

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM - MSSA 2009 MEETINGS

35th Annual Meeting of the
Mid-South Sociological Association

November 4 – 7, 2009

Lafayette, Louisiana



**Empowering Diversity
through World Systems**



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Association**

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

MSSA 2009 MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 4

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1. Executive Council I Cedar
Convener: *Kimberly A. Davies, Augusta State University*

4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

RegistrationVermilion

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

2. Sociological Spectrum Editorial Board Meeting Cedar
Convener: *John Lynxwiler, University of Central Florida*

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Welcoming Reception Vermillion
Sponsored by Taylor & Francis Publishers, Inc.

Thursday, November 5

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration Port Foyer

Book Exhibit River Foyer

Alpha Kappa Delta Information Table River Foyer

7:00 a.m. -8:00 a.m.

Undergraduate and Graduate Students BreakfastHotel Restaurant
Sponsored by The American Sociological Association

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**3. PANEL: THE BIRTH OF MSSA: PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS OF SHARING AND INCLUSION
.....ROSEDOWN**

Organizer: *Ollie Christian, Southern University – Baton Rouge*

Presider: *Thomas J. Durant, Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge*

Panelists:

Sarah Brabant, University of Louisiana – Lafayette

Abbott Ferriss; Emeritus Professor, Emory University

C. Eddie Palmer, University of Louisiana – Lafayette

Dennis Peck, Emeritus Professor, University of Alabama

Dennis McSeveny, University of New Orleans

4. COMMUNITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTMAGNOLIA

Organizer and Presider: *David Burley, Southeastern Louisiana University*

“American Individualism and Community Sustainability: Can Community Led Sustainability Efforts Lead to Public Policy Changes at the National Level?”

Derrick Shapley, Mississippi State University

“After the Storm: A Community Food System Assessment of Home and Community Gardens/Farms in Five South Central Louisiana Parishes”

Toni Sims, University of Louisiana - Lafayette

“From Community Dependence to Independence: The Ties between Economic and Ecological Sustainability”

David Burley, Southeastern Louisiana University

“Community and Environmental Identity: A Case Study of the Davis Food Co-op”

Allison Richardson, Southeastern Louisiana University

Daniel Orser, Southeastern Louisiana University

5. SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION.....WILLOW

Organizers and Presiders: *Lorraine Evans, University of Tennessee – Chattanooga and Stephanie M. McClure, Georgia College and State University*

“Social Capital and High School Success in a Suburban Mississippi County”

Michael Adam, Mississippi State University

“Killing Me Softly With Words: A Teacher’s Impact on Death Anxiety”

Elisabeth “Libby” Wood, University of Central Oklahoma

“The Relationship between Friendship Groups and Academic Self-Confidence: A Closer Inspection”

Brett Lehman, Louisiana State University

6. GENDER RESEARCH IN PROGRESS IOAKLAWN
Organizer and President: *Kimberly Ann Davies, Augusta State University*

“The Homogeneity of Extreme Abortion Attitudes among Women”
John Lynxwiler, University of Central Florida
David Gay, University of Central Florida

“The Impact of Religiosity on Women’s Participation in Professional Occupations”
Autumn M. Bishop, University of Central Florida
David Gay, University of Central Florida

“Life-Style Preferences: A Comparative Analysis of Women’s Work Attitudes”
Christy Haines Flatt, Mississippi State University

“The Personal and Social Benefits of Airplane Piloting As a Serious Leisure Activity for Women”
Frances Shupe, University of Louisville

7. VICTIMIZATION AND SOCIAL CLASS IN GLOBAL CONTEXTASHLAND
Organizers and Presiders: *Shelly A. McGrath, University of Alabama-Birmingham and*
Ruth A. Chananie-Hill, University of Northern Iowa

“The Elderly Mother in India”
Frederique van de Poel – Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

“Hate Crimes against the Homeless”
Elizabeth Griffith, University of Louisiana

“A Cross-National Analysis of Police Satisfaction and Perceived Safety after Dark”
Shelly A. McGrath, University of Alabama-Birmingham
Stacylyn Chananie-Hill, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

8. GRADUATE PAPER COMPETITION IMAPLE
Organizer and President: *Larry Hall, Spring Hill College*

9. POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY IOAK ALLEY
Organizer and President: *Timothy B. Gongaware, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse*

“Voting the Issues or Voting the Demographics? The Media’s Construction of Political Candidates Credibility”
Ashraf Esmail, Southern University-New Orleans
Jas Sullivan, Louisiana State University
Lisa Eargle, Francis Marion University

“Does Familiarity Breed Contempt: Examining the Tipping Point of Family Legacy in Politics”
George Pearson Cross, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Craig Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

“The New Socio-Political Climate: Presidential Mandate versus Societal Demand”

Tonya Neaves, Mississippi State University

Arthur Cosby, Mississippi State University

Marissa Matta, Mississippi State University

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

10. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IICEDAR

Convener: *Kimberly Ann Davies, Augusta State University*

11. SOCIAL THEORY IROSEDOWN

Organizer and Presider: *David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University*

