartels. Although their movements emerged from comparable contexts, their leaders and organizational forms differed in ways that affected their tactics and targets, as well as the timing of de-escalation. Whereas Guerrero’s leaders understood their struggle as defensive, Michoacán’s leaders were businessmen who saw themselves engaged in an offensive campaign. This partly explains why fatalities were greater there than in Guerrero. I further demonstrate that movement fragmentation led to lethal violence, and their organizational forms also contributed to dynamics of escalation or de-escalation in ways not fully appreciated by scholars. Specifically, the organizational form of Michoacán’s patron-sponsored *autodefensas* made them more vulnerable to lethal violence than were Guerrero’s community-sponsored organizations.

Trevizo, D. (2024). Organizational Form and Fragmentation in the Lethal Outcomes of Mexico’s Vigilante Mobilizations, 2012–2015. *Latin American Research Review*, 1–19. doi:10.1017/lar.2024.39 (Link: <https://doi.org/10.1017/lar.2024.39>).

## Corey Dolgon

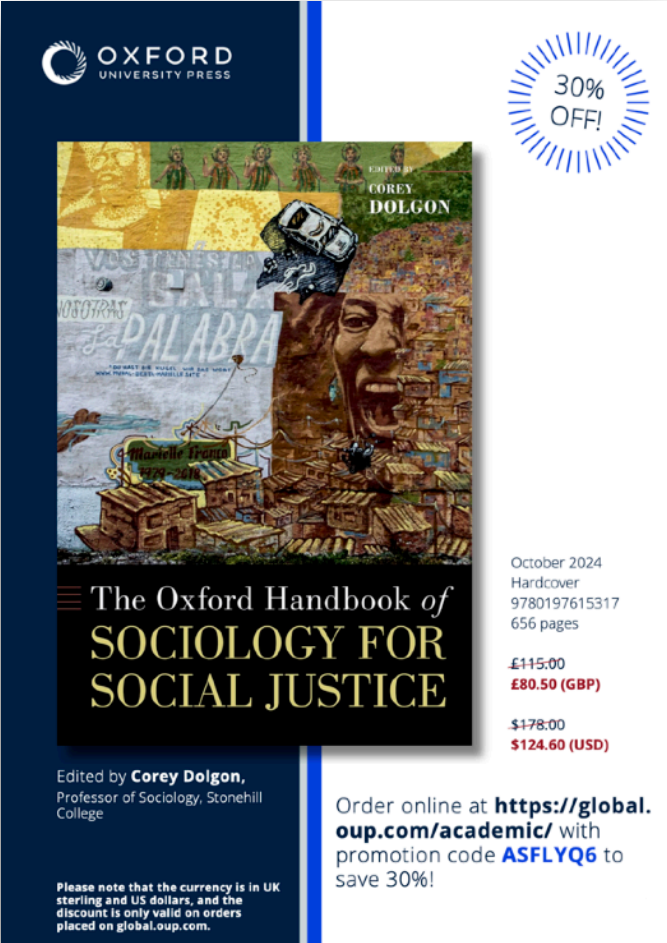
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### *The Oxford Handbook of Sociology for Social Justice*

#### Abstract

*The Oxford Handbook of Sociology for Social Justice* is a collection of over thirty chapters focused on how sociological research and applications can be used in various struggles for equality, safety, and liberation. The authors describe and promote sociological concepts, theories, and methods that have empowered academic scholars to support political organizing, popular education, and innovative and grassroots policymaking, in an effort to democratize knowledge production and provide some of the ideological and political tools to dismantle exploitative colonial and patriarchal structures, as well as the colonial roots of the discipline itself. This *Handbook* is a compendium of international scholars presenting real-life examples of how sociologists can “make a difference,” in myriad forms of research, teaching, and action. Ultimately, the *Handbook* shows an alternative path for young sociologists and those who still believe the discipline can be a powerful force for social justice.

Dolgon, C. (Ed.). (2024). *The Oxford Handbook of Sociology for Social Justice*. Oxford University Press. (Link: <https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/58211>)



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Dr. Diana Therese M. Veloso PN(Res) was reappointed Coordinator of the Master of Health Social Science program, which is housed under the Department of Sociology and Behavioral Sciences at De La Salle University in the Philippines. She also serves as the Coordinator of the Gender and Multiculturalism interdisciplinary course offered by the College of Liberal Arts at the same university.

Dr. Veloso passed the Civil Service Exam of the Philippine government in May 2024. As such, she is eligible to apply for the position of a commissioned officer with the Philippine Navy. As a navy reservist, Dr. Veloso completed the Disaster Emergency Assistance and Rescue Training (DEART) on June 11-16, 2024, and graduated on July 14, 2024.

