

A Letter to Faculty Mentors, Authors, and Readers of *SBG*

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Volume 10 of *Sociology Between the Gaps* (*SBG*) introduces a new cover to highlight 10 years of continuous publication. I started *SBG* in the summer of 2014, as my principal retirement project. My objective in doing so was to maintain my involvement in teaching sociology and offering a forum to exchange ideas, but to do this in an innovative way. *SBG* is offered free of charge both to prospective authors and readers. Since its first volume, *SBG* has continued to draw high-quality submissions from students and professionals both in the U.S. and from other countries.

SBG's readership has also grown over the last nine years, making it a *truly global* journal. Volume nine had the largest number of submissions (N = 14) published in a single volume thus far. Between the summer of 2014 and June 30, 2024, *SBG* published more than 100 pieces: 52 **articles**, 17 **Point of View essays**, 10 **Book Reviews**, eight **Film Reviews**, and introduced three new categories of topics: **Etc.** (N = 14; **Retrospection** (N = 2); and **Musings** (N = 3).

The success of *SBG* to date is due, in part, to the dedicated professional sociologists who are members of our Editorial Board, several of whom have served actively on this Board from the beginning. Like me, they are unpaid volunteers who devote their time to make the innovative experiment that is *SBG* a reality. These colleagues are instrumental to *SBG*'s success in many ways, including by encouraging student authors to submit their work for publication consideration, by reviewing submissions in their areas of expertise, and by writing thought-provoking submissions themselves.

On behalf of all those involved in *SBG*, I am very pleased that this journal has met my original objective of becoming an innovative forum through which diverse student and professional voices can be heard on a range of neglected or forgotten sociological topics and issues. A request to **Faculty mentors/advisors**: Please encourage your students to send their best work to the current, or to a future, volume of *Sociology Between the Gaps*.

Thank you for your support.