“Propositions for a Theory of the Quality of Life and Social Structure”

Abbott L. Ferris, Emeritus Professor, Emory University

“Postcards from the Edge: Charles A Ellwood and the End of Sociology:”

David G. Loconto, Jacksonville State University

“A School of Thought is More Than an Idea: or Construction, Deconstruction and the Process of Myth-Making”

Dennis L. Peck, University of Alabama

12. THE ROLE OF DIVERSITY: CULTURAL SURVIVAL IN A GLOBAL SOCIETYASHLAND

Organizer and Presider: *Phillip J. Linden, Jr., Xavier University of Louisiana*

“Life in an Ethnic Community: Ethic Organizations and Rituals of Ethnic Significance”

Adam Dasari, West Virginia University

“The Future of the Past: The Role of Identity in a Global Society”

Phillip J. Linden, Jr., Xavier University of Louisiana

13. SOCIAL PSYCOLOGYMAPLE

Organizer and Presider: *Marie Sheneman, University of South Alabama*

“Values and Violence”

Mary Konty, Eastern Kentucky University

“Teaching Social Psychology to Social Workers: The Challenges of Service Courses in Sociology”

Chandrouti Persaud, Mississippi State Valley University

“Deviant Behavior and Event Maintenance”

W. Craig Carter, Middle Tennessee State University

Kristi Stringers, Middle Tennessee State University

“Keying the Past to the Present: Collective Memories and Continuity in Collective Identity Shifts”
Thomas B. Gongaware, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

14. THE SOCIOLOGY OF RACEMAGNOLIA
Organizer and Presider: *Earl Wright, II, Texas Southern University*

“Race Differences in Colorectal Cancer Screening Compliance: A Multi-level Analysis of Preventive Health Behavior”

Mxolisi Siwatu, Texas Southern University

Nicholas J. Hill, Jackson State University

Delonte Sanders, Texas Southern University

“Racial Profiling in the N.F.L.”

Erica Smith, Florida Memorial University

“Predicting Heart Disease Among African-American Women: A Socio-Behavioral Link Between Depression and Heart Disease”

Mxolis S. Watu, Texas Southern University

Lysha Lewis, Texas Southern University

“W.E.B. DuBois, Howard Odum and the (Black) Sociology of the South”

Earl Wright II, Texas Southern University

15. PANEL: RACISM: IS IT ALIVE OR IS IT DEAD?OAK ALLEY
Organizer and Presider: *Shirley Rainey, Fisk University*

Panelists:

Shirley Rainey, Fisk University

Earlie Steele, Fisk University

Yvonne Prather, Austin Peay State University

16. THE IMPACT OF GLOBALIZATION ON WORLD SYSTEMS AND ITS EFFECTSWILLOW

Organizer: *Veronica Freeman, Southern University, Baton Rouge*

Presider: *Alma Thornton, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

“The Effects of Goals and Rewards on Visual Motor Task Performance”

Christopher McCurnin, Southern University-Baton Rouge

“The Relationship between Self-Esteem and Obesity among African-American College Students”

Brianna Amacker, Southern University-Baton Rouge

“The Affects of Race and Attractiveness on Guilty v. Innocent Jury Decisions”

Kursten Bell, Southern University-Baton Rouge

“The Effects of Mnemonics on Memory”

Justin Guy, Southern University-Baton Rouge

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Minority Caucus LuncheonHotel Restaurant

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

17. WORKSHOP: CAREERS WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGYASHLAND
Organizer and Presider: *Jean H. Shin, Director, Minority Affairs Program, American Sociological Association*

18. SOCIAL THEORY IIROSEDOWN
Organizer and Presider: *David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University*

“The Transformation of the Public Sphere in a Religious Society: A Critical Analysis of Jurgen Habermas’ Public Sphere”
Justin Stoll, University of Northern Iowa

“Between a Subject and Hard Place: Ideological and Interpersonal Conflict in Rescue Narratives”
Carol Y. Thompson, Texas Christian University

“Employing Structural Ritualization Theory in Understanding Issues of Race and Ethnicity”
Adam Dasari, West Virginia University

“Khalidunian Cyclical Theory of Social Change in Relation to Western Sociological Theories”
Mehmet Soyer, Mississippi State University

19. MARRIAGE AND FAMILYWILLOW
Organizer and Presider: *Marie Sheneman, University of South Alabama*

“Waking up from the Nightmare: An auto ethnographic Analysis of Family Violence”
Marie Sheneman, University of South Alabama

“Untying the Knot: How Divorce has Complicated Veblen’s Theory of Ownership Marriage”
Natalie Turner, University of Northern Iowa

“From Starshollow to the Classroom: Teaching Marriage and the Family with the Gilmore Girls”
Marie Sheneman, University of South Alabama

20. PANEL: STUDENTS DOING SOCIOLOGY: SOCIOLOGY AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONSMAPLE
Organizer and Presider: *Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University*