Dr. Veloso was one of three speakers in a lecture titled “(Re)framing Research Through a Decolonial Lens: An Exploration of Decolonial Perspectives and Methodologies,” on May 8, 2024, at the Ateneo de Davao University in Davao City, located in the southern Philippines. The event was part of the Sociology Caravan of Philippine Sociological Society. In addition, she was one of four speakers at a panel discussion on women in the diaconate. The event took place on October 15, 2024, at a building near the Vatican in Rome, Italy. This adjunct activity took place during the Synod on Synodality. Dr. Veloso also served as one of the speakers of the De La Salle University Gender and Multiculturalism Forum titled “What It Means to be a Woman in the Military: Some Critical Reflections.” The event took place on November 7, 2024, at De La Salle University in the Philippines.

Dr. Veloso is completing her term as a Board Member of Philippine Sociological Society. She was elected treasurer (2024-2026) of Ecclesia of Women in Asia, an organization of women theologians based in Asia and the Pacific.



## Letter from White Anti-Racist Sociologists

Dear colleagues,

We are a group of white anti-racist sociologists interested in accountability, solidarity, and critical praxis. Each of us has witnessed ongoing institutionalized forms of racial oppression within sociological settings. We began discussions about how to reflect and root out internalized and unconscious racism within ourselves and take action in solidarity with others' accountability work in response to intentional and unintentional racism and white supremacy.

We invite other white scholars interested in this work to join us.

Our hope is to hold a series of virtual meetings to share challenges we have experienced or witnessed and mistakes we have made, with the aim of discussing how we addressed these situations, how we wish we would have addressed them, and to share insight with each other on how we could address similar situations in the future. We will incorporate somatic approaches to understanding our emotions and felt experiences in these situations, and develop tools to identify and manage the felt experiences of white supremacy. We envision a combination of reading work that explores these concepts for discussion, along with group practice. And, as we develop these skills and a network of anti-racist white sociologists across institutional settings, we hope to work together and in solidarity with other collectives to make institutionalized change across universities and professional organizations.

The vision for what we become will evolve as our collective needs shift, and as we respond to the social conditions around us. We are open to hearing from other anti-racist sociologists as to what additional activities and actions we can collectively engage in.

You can read more about our commitments and values, as well as a resource list we are developing here, and copied below:

- Google Doc: <https://tinyurl.com/antiracistresources>
- PDF: <https://tinyurl.com/pdfantiracistresources>

You can join our listserv here:

<https://groups.google.com/g/white-anti-racist-sociologists>

Please note that you must be logged into a gmail account. Select "Ask to Join Group". This will add you to the listserv and you will receive emails regarding organizing and attending sessions, as well as a space to put out calls for support and mentoring around responses to racism at any level.

We are planning to gather in December to discuss our strategies and next steps in the face of ongoing and dangerous white supremacy.

If you have any questions you can email us at: [whiteantiracistsociologists@gmail.com](mailto:whiteantiracistsociologists@gmail.com)

Warmly,  
Elroi Windsor, Georgiann Davis, and Wynn Strange

*"Nobody's free until everybody's free." -Fannie Lou Hammer*

## Calls for Papers

### ***The Sociological Quarterly*** **Special Issue: Sociological Perspectives on Student Activism**

Guest Editors:

Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State University

Gabby Gomez, Oklahoma State University

Jericho R. McElroy, Oklahoma State University

Jessica L. Schachle-Gordon, Stephen F. Austin State University

The United States and other countries are currently witnessing a surge in student activism. For example, over the past year, numerous campuses have become home to protests over Israel and Palestine. Schools are also increasingly serving as vibrant spaces for racial justice activism (Reyes 2018), intersectional feminist organizing (Reger 2018), and LGBTQ+ movements (Coley 2018). Conservative groups, too, have recently made significant inroads onto campuses (Binder and Kidder 2022). Although students have long served as agents of social change (e.g., Klatch 1999; McAdam 1988; Van Dyke 1998), the current high visibility of student activism suggests that now is an important time to (re)consider what sociology has to offer to the study of student activism.

This special issue of *The Sociological Quarterly* (TSQ) will feature innovative, theoretically engaged, and methodologically rigorous sociological research on student activism. By student activism, we refer to students' efforts to promote or resist social change. We are thus open to contributions that profile the variety of ways that students engage in activism, including through traditional social movement organizations, officially recognized student organizations that promote change through methods other than protest, and individual-level "everyday activism." We are also open to contributions focusing on student activism taking place within a variety of educational contexts (e.g., secondary schools, postsecondary schools), outside the formal confines of schools, and around the world.

In terms of theoretical perspective, we invite submissions that use new and established social movement frameworks, such as political opportunity theory, educational opportunity theory, threat-based theory, resource mobilization theory, framing theory, or collective identity theory. However, as a generalist sociology journal, we also welcome submissions that use (or combine) theoretical frameworks from outside of social movement studies, including theories from the sociology of labor and labor movements, sociology of education, organizational sociology, sociology of children and youth, sociology of race, gender, and sexuality, sociology of religion, or cultural sociology. Finally, we welcome research using a variety of methodological approaches, including quantitative, qualitative, experimental, historical, and mixed-methods approaches.

