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I am writing to ask that I be considered for membership of the Editorial Board of SHI. I am already regularly involved in reviewing papers for the journal on topics relating to the application of social theory to health and medicine, problems of social suffering and issues relating to the social components of experiences of anxiety and distress. I am acquainted with the high standards of academic peer review used by this journal and I am committed to do what I can to ensure that these are maintained.

I am currently appointed as a Professor of Sociology in the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR) at the University of Kent, UK. I teach undergraduate courses in social theory (classical and contemporary) and on 'Enlightenment Revolution and the Modern Social World' (which includes a feature on the rise of the rise enlightened medical science). I also teach a graduate module on Social Suffering as an option on our MA in Sociology. My research interests cover issues relating to the sociology of pain and suffering, sociology of anxiety, sociology of risk, caregiving and modern humanitarianism. In all these interests I am frequently operating with research questions and agendas that are situated within the sociology of health and medicine.

My authored books include *Anxiety in a Risk Society* (2001 Routledge); *Suffering: A Sociological Introduction* (2005, Polity – awarded the 2006 SHI book prize); *Risk, Vulnerability and Everyday Life* (2010, Routledge), *A Passion for Society: How We Think About Human Suffering* (co-authored with Arthur Kleinman, 2016, University of California Press). My edited volumes include *New Genetics and Society, Special Edition: Taking Genetics Seriously*, (Alison Anderson, Matthew David and Elizabeth Ettorre, 2002, Sage), *Health Risk and Society, Special edition: Social Suffering & Health Risk*, (2006, Taylor & Francis), *Health Risk and Society* (co-edited with Alan Petersen, 2007 Routledge), *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of Health, Illness and Medicine. Special Issue on The Sociology of Hope in the Contexts of Health, Medicine and Healthcare* (coedited with Alan Petersen, 2015, Sage), *International Social Science Journal. Special Issue on Understanding Modern Humanitarianism* (2016, UNESCO).

I have served on the Editorial Board of *Sociology* (2002-6). I am a member of the Editorial Board of *Health Risk and Society* (2006-current), a member of the International Advisory Board of *The European Journal of Social Theory* (2007- current) and a member of the Editorial Board of *Blackwell Sociology Compass* (2007-current). In addition to this I regularly review articles submitted for publication in the *American Journal of Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Theory Culture and Society*, *The Sociological Review*, *Sociology*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *International Sociology*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Science Technology and Human Values*, *Sociological Research Online*, *Health and Social Theory*, *Health, Risk and Society*, *Journal of Risk Research*, *American Anthropologist*, and *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*.

In light of the above, I hope that I can be identified as someone equipped with the experience, knowledge and collegiality to make a useful contribution to the board's activities as well as to the overall strategy and direction of the journal.