Panelists:
Erin Robinson, Jacksonville State University
Christina Hernandez, Jacksonville State University
A.J. Blount, Jacksonville State University

Natalie Dempster, Jacksonville State University
Zac Craft, Middle Tennessee State University
Teresa Smith, Middle Tennessee State University
Rebecca Thompson, Middle Tennessee State University
Hailey Kercher, Jacksonville State University

21. GENDER RESEARCH IN PROGRESS IIOAKLAWN
Organizer and Presider: *Kimberly Ann Davies, Augustus State University*

“Gender Dissimilarity Trends in Military Occupational Dissimilarity, 1975 to 2008”
Thomas Kersen, Jackson State University

“What’s a guy to do? Doing Gender Modern Style: Marketing the New Form of Masculinity”
Shanna Haynes, Delta State University
Tiffany E. Guidry, Delta State University

“Meat and Masculinity: A Feminist Analysis of Television Advertisements”
Katie Worman Ross, Oklahoma State University
Natalee D. Tucker, Oklahoma State University

22. UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH IMAGNOLIA
Organizer and Presider: *Timothy B. Gongaware, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse*

*“College Students’ Sexual Relationships with Multiracial Peers”
Latiche Bush-Lane, Jackson State University

*“Allowing the Dependant Their Freedom: Thorstein Veblen and Dual-Income Families”
Lacy Ritter, University of Northern Iowa-Cedar Falls

*“An Examination of the Disability of Female Amputees”
Kristin Sloan, Jacksonville State University

*“Mmorpq Identities: A Preliminary Look into Online Interaction and Identity Building”
Andrea Thornhill, University of Southern Mississippi

“Be Nice to Ugly (and Pretty) People: Social Inequality and Appearances”
Rebecca Thompson, Middle Tennessee State University-MurFreesboro

* (Paper is competing in the 2009 MSSA Undergraduate Paper Award Competition)

23. WORKSHOP: GLOBAL CONNECTIONS IN THE COMMUNITYOAK ALLEY
Organizer: *Ollie G. Christian, Southern University*

Presenter: *Monika Olivier, President and Founder of the Baton Rouge Center for World Affairs, Inc.*

24. HUMAN SEXUALITYSALON B
Organizer and Presider: *Marc Matre, University of South Alabama*

“Assessing the Effect of Marital Sexuality on Marital Disruption”
Kristina Dzara, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

“Like a Virgin...Or Not: Defining Sex, Purity Balls and the Role of Virginity Pledging”
Shannon McKenzie-Lewis, Louisiana State University

“Women’s Sexuality and Sense of Self in Japanese Ladies’ Comics”
Kinko Ito, University of Arkansas-Little Rock

Assessing an Abstinence Education Program”
Marc Matre, University of South Alabama
Marilyn O’Brien, University of South Alabama
Terrie Henderson, University of South Alabama
Derynn Mayo, University of South Alabama

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

25. PANEL: TEACHING FROM A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVEMAPLE

Organizer: *Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University*

Panelists:

Amy Chasteen Miller, University of Southern Mississippi

Kim Davies, Augusta State University

June Hopps, University of Georgia – Athens

26. ADDERALL USE AND ABUSE AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS: WHATS YOUR EXCUSE?OAKLAWN

Organizer and Presider: *Neil R. White, University of Louisiana-Monroe*

“Adderall Use and Abuse among College Students: What’s Your Excuse?”

Chelsea Chamberlain, University of Louisiana-Monroe

Neil R. White, University of Louisiana-Monroe

* “ADD Medication: Adult Approval Rates According to Controversial Issues Surrounding Pediatric Prescriptions”

Douglas J. Clapp, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

* (MSSA Undergraduate Paper Competition)

27. TEACHING SOCIOLOGY ONLINEWILLOW

Session Organizer: *Anna A. Hall, Delgado Community College, New Orleans*

“Creating a Virtual Community: Engaging Students in the Online Classroom”

Kristin McLeod Fondren, University of Southern Mississippi

“Communication, Authority and Education-Definition the New Social Contract in Online Teaching”

Jessica W. Pardee, University of Central Florida

“Online Discussion Grading with Rubrics”
Joan Morris, University of Central Florida

“Up Close and Personal: Assessing the Effects of Teacher’s vs. Teaching Presence on Online Students’ Course Satisfaction”
Anna Hall, Delgado Community College-City Park

28. ROUNDTABLE: THE ROLES OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN FATHERS IN THE SOCIALIZATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN: FATHERS STANDING TALL

.....MAGNOLIA

Organizer and Presider: *Betty Davis, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

Discussants:

Betty Davis, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Melanie Johnson, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Becky Jackson, Southern University-Baton Rouge

29. UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH IIROSEDOWN

Organizer and Presider: *Timothy B. Gongaware, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse*

*“No I’m not hiding a Bomb under There: The Practice of Veiling among Young Muslim Women in Metropolitan Atlanta”

