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This Report opens on a sad note as we have lost a member of our Editorial Board, Dr. Aziz Choudry (23/06/1966 – 26/05/2021). Dr. Choudry's work, activism, and kindness are warmly remembered by his colleagues and students. We will be dedicating this year's issue, Vol 16: Socialist Solidarities in Times of Crisis to Dr. Choudry's memory. If you would like to contribute a brief recollection or comment on Dr. Choudry's work for the Journal, please contact me. I have included information on a memorial meeting (June 5) and bibliography of Dr. Choudry's work is provided by his colleagues in South Africa at the end of this Report.

Over several years, Dr. Choudry either published with *Socialist Studies* or was reviewed in the Journal. These articles are listed below:

Choudry, Aziz, Jill Hanley, and Eric Shragge, eds. 2012. Organize! Building from the Local for Global Justice.

Ian Hussey (2012-12-12)

At the Limits of Justice: Women of Colour on Terror, by Suvendrini Perera and Sherene H. Razack

Aziz Choudry (2016-03-01)

Bannerji, Himani. 2011. Demography and Democracy: Essays on Nationalism, Gender and Ideology

Aziz Choudry (2012-03-03)

A Review of Digital, Political, Radical by Natalie Fenton

Aziz Choudry (2020-05-04)

Activist Research Practice: Exploring Research and Knowledge Production for Social Action

Aziz Choudry (2013-06-06)

Aziz Choudry et al. Fight Back: Workplace Justice for Immigrants

Sheila Wilmot (2009-11-30)

Book Reviews - Complete

Various Authors (2012-03-03)

On a personal note, I also want to extend a word of thanks to the broader membership as the past year was particularly difficult for me and my family. Caregiving responsibilities and bereavement took me away from my duties; however, with the support of the Executive, my partner and extended family and friends, I am “back” and looking forward to another exciting year for the Journal.

Overview of Activities & Upcoming Plans

Since our last annual meeting, the Journal has continued to use the “rolling” publication approach to great success. As you will see in the data presented below, the Journal again realized a growth in “downloads” which we translate as “readership”. It continues to be the case that articles remain “relevant” long after their initial publication and it is possible to see how “trends” return to older publications in light of current circumstances. For example, in our “Top Ten” downloads, Dr. Abigail Bakan’s “Reconsidering the Underground Railroad”, published in 2008, appears in the Top Ten for the first time. There can be no doubt that the consciousness-raising activities around anti-Black racism and Canada’s historical record have sent people searching for critical voices and texts.

The Journal perennially faces two significant challenges: 1)securing qualified reviewers and receiving reviews in a timely fashion; and 2)attracting substantial, high-quality articles for peer-review. The Executive has been highly engaged with these two questions and this is reflected in the upcoming goals and objectives below.

Finally, what are the upcoming goals and objectives of the Journal? Briefly, these include:

- Identifying a co-editor to work with now but also in anticipation that my term ends in 2022;
- Strengthening the Reviewer database
- Aiming to publish 10 – 12 peer-reviewed articles /year.
- Creating a “symposium” section to highlight panel discussions and roundtables
- Opening Space for more Special Issues (both peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed)
- Renewing the Editorial Board and creating more deliberate structures within the Board to support the work of the Journal
- Creating an easy pathway for donations earmarked specifically to support the work of the Journal

Journal Download Data Year over Year

	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021
Total PDF downloads (since 2014)	157,191	208,137 (50,946 since May 2019)	261,611 (53,474 since May 2020)
Average Monthly Downloads	2620	4246	4925
Average PDF Download /article	464	563	688
Total Articles Published	20	20	14
Download Total of Articles Published June previous year – May current year	2456	2189	2590

It is worth noting that article downloads continue to grow. So, as a simple comparison: in May 2019, articles published in 2018 have now been downloaded a total of 6512 times (versus 2456 at this time last year). If we take that simple comparison to May 2021, articles published in 2020 have now been downloaded a total of 6993 times (vs 2189 at this time last year). In other words, our articles stand the test of time.

Each year I usually share the “Number 1” most downloaded article (tracked 2014 but published since 2005). The article is a keynote by Dr. Bill Carroll, delivered to the Annual Meeting of Socialist Studies at York University in 2006. This address, entitled “Hegemony, Counter-hegemony, Anti-hegemony” has been downloaded 10,227 times and can be accessed here: <https://www.socialiststudies.com/index.php/sss/issue/view/1656>. I can speculate that this article will continue to be frequently accessed as we all search for ways to make sense of the current moment.