Interested contributors should take note of the following timeline and submission instructions:

- Paper proposal. Submit a proposed article title, author names, and extended abstract (approximately 500 words) by e-mail to [tsq@okstate.edu](mailto:tsq@okstate.edu) by January 15, 2025. In the extended abstract, we recommend discussing the proposed article's research question (or research aims), theoretical approach, data and methodological approach, findings, and implications.
- Abstract acceptance. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by January 31, 2025. Note that abstract acceptance does not constitute a guarantee of publication.
- Paper submission. Complete manuscript drafts are due by May 31, 2025. Manuscripts can be up to 12,000 words, inclusive of main text, references, tables, and figures.
- Peer review. The editors will send papers out for external review in summer 2025. Contingent on reviews, authors will be given up to 3 months to revise their papers.
- Publication. Articles will appear online first after acceptance and will subsequently be published in a special issue of up to 12 articles in 2026.

#### ***More information available online:*** ***TSQ Student Activism Special Issue***

[https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/special\\_issues/sociological-perspectives-on-student-activism/?gl=1\\*me3anb\\*\\_gcl\\_aw\\*MTU0MDUxMTYxNC4xNz:M0Mjlk4NjU5\\*\\_ga\\*MTQwNjA5MDA4OC4xNz:M0Mjlk4NjU5\\*\\_ga\\_0HYE8YGO0M6\\*MTc2NDU1Nz:MyNi4zLjAuMTc2NDU1Nz:MyNi4zMC4wLjA.&\\_ga=2.100381470.1039245314.1734557327-1406090038.1734298659](https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/special_issues/sociological-perspectives-on-student-activism/?gl=1*me3anb*_gcl_aw*MTU0MDUxMTYxNC4xNz:M0Mjlk4NjU5*_ga*MTQwNjA5MDA4OC4xNz:M0Mjlk4NjU5*_ga_0HYE8YGO0M6*MTc2NDU1Nz:MyNi4zLjAuMTc2NDU1Nz:MyNi4zMC4wLjA.&_ga=2.100381470.1039245314.1734557327-1406090038.1734298659)

## Calls for Papers

### Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change (RSMCC): Call for Papers for Volume 50

#### Coalition-Building and Solidarity Across Difference

Coalitions are among the most important tactical tools available for social movements, as they enable the sharing of networks, resources, expertise, and information, while simultaneously projecting an image of power through unity and numbers. Diverse coalitions are perceived to be particularly important, as they hold the potential for drawing in new audiences and building a broader movement, making more powerful statements and bridging divides in society while also fostering innovation and creativity, which may offer strategic advantages. Yet diverse alliances face tremendous challenges not limited to building a unifying collective identity and forging a common agenda (including tactical agreement, and a shared framing strategy).

Similarly, social movement organizations and peacebuilding organizations in societies engulfed in protracted conflict have often sought to work across divides, sometimes succeeding and sometimes not. Oftentimes, these organizations struggle to diversify or to sustain a diverse membership. Power asymmetry particularly often poses challenges leading to claims that these organizations replicate the existing hierarchies in the larger environment.

In the last two decades, particularly, progress has been made with regards to assessing how alliances can form and sustain themselves across difference, inequality, and even lines of protracted conflict. This volume seeks to further this critical work.

This volume welcomes any submissions related to coalition-building, working across difference and inequality, intersectionality practices, and/or solidarity building across divides. By “coalitions,” we envision discussions related to both coalitions between formal organizations, such as SMOs, as well as coalition-building within groups and organizations. Of the latter, we are interested in studies of diversity and inclusion in social movements and approaches that take intersectionality into account. We are open to a variety of methodologies, including but not limited to quantitative studies as well as qualitative studies such as ethnographies, case studies, interview-based research, mixed methods, and archival work. We seek both historical and contemporary studies, from all parts of the globe. As part of RSMCC’s commitment to publish scholarly works with implications for building a more socially just and peaceful world, we would also be enthused to receive first-person accounts from activists or peace builders describing coalition efforts that have worked in the field, as well as those that have not.

Please note: academic submissions must conform to traditional social science expectations with literature reviews and methods sections. First person essays written by activists or peacebuilders should connect to the broad theme of the volume but need not have extensive literature reviews or methods sections.

#### **Submissions due by May 1, 2025**

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#### **Interviews / Spotlights.**

I am interested in featuring the work of our division members as a part of our newsletters. I have thought one way of doing this is to conduct short interviews — on your current/past work, thoughts on our area of scholarship, insights for other scholars, spotlights on our award winners and other accomplishments. Excited to hear your ideas.

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