Re’nu Sagreiya, Agnes Scott College-Decatur

*“Coffee Shops: Comparing the Space of the Local and the Corporate”

Lane Standige, University of Southern Mississippi-Hattisburg

*“Untying the Knot: How Divorce has Complicated Veblen’s Theory of Ownership Marriage”

Natalie Turner, University of Northern Iowa-Cedar Falls

“Pay No Attention to that Man behind the Curtain: Marx on Corporate Sponsored Censorship”

Natashia Sartain, Middle Tennessee State University-MurFreesborg

* (Paper competing in the 2009 MSSA Undergraduate Paper Award Competition)

30. THE MUTIDIMENSIONAL RESEARCH EFFORTS OF THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MCNAIR SCHOLARSSALON C

Organizer: *Alma Thornton, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

Presider: *Veronica Freeman, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

“The Causes of the Under Presentation of African-Americans in East Baton Rouge City/Parish Municipal Government”

KoiEles Lomas, Southern University-Baton Rouge

“The Affects of Goal Setting and Encouragement on Verbal Creativity for African-American College Students”

Chandrill Mobley, Southern University-Baton Rouge

General Motors Effect on the Metro Detroit Community”
Lawrence Miller, Southern University-Baton Rouge

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cash BarSalon F

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

MSSA Banquet, Awards Ceremony, Business Meeting, and Presidential AddressSalon B and C

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

DanceSalon F

Friday, November 6

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

RegistrationPort Foyer

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Small and Community College BreakfastHotel Restaurant

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

31. POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY IIASHLAND

Organizer and Presider: *Timothy B. Gongaware, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse*

“Politics and Terrorism”

Obie Clayton, Morehouse College

“A New McCarthyism? The Critics of Israel, Academic Freedom, and the Evolution of Anti-Semitism”

Andrew Austin, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

“Who are the Nativists? An Exploratory Study”

Stan Weeber, McNeese State University

32. SOCIOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY AND SPATIAL ANALYSISMAGNOLIA

Organizer and Presider: *Jeremy R. Porter, Rice University*

“Food Stamp Outcomes and Persistent Poverty: Do the Structural Determinants of Program Participation Differ by Region?”

Tim Slack, Louisiana State University
Candice A. Myers, Louisiana State University

“Spatial Variation of Overweight and Obesity Among Adults in the U.S.”
Jamie Boydston, Mississippi State University

“Poverty in Alabama and Mississippi: Are Property Tax Rates Predictors of Inequality?”
Derrick Shapely, Mississippi State University

“Spatial Context, Health Infrastructure, and Income Inequality: Revisited”
Wesley L. James, University of Memphis
Jeremy R. Porter, Rice University

33. EXPLORING QUALITATIVE RESEARCH DESIGN I: DECONSTRUCTING STIGMA, OTHERNESS AND STEREOTYPES.....MAPLE
Organizer and Presider: *Vicky M. MacLean, Middle Tennessee State University*

“Easy Come, Easy Go: The Experience of Former Methamphetamine Users”
Michael O’Flinn, Middle Tennessee State University

“Going against the Grain: Debunking Marijuana use Stereotypes”
Lauren Norman, Middle Tennessee State University

“Coping with Obesity and Stigma”
Tara Perrin, Middle Tennessee State University

“Otherness and Visual Impairments”
Mark Mullen, Middle Tennessee State University

34. CRIMINOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND DEVIANT BEHAVIORWILLOW
Organizer and Presider: *Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette*

“Biker Women”
James F. Quinn, University of North Texas

“4chan: Redefining Deviant Boundaries”
Kristen A. Kahanek, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Craig Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Rhonda D. Evans, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

“A Different View of the Drugs-Crime Nexus”
James F. Quinn, University of North Texas
Zach Sneed, University Of North Texas

“Another Second Chance: Revisiting Oklahoma’s Efforts to Prepare Inmates for Life after Incarceration”
Cara Adney, Oklahoma State University

Discussant: *Carol Thompson, Texas Christian University*

35. PANEL: NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES AND SOCIETIES: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN AMERICAN SOCIETY.....ROSEDOWN

Organizer: *Thomas J. Durant Jr., Louisiana State University*

Panelists:

Thomas J. Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University

Ollie G. Christian, Southern University-Baton Rouge

David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

Joe L. Smith, Louisiana State University

Patricia Bell, Oklahoma State University

36. TEACHING SOCIOLOGYOAK ALLEY

Organizer and Presider: *Larry Lance, University of North Carolina-Charlotte*

“Fine Tuning Your Pipes”

Jason S. Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

“Critical Pedagogy and the Discourse of Sociology: A Freirian Analysis of Sociology Learning Goals and Teaching Practices”

Natalee D. Tucker, Oklahoma State University

Kathryn Worman Ross, Oklahoma State University

Jeremy Ross, Oklahoma State University

“Human Sexuality Classes: Change between 1970 and 2009”