The “top ten” articles by download are as follows:

Author	Title	Issue	PDF Downloads (since 2014)
William K. Carroll	Hegemony, Counter-hegemony, Anti-hegemony	Fall 2006	10,227
Ian Hussey	Note on Stuart Hall’s “Cultural Identity and Diaspora”	Feminism and New Socialisms (2014)	9883
Gary Teeple	A Commentary on Joel Bakan’s “The Corporation, The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power”	Fall 2005	7819
Johanna Brenner	21st Century Socialist-Feminism	Feminism and New Socialisms (2014)	4575
J.L. Deveau	Examining the Institutional Ethnographer’s Toolkit	Fall 2008	4526
Ian Hussey and Patrice LeClerc	“The Big Smoke” Screen: Toronto’s G20 Protests, Police Brutality, and the Unaccountability of Public Officials	Double Issue: Organizing for Austerity (2011)	4099
Abigail Bakan	Reconsidering the Underground Railroad: Slavery and Racialization in the Making of the Canadian State	Spring 2008	3425* (new to the top 10 this year)
Margaret Kovach	Treaties, Truths and Transgressive Pedagogies: Re-Imagining Indigenous Presence in the Classroom	Transgressive Pedagogies and Research (2013)	3247
Peyman Vahabzadeh	The Conditions of Subalternity: Reflections	Fall 2007	3176

	on Subjectivity, Experience and Hegemony		
Joshua Moufawad-Paul	Quartermasters of Stadiums and Cemeteries: Normative Insurrectionism and the Under-theorization of Revolutionary Strategy	The Subaltern: Speaking Through Socialism (2016)	2898

Editorial Board

I would like to acknowledge the Editorial Board in this Report.

Members are:

- Paul Kellogg, Athabasca University, Canada
- Aziz Choudry, McGill University
- Larry Patriquin, Nipissing University
- Patrice LeClerc, St. Lawrence University, United States
- Ross A Klein, Memorial University
- Elaine Coburn, past Editor,
- Bill Carroll, University of Victoria, Canada

Other Recognitions and Thanks

Our Journal is hosted and supported (at no charge) by the University of Alberta Library. As we have moved to the rolling publication format, we have received invaluable assistance from the OJS Team.

I would like to acknowledge the support of the Society of Socialist Studies Executive. There is no doubt of the Society's commitment to ensuring the longevity and success of the Journal.

A word of thanks, again, to Sean Cain who manages the Journal website and does the copyediting, layout and design for the Journal. His work has been both beautiful and essential to the success of *Socialist Studies*. His unflagging kindness, flexibility and fast turn around continue to amaze me!

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Rein, PhD
Editor

Professor Aziz Choudry (23/06/1966 - 26/05/2021)

It is with a deep sense of grief that we convey the devastating news of Prof. Aziz Choudry's passing. We are still in a state of shock and trying to comprehend the enormity of this loss. Aziz had many dear friends, comrades, colleagues and family around the world. We know that all are stunned and are trying to process his passing. We are thinking of you all and hold everyone close to our hearts. We ask you to reach out to all who knew him and support each other emotionally in this difficult time.

Aziz arrived from McGill University to join us as a full-time staff member of our Centre in February this year after a number of years as a visiting professor with our Faculty. He enjoyed a longstanding scholarly relation with all of the staff and expressed a profound affinity with our work.

Aziz was the quintessential scholar-activist and was deeply sensitive to injustices wherever they occurred. He made significant global contributions to social movement learning, knowledge production in community organisations, activist archives, immigrant workers' education, anti-racist/anti-colonial education and related fields. He will also be remembered for his unstinting and selfless devotion to the students he supervised and taught as well as the many academics and movement activists he mentored throughout the world. He was also an untiring international solidarity activist supporting indigenous, Palestinian and anticolonial struggles. Aziz helped activist work around opposing surveillance and repression, unfair trade, and supported activism around food sovereignty and climate justice. He was a strong advocate of education as a public good and championed the struggle for a decommodified and decolonial academy.

Prof. Choudry wrote prolifically and is the author and co-editor of the following ten books between 2009 and 2020: Organize! Building from the Local for Global Justice (2012); Activists and the Surveillance State: Learning from Repression (2019); Learning from the Ground Up: Global Perspectives on Social Movements and Knowledge Production (2010); Learning Activism: The Intellectual Life of Contemporary Social Movements (2015); Unfree Labour? Struggles of Migrant and Immigrant Workers in Canada (2016); Fight Back: Workplace Justice for Immigrants (2009); NGOization: Complicity, Contradictions and Prospects (2013); The University and Social Justice: Struggle Across the Globe (2020); Just Work? Migrant Workers' Struggle Today (2016) and Reflections on Knowledge, Learning and Social Movements: History's Schools (2018).

Aziz's praxis and vision for a kinder and humane world will always inspire and remain with us.

To honour his memory, an initial virtual meeting will be held on 5 June, 7:30pm SAST, 6:30pm UK time, 1:30pm Montreal, Canada, 5:30am Christchurch, New Zealand.

Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86266955439?pwd=NFAyMUx3MkIhVGVkOTUwrN1hnL0pRdz09>