Meeting is Called to Order 7:05pm by S4TJ Chair, Daniel Laurison

Welcome and Opening Remarks (Daniel Laurison)

- Ground Rules for the Meeting:
  - Please leave yourself muted unless speaking.
  - During the open part of discussion - will use chat to make note of who wants to speak. Folks will be called on.
  - If anyone comes on or is disruptive, we will kick them out immediately.

Overview of S4TJ Accomplishments (Daniel Laurison)

- Full detailed report was made available to listserv and posted on the website. Highlights provided during the meeting.
- This marks the 5th annual meeting for S4TJ. S4TJ began in 2016 by Eric Grollman and Laurel Westbrook. Daniel Laurison served as the third co-chair of S4TJ (with Laurel 2018-19) and sole chair (2019-20)
- Newly instituted this past year was the executive council/committee (EC).
  - EC comprises seven members: current and past chairs of the organization, and committee chairs.
  - This structure has provided more voices at the table to help organize the organizations.
- On behalf of S4TJ, the EC crafted 2 public statements this year
  - In a reaffirmation of S4TJ’s commitment to racial justice, S4TJ published the Sociologists for Trans Justice Statement on Racial Justice and Black Lives Matters. This commitment promised the reworking of the #TransJusticeSyllabus to be more centered on racial justice and representation.
  - In response to a transphobic piece published by a sociologists on measuring sex and gender in survey methodology, S4TJ published the Sociologists for Trans Justice Statement on Sex and Gender within Survey Methodology.
- Will take questions on the report after additional reports.

Reports from S4TJ Committees (facilitated by Daniel Laurison)

Committe on Supporting Trans, Non-binary and Intersex Scholars (presented by Anthony Williams)

- Co-Chair Introductions
  - Alex Hanna (she/her)- Research Scientist at Google
  - Anthony James Williams (they/them)- Doctoral Candidate UCLA, Sociology
- Thanks members who helped contribute to the committee/group. Named members during the call to note that it is members who do the hard work for S4TJ.
Conferences, Grad Student Survey, Mentorship sub-committees

- Pandemic created many barriers for committee, as it is unknown when/if conferences may occur again
- Grad Student Survey group cleaned survey data and have a draft manuscript about non-cis graduate students experiences. Many findings in some ways are unsurprising (i.e. having all-gender affirming bathrooms makes quality of life better on campus) but important to be stated.

Committee on Advancing Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Scholarship (presented by Maggie Nanney)

- Co-Chair Introductions
  - Maggie Nanney (they/them)- Visiting Instructor Hollins University, Gender Studies
  - Blu Buchanan- Doctoral Candidate UC Davis, Sociology [absent from call]
- Thanks members who helped contribute to the committee/group. Group has grown and has many members, so chairs are appreciative of all the hard work!
- Syllabus
  - Trans Syllabus is being reorganized, in accordance with S4TJ Statement on Racial Justice, to focus on intersection of racial and trans justice.
  - Trans Justice Bibliography will be new addition and compile entire list of scholarship relating to trans justice.
  - Publication of the #BlackTransLivesMatter Reader - a short primer on Black trans scholarship specifically.
- Writing committee
  - Hard at work and dedicated to running writing groups - including a Facebook trans writing group. Join if you haven’t already
  - Recently ran a 2-day workshop “Publish Me” about publishing trans work. Great success and hoping to run again!
- Experts and Grants Committee:
  - Lots of behind the scenes work, communicating with journals about trans peer review on trans scholarship.

Committee on Advancing Public Understanding on Trans Issues (presented by Daniel Laurison)

- Co-Chair Introductions
  - Sam Scovill (they/them)- Doctoral Student University of Arizona, Sociology
  - Daniel Laurison (he/him)- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Swarthmore College
- Publicized a lot of the other work occurring in S4TJ.
- New Twitter Account and have been posting on it (@sociologists4tj).
  - Working on a social media policy for this
- Sam has maintained and updated our amazing website so that things are archived and easily accessible.

Leadership Transition (Daniel Laurison)

- Many thanks to all members and the hard work of the EC for all their great work
- Laurel Westbrook stepping down as past chair and off EC
Many many thanks to Laurel for years of TREMENDOUS service!!!! Integral to everything S4TJ has accomplished. So many people are thankful for your amazing work! S4TJ wouldn’t be without you!

Letters from Eric Grollman and Maggie Nanney read to thank Laurel

Daniel Laurison becomes past chair, Maggie Nanney new chair for 2020-2021

Kit Meyers (Roanoke College) joining EC as the co-chair of Advancing Scholarship committee

This part of the meeting ends at 7:25.

Open Discussion for Comments and Questions of Report

None raised.

Open Discussion for Comments and Questions for S4TJ Work

Dustin Rollins (S4TJ Secretary and Treasurer) introduced dues as an idea for the group?

S4TJ Dues could cover website costs, paper awards scholarships, etc.

Cost? Following LGBTQ Caucus dues could range from $5 for grad students to $15 for tenured faculty

Comments in chat: some folks thought that might be reasonable. Can move forward and discuss options.

There will be the ability to allow someone to sponsor someone else’s students, etc.

Open to how we categorize (e.g. postdocs) so we don’t limit access or gatekeep.

Built in ability to always provide access (pay as you can, pay it forward) so anyone can be a member.

Natalie Ingram (Mentorship sub-committee) asked how we (as a group) have capacity for running a mentorship program this upcoming year.

Everyone is experiencing heavy loads and overwhelm, but this is a time when mentees need support the most. Is there a way we could meet the need for everyone?

Ideas?

Group mentorship chats via Zoom as one possibility

Peer support networks or groups

Workgroups

Some sort of graduate student connection group beyond the writing group - maybe more social and connecting around shared struggles, in general.

Jess Goldstein-Kral (Survey sub-committee) asked about how to publicize committee materials

Infographics from subcommittee available here: https://s4tj.com/tigradsurvey/

No immediate ideas posed, Daniel recommends using a collaboration between multiple committees (particularly Advancing Public Understanding) to promote materials.

Daniel Laurison: Getting all of the sociology journals to be able to have gender neutral options for those publishing without a faculty or researcher title. Could end up being an option across multiple manuscript platforms in the long-term.

Also focus on author pronouns

Discussion of name-change policies for journals

Could depend on the publisher in terms of their willingness off the bat
We have looked at this in previous years, but perhaps we need to renew our push on this.

Lots of questions on what the best practices should be...but we can try to find where we share common ground and move that forward.

- Sonny Nordmarken: What are the results from having an expert list so far?
  - S4TJ manages two lists: List of experts for public scholarship (press/media) and list of expert reviewers
    - Meg Osborn (Experts and Grants sub-committee): focus has been on working with journal editors for peer review
      - Possible form on the website where folks could report back to track how often experts are contacted or utilized?
      - If you ever get sent a review request and you can't do it, look at the experts list for ideas of who else could review the piece (Laurel)

- Sonny Nordmarken: Project idea on healthcare insurance companies and gender categorization (among other Healthcare Insurance Issues)
  - Do we know of any sociologists in which this is their specific area? No names raised, Maggie recommended looking at expert list

**Meeting Conclusion**

- Maggie thanked all for attending and reminded everyone to sign up for committees for upcoming year (begins October)
  - Survey Link: [https://forms.gle/hANzm4GnWWCKvQt6A](https://forms.gle/hANzm4GnWWCKvQt6A)

**Thanks everyone for coming! Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.**