Larry Lance, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

37. ROUNDTABLE: ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY: NEW AND EMERGING ISSUES.....SALON D

Organizer and Presider: *Demond Miller, Rowan University*

Discussants:

Anthony E. Ladd, Loyola University

John J. Green, Delta State University

Demond Miller, Rowan University

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

38. SOCIOLOGY OF THE SOUTHROSEDOWN

Organizer and Presider: *Carl L. Bankston III, Tulane University*

“Death of the Suburb: White Collar Deviance and the Formation of an American Banlieue”

Adam C. Amundson, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

“Hispanic New Orleans: Origins and Prospects”

Carl L. Bankston III, Tulane University

“Socio-Economic Patterns and Alternative Racial and Ethnic Stratifications Historically in South Texas Education”

Stan Hodges, Texas A & M University-Kingsville

Bennie Green, Texas A & M University-Kingsville

39. PANEL: DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN ECONOMICS COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES - ECOWAS.....ASHLAND

Organizer and Presider: *Anthony Igiedi, Southern University*

Panelists:

Kingsly Esedo, Southern University

Sunday Anadi, Southern University

Onoyon Ukpong, Southern University

Biruk Alamayehu, Southern University

40. EXPLORING QUALITATIVE RESEARCH DESIGN II: DESIGN TYPES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCESWILLOW

Organizer and Presider: *Vicky M. MacLean, Middle Tennessee State University*

“Observing Star Systems and Social Systems: A Case Study toward Sociology of Space”

Jensen J. Jeung, Louisiana State University

“Professional Perspectives on the Effects of Sexual Abuse and the Treatments Used to Assist in Survivors’ Recovery: An Informal Needs Assessment”

Amanda Kaiser, Middle Tennessee State University

“The Citizen Science Program at the Great Smokey Mountains Institute: A Grounded Theory Approach”

Zena Tenenbaum, Middle Tennessee State University

41. TEACHING RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONSMAPLE

Session organizer: *Jessica W. Pardee, University of Central Florida*

“Black / White Multiracial Families in a Borderist Society”

Brigitte Robinson, University of West Florida

“Teaching Race and Ethnicity: One International Dimension”

George Parangimalil, Texas A & M University-Texarkana

“History, Agency, and Resistance in Sociology of Race/Ethnicity Textbooks”

Kathleen J. Fitzgerald, Columbia College

“Teaching Race and Ethnicity: Turning Sensitive Issues into Successful Discussions”

Jessica W. Pardee, University of Central Florida

42. CRIME AND JUSTICEOAK ALLEY

Organizer and Presider: *Rhonda D. Evans, University of Louisiana-Lafayette*

“Lessons Learned: A Police Agency’s Response to Crack-for-Cars Transactions”

Craig I. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Heather White, University of Alabama-Birmingham
Rod Brunson, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Heath Copes, University of Alabama-Birmingham

“Fear of Crime: Age, Period and Cohort Effects?”
Jeralyn S. Crossman, Mississippi State University
Nicole E. Rader, Mississippi State University

“Victim Prescription in ‘419’ Fraud: An Exploratory Examination”
Keith F. Durkin, Ohio Northern University

“The Impact of a Failing Economy on the Needs of Victims of Violence”
N. Jane McCandless, University of West Georgia
Sarah Knowles, University of West Georgia
Laura Lutgen, University of West Georgia

“Academic Dishonesty, Binge Drinking, and Risky Sexual Behavior: Examining the Relative Impact of Fraternity Membership and Perceived Behavior of Fraternity Brothers on Deviant Behavior”
Rhonda D. Evans, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Heather Renee Faulk, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Women’s Caucus LuncheonHotel Restaurant

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

43. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATIONROSEDOWN

Organizer and Presider: *Carl L. Bankston III, Tulane University*

“Southeast Asians in the U.S.: Patterns of Inter-marriage and Assimilation”
Carl L. Bankston III, Tulane University

“The HPV Vaccine and Immigrants: A Public Health Dilemma”
Vivian L. Carter, Tuskegee University

“Socio-Cultural Factors in Diet, Nutrition, and Health: Comparing African Immigrant and African American Families in Atlanta”
Obie Clayton, Morehouse College

“Sex Differentials in Participation and Wages in the U.S. Labor Force: A Comparison of Immigrants with the Native Born”
Arthur S. Wilke and Angela Ware, Auburn University

“Citizens who were not there: Transformations in Turkish Citizenship Policies after 1990s”

Zeynep Selen Artan-Bayham, CUNY, The Graduate Center

44. WORKSHOP: OPERATION CHILD WATCH: STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION.....OAKLAWN

Organizer: *Ollie G. Christian, Southern University*

Presenter: *LTC Val Penouilh, Louisiana State Police, Department of Public Safety and Corrections*

45. ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGYWILLOW

Organizer and Presider: *Todd Matthews, University of West Georgia*

“Public Perception of Water Quality in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana”

Madolla Alibeli, University of Louisiana-Monroe

“With All Deliberate Design Racism in Southern Architecture”

