

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

ASA LETTER REGARDING STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

April 29, 2019

In an April 29, 2019, letter to the the Stanford University president and provost, ASA wrote:

Dear President Tessier-Lavigne and Provost Drell,

I write to you on behalf of the American Sociological Association (ASA), the professional society

representing more than 12,000 sociologists around the world, to express concern about your recent decision to discontinue providing financial support to Stanford University Press.

Stanford University Press is home to a long and distinguished sociology list, and the decline or demise of the press would significantly disrupt the dissemination of important sociological knowledge.

As President of an organization that serves as a scholarly publisher in addition to many other functions, I appreciate the difficulties of balancing competing financial priorities. ASA has made the decision that the relatively modest subsidy we provide to underwrite some of our own publications is more than worth the investment in terms of scholarly dissemination, and we hope you will consider that trade-off as well. The intellectual value of Stanford University Press is giant in comparison to the cost required to sustain the press' operations.



Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mary Romero
President

American Sociological Association

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