Arthur Crosby, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University

Annie Falor, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University

Sangeetha Shivaji, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University

Tonya Neaves, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University

“Guiding Principals for Incorporating Environmental Equity in the Disaster Recovery Process: Environmental Justice and its Impact on Public Policy Decision Making”

Demond S. Miller, Rowan University

Jason D. Rivera, Stockton College

Joel Yelin, Rowan University

“Exploring Perceptions of Water Issues and Public Efficacy in Carroll County Georgia”

Todd Matthews and Laurel Holland, University of West Georgia

46. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY ISSUES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTHMAGNOLIA

Organizer and Presider: *Anthony Igiède, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

“The Politics of Foreign Aid in International Development: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa”

Sunday Anadi, Southern University

“Sovereignty and Solidarity toward Cohesion of the Fragmented Change”

Onoyom Ukpang, Southern University

“Human Trafficking: A Global Perspective”

Alencia Anderson, Southern University

“Dimensions of Economic Growth and Human Development: Venezuela and Chile”

Daniel Weinstein, University of Louisville

“African Primary Exporters and International Trade: The Quest for Survival”

Biruk Alemayehu, Southern University

Kingsley Esedo, Southern University

47. COMMUNITY RECOVERY FROM DISASTERMAPLE

Organizer and Presider: *Joanne DeRouen, University of Louisiana-Lafayette*

“Return or Relocate: Ethnography of a Decision”

Jacques Henry, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

“Civil Society to the Rescue: Rebuilding New Orleans from the Ground Up”

Nancy Quirk and Maggie Olivier, University of New Orleans

“Disaster Strikes...Again: An Analysis of Financial (In) Security, Stress and Health in a Post-Disaster Context”

Anna M. Kleiner, Southeastern Louisiana University

John L. Green, Delta State University

Dana Thomas and JoLynn P. Montgomery, University of Michigan

“Non-Structural Mitigation as a Means to Community Recovery”

JoAnne DeRouen, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Robert Gramling, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

George Woodell, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

48. ROUNDTABLE: COPOLOGY FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS.....ASHLAND

Organizer and Presider: *Eugene Hughley, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

Discussants:

Eugene Hughley, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Peter Shrock, Southeastern Louisiana University

Jomaica Johnson, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Ariel Ngniteem, Southern University-Baton Rouge

49. HOMICIDE STUDIES.....OAK ALLEY

Organizer and Presider: *John G. Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University*

“The myth of Extraordinary Evil: A Challenge to Evolutionary Theories of Genocide and Xenophobia”

Andrew Austin, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

“Hispanic Segregation and Homicide: An Examination of Ethnically Aggregated and Disaggregated Data”

Michael G. Bisciglia, Southeastern Louisiana University

“The Reporting Patterns of Homicide and Perceived Fear: A New Orleans Example”

John G. Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

“Guns, Social Structure and Homicide”

Mark Konty, Eastern Kentucky University

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

50. WORKSHOP: ALPHA KAPPA DELTA (AKD) THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR SOCIOLOGY – WHATS IN IT FOR YOU?ROSEDOWN

Organizer: *Bethany Titus, Executive Director, AKD, Lemoyne College*

Presenter: *Dennis McSeveny, University of New Orleans*

Session Description: In this session, participants will find out how to start a chapter of AKD on their campus and once a chapter has been established, what kinds of activities are typically sponsored by local chapters of AKD. The national office of AKD has a number of programs and resources that can support the activities of the local chapters. Faculty and students, both graduate and undergraduate, are welcome.

51. GLBTQ IDENTITY AND COMMUNITY: LOCALLY AND GLOBALLYOAKLAWN

Organizer and Presider: *Margaret Cooper, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale*

“Meaningful Places: Intentional Communities of Lesbians and Gays”

Jessica Merrick, University of South Florida

“Examining Differential Levels of Tolerance and Prejudice towards LGBT Individuals on the College Campus”

Todd Matthews and Laurel Holland, University of West Georgia

“What’s In A Word? Identity and Homophobia from a Global Perspective

Margaret Cooper, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

52. ROUNDTABLE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: LIFE IN THE TENURE TRACKWILLOW

Organizer and Presider: *Kathleen M. Handy, University of Louisiana-Lafayette*

Participants:

Joanne DeRouen, DeAnn Kalich, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Toni Sims-Muhammad, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Margot Hasha, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

53. SOCIOLOGY OF CYBERSPACEASHLAND

Organizer and Presider: *Stan Weber, McNeese State University*

“Posting your Goodbye For the World to See: An examination of Expressions of Loss and Mourning on Social Networking Sites”

Hilary Dotson, University of South Florida

“Disaffected Intellectuals in the 21st Century: Bloggers and the March of Jena”

Rebecca Hensley, Southeastern Louisiana University

“Online Activists, Missing Persons, and the Police: Three Case Studies”

Stan Weeber, McNeese State University

Discussant: *David Burley, Southeastern Louisiana University*

54. HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AND HEALTH DISPARITIES..... MAPLE
Organizers and Presiders: *Dawood H. Sultan and Deanna J. Warthington, University of South Florida*

“Relative Deprivation and Health: Is There a Connection?”
Syeda S. Jesmin, University of Louisiana-Monroe

“A History of Big Charity Hospital in New Orleans”
Diane C. Keithly, Southern University

“Family Road of Baton Rouge: Connecting Low-Income Pregnant Women to Pre and Postnatal Healthcare”
Hope Joseph-Dawan, Big Buddy Program

“Moffitt Cancer Center and Minority Patients: A Case of Institutional Inertia”
Dawood H. Sultan, University of South Florida
Meg Comins, University of South Florida

55. UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH IIISALON D
Presider: *Demon Miller, Rowan University*

“Arresting Women Nicely: An Officer and a Gentleman”
Sean McCaman, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Queering the Queers”
Carina Ruiz-Aguilar, University of California-Santa Barbara

“Animated Disney Films as a Site for the Construction of Desire: Messages Rule and a Prescription for Happiness”
Caitlin Scaife, University of California-Santa Barbara

“How the Transgender Lifestyles Affects Family Relationships in a MTF Transsexual Case”
Tiffany Schroeder, University of California-Santa Barbara

“Why Men Build Muscle and Women Tone”
Max Tran, University of California-Santa Barbara

*(All session papers are competing in the 2009 MSSA Undergraduate Paper Award Competition)

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Plenary AddressSalon C
Faye A. Gary, Case Western Reserve University - Cleveland, Ohio

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56. ROUNDTABLE: LEGAL ISSUES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ..ROSEDOWN

Organizer and Presider: *Stephen Addison, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

Discussants:

Stephone Addison, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Donald North, Southern University Law Center-Baton Rouge

57. THE SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS.....ASHLAND

Organizer and Presider: *Ollie G. Christian, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

“With Justice, Liberty, and Health Care for All: The Inequality of Health and Health Care in America”
Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University

“Gastric Bypass Surgery: The Role of Science and Culture in Patient Decision-Making”
Lisa Borello, Georgia Institute of Technology

“Elderly Issues: Implications for Intervention and Treatment”
Ollie Christian, Southern University-Baton Rouge

58. WORKSHOP: DIVERSIMILARITY: A SHIFT IN PARADIGMOAK ALLEY

Organizer and Presider: *Allison Anadi, Southern University – Baton Rouge*

Presenter: *Allison Anadi, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

59. WORKPLACE VIOLENCEOAKLAWN

Organizers and Presiders: *Eugene Hughley and Chanika Jones, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

“Diversity in the Workplace: Challenges for the Criminal Justice System”
Chanike Jones, Southern University-Baton Rouge

“Workplace Violence and Safety: The Case of the Nursing Profession and Healthcare Providers”
Eugene Hughley, Southern University-Baton Rouge

“Violence in the Religious Community”

Sunday Anadi, Southern University-Baton Rouge

60. RESEARCH PARADIGMS FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY DYNAMICS ..MAPLE

Organizer and President: *Reginald Rackley, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

Panelists:

Chandrill Mobley, Southern University-Baton Rouge

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9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

61. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IIICEDAR

Convener: *Ollie G. Christian, Southern University – Baton Rouge*

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

62. SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGIONOAK ALLEY

Organizer and President: *Thomas M. Kersen, Jackson State University*

“Alfred Hobart, Civil Rights and the Beloved Community”

Thomas M. Kersen, Jackson State University

“No, I’m not hiding a Bomb under There: The Practice of Veiling among Young Muslim Women in Metropolitan Georgia Atlanta”

Renu Sagreiya, Agnes Scott College

“We Have Come This Far By Faith: The Plight of Churches in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina”

Thomas J. Durant, Louisiana State University

63. GLOBAL CRIMEROSEDOWN

Organizers and Presiders: *Chanika Jones, Southern University – Baton Rouge*

“Global Perspectives on Crime”

Chanika Jones, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Allison Anadi, Southern University-Baton Rouge

“Transnational Crimes: Kidnapping”

Allison Anadi, Southern University-Baton Rouge

64. POSTER SESSIONASHLAND

Organizer: *Frances Staten, Grambling State University*

President: *Alpha Morris, Alcorn State University*

Master of Public Administration Association (MPAA)

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society, Grambling State University

International Honor Society in Social Science

Grambling Social Research Club

65. PANEL: EMPOWERING DIVERSITY THROUGH WORLD SYSTEMSOAKLAWN

Organizer: *Alpha Morris, Alcorn State University*

Presider: *Frances Staten, Grambling State University*

Panelists:

Sandra Theus Willis, Bossier Community College-Shreveport

Deborah Robinson, Delta Community College-Monroe

Ashley Reed, Alcorn University

Lemmy Akoma, Grambling State University

J. Russell Willis, Grambling State University

66. ROUNDTABLE: ARE LAWS PROHIBITING MARIJUANA GOING UP IN SMOKE?MAGNOLIA

Organizer and Presider: *Stephone Addison, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

Discussants:

Daniel Frazier III, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Shanylica Lee, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Courtney Lawson, Southern University-Baton Rouge

67. PANEL: ASSESSING THE STATE OF BLACK MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY..... WILLOW

Organizer and Presider: *Reginald Rackley, Southern University-Baton Rouge*

Participants:

Mykeisha Evans, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Beryl Flower, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Latariya Savannah, Southern University-Baton Rouge

Program Summary

2009 Mid-South Sociological Association Meetings

Wednesday, November 4

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1. Executive Council I..... Cedar

4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Registration.....Vermilion

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

2. Sociological Spectrum Editorial Board Meeting.....Cedar

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Welcoming Reception.....Vermilion

Thursday, November 5

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration Port Foyer

Book Exhibit River Foyer

Alpha Kappa Delta Information Table River Foyer

7:00 a.m. -8:00 a.m.

Undergraduate and Graduate Students Breakfast.....Hotel
Restaurant

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**3. Panel: The Birth of MSSA: Principles and Ideals of
Sharing and InclusionRosedown**

4. Community, Sustainability and EnvironmentMagnolia

5. Sociology of EducationWillow

6. Gender Research in Progress IOaklawn

7. Victimization and Social Class in Global Context.....Ashland

8. Graduate Paper Competition IMaple

9. Political Sociology IOak Alley

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

10. Executive Council IICedar

11. Social Theory IRosedown

12. The Role of Diversity: Cultural Survival in a Global
SocietyAshland

13. Social PsychologyMaple

14. The Sociology of RaceMagnolia

15. Panel: Racism: Is It Alive or Is It Dead?Oak Alley

16. The Impact of Globalization on World Systems and It's
EffectsWillow

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Minority Caucus LuncheonHotel Restaurant

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**17. Workshop: Careers With an Undergraduate Degree in
SociologyAshland**

18. Social Theory IIRosedown

19. Marriage and FamilyWillow

20. Students Doing Sociology: Sociology and Student
Organizations.....Maple

21. Gender Research In Progress IIOaklawn

22. Undergraduate Research IMagnolia

**23. Workshop: Global Connections In The
Community.....Oak Alley**

24. Human SexualitySalon B

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

25. Panel: Teaching from a Feminist PerspectiveMaple

26. Adderall Use and Abuse among College Students: What's your excuse?Oaklawn

27. Teaching Sociology Online Willow

28. Roundtable: The Roles of African-American Fathers in the Socialization of Africa-America Children: Fathers Standing TallMagnolia

29. Undergraduate Research IIRosedown

30. The Multidemsional Research Efforts of the Southern University McNair ScholarsSalon C

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cash BarSalon F

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

MSSA Banquet, Awards Ceremony, Business Meeting, and Presidential AddressSalon B and C

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

DanceSalon F

Friday, November 6

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

RegistrationPort Foyer

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Small and Community College BreakfastHotel Restaurant

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

31. Political Sociology IIAshland

32. Sociological Methodology and Spatial AnalysisMagnolia

33. Exploring Qualitative Research Design I: Deconstructing Stigma, Otherness and StereotypesMaple

34. Criminology, Criminal Justice and Deviant Behavior..Willow

35. Panel: Native American Cultures and Societies Contemporary Issues in American Society.....Rosedown

36. Teaching SociologyOak Alley

37. Roundtable: Environmental Society: New and Emerging Issues.....Salon D

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

38. Sociology of the SouthRosedown

39. Panel: Development Issues in Economics Community of West African States –ECOWAS.....Ashland

40. Exploring Qualitative Research Design II: Design Types in the Social Sciences Willow

41. Teaching Race and Ethic RelationsMaple

42. Crime and JusticeOak Alley

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Women's Caucus LuncheonHotel Restaurant

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43. International MigrationRosedown

44. Workshop: Operation Child Watch: Strategies for PreventionOaklawn

45. Environmental SociologyWillow

46. International Development and Policy Issues in the Global SouthMagnolia

47. Community Recovery From DisasterMaple

48. Roundtable: Copology for the Criminal Justice Professionals.....Ashland

49. Homicide Studies.....Oak Alley

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

50. Workshop: Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) the National Honor Society for Sociology – What's in it for you?Rosedown

51. GLBTQ Identity and Community: Locally and Globally.....Oaklawn

52. Roundtable: Professional Development: Life in the Tenure TrackWillow

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60. Research Paradigms for African-American Family Dynamics Maple

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62. Sociology of ReligionOak Alley

63. Global CrimeRosedown

64. Poster SessionAshland

65. Panel: Empowering Diversity Through World SystemsOaklawn

66. Roundtable: Are Laws Prohibiting Marijuana Going up in Smoke?Magnolia

67. Panel: Assessing the State of Black Mental Health in the African American Community..... Willow

