



M.S.S.A. Forum

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President's Report Winter 2007



I am pleased to report that the 2006 meeting in Lafayette went extremely well, and that our new Program Chair and President-Elect Keith Durkin already has plans underway for the 2007 meeting in Mobile. As our Secretary-Treasurer has indicated in his report, a good turnout in Lafayette has left us in a good financial position.

While I believe that we are currently in an excellent position in terms of our membership and in terms of our material situation, there are several matters to which we should give serious concern. The first and most important matter is finding a new Secretary-Treasurer. Sahadeo (Pat) Patram has served this organization extremely well and consistently done an outstanding job every year of his term in office. Still, he has reached the point at which he is ready to step down from this demanding position. While I have had conversations with several individuals about taking up the job over the past few months, we still do not have a replacement. I want to urge all of our members to think about serving our organization in this important capacity and to offer suggestions for a new Secretary-Treasurer.

We have an excellent core membership and have reached about 250 total members this year. On this point as well, though, I believe that we need to do better. MSSA needs to grow. In particular, it would be helpful for us to target active, energetic graduate students, since this is a good source of long-term members. Part of our natural base of support lies in the small and community colleges, which are often under-served by the national organization and the larger regional organizations. I believe that we need to direct more of our recruitment efforts toward faculty and students in small and community colleges. We also need to take special care to serve the interests of these members.

Note from the Editor Tim Gongaware

With the arrival of spring, my thoughts turn towards yearly goals, and the plans that will support them. Likewise, this issue of Forum is filled with the ideas and plans for the upcoming year in MSSA. Within these pages you'll find calls for both the graduate and undergraduate paper competitions; for both the Lyman Scholarship as well as the Lyman Book award; and, the ideas of our many committee chairs. Perhaps most important is Keith Durkin's call for participation in our annual conference. As you'll see on pages six and seven, Larry Hall and the local arrangements committee in Mobile have already started putting information together to support what should be a very interesting conference.

As for *MSSA Forum*, while the spring issue can be devoted to communications from our leaders and plans for our future, I envision the fall issue as a place for communication from and among the membership. So, I would like to encourage members to submit articles to me on timely and/or important issues in our discipline, organization or profession. Based on conversations with people at the conference in Lafayette, I would like to devote the spring issue to the topic of getting undergraduates involved in research. So, write up your strategies, tactics, experiences and/or problems with bringing undergraduates into your research and send them to me at: gongawar.timo@uwlax.edu for the fall issue of MSSA Forum

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Lyman Scholarship
- Paper Competitions
 - Graduate Paper
 - Undergraduate Paper
- Things to do in Mobile
- International Conference call for papers
- Nuances

Student Paper Competitions

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Mid-South Sociological Association—Mobile, Alabama

The Mid-South Sociological Association invites the submission of student papers for its annual undergraduate student paper competition. The competition is open to students in the Mid-South Region and to other undergraduate students who are members of the Mid-South Sociological Association. A prize of \$50 will be awarded for the best paper. The authors of the papers selected will be presented with certificates of merit after presentations of papers at the 2007 MSSA Annual Meeting.

Rules for the 2007 Competition

- ◆ Each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting participation in the undergraduate competition session. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school affiliation, the email address and the telephone number of the author(s).
- ◆ The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 20 double-spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, references, tables, and figures.
- ◆ Papers may be co-authored with a maximum of three student authors, but not by graduate students or faculty.
- ◆ Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for this competition.
- ◆ Papers are evaluated upon (1) originality, (2) contribution or potential contribution to the discipline, (3) clarity of arguments, and (4) mechanics (i.e. neatness, use of an appropriate format, grammar, spelling, etc.).
- ◆ If mailing paper to me, four copies of each paper must be received by **July 31, 2007**. Send papers by "First Class" mail to: Dr. Shirley Rainey, Department of Sociology, Austin Peay State University, Clement 143F, Clarksville, TN 37044. The other option of submission can be by e-mail. You can e-mail your paper to me at raineysa@apsu.edu by July 31, 2007. If you have any questions regarding the competition, please feel free to contact me at raineysa@apsu.edu or contact me by phone at (931)920-0208.
- ◆ To receive full recognition for participation, submissions must meet deadlines and participants must present their papers at the 2007 meetings in Mobile (October 24-27, 2007).

Students are strongly encouraged to seek faculty advice prior to submission of papers.

GRADUATE STUDENT "PAPER OF DISTINCTION" AWARD

The Mid-South Sociological Association—Mobile, Alabama

The Mid-South Sociological Association invites the submission of student papers for the annual Graduate Student Paper Session and "Paper of Distinction" Award. The award process is open to graduate students who are members, or become members, of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Among the papers submitted, an award will be presented to any paper that is reviewed and evaluated as possessing a high level of originality and significant potential for contribution to the discipline. If such a paper is so identified, the author(s) will be presented with a "Paper of Distinction" award at the MSSA Banquet. The award will also include editorial review assistance from suitable persons so identified by the Vice President in coordination with the Editors of Sociological Spectrum.

Rules for the 2007 Award Process

Papers may be submitted by the graduate student or nominated by faculty, but in any case, each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting consideration for the Graduate Student "Paper of Distinction" Award. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school affiliation, telephone number, and email address (if available) of the author(s). The author's name and title of the paper should be included on the title page only. The title of the paper must be repeated at the top of the first page of the text.

- ◆ The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 25 double spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, reference, tables, and figures.
- ◆ Papers may be co-authored with a maximum of three student authors, but no faculty.
- ◆ Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for award consideration.
- ◆ Papers are evaluated upon (1) originality, (2) contribution or potential contribution to the discipline, (3) clarity of arguments, and (4) mechanics (i.e. neatness, use of an appropriate format, grammar, spelling, etc.).
- ◆ Four copies of each paper must be received by August 1, 2007. Send papers by "First Class" mail to: Kim Davies, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Social Work, Augusta State University, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta GA 30904. (Email kdavies@aug.edu for questions.)
- ◆ To receive full recognition for participation, submission must meet deadlines and participants must present their papers to the 2007 Annual Meeting in Mobile.

Students are strongly encouraged to seek faculty advice prior to submission of papers.

WANTED SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Mid-South Sociological Association is accepting applications from active, regular members of the Association for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer is the unpaid recording and budgetary officer of MSSA. The person appointed is expected to take office on January 1, 2008. The term of office is three calendar years.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ **Maintain accurate and current account of all financial transactions of the Association**
- ◆ **prepare and present the financial reports to Executive Council at each Annual and Winter meetings**
- ◆ **prepare the Association's annual budget and present this to the Executive Council at the Winter meeting.**
- ◆ **administer the Operating Fund Account, the Reserve Fund Account, the Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship Account, and Investment Accounts of the Association**
- ◆ **maintain an accurate and current record of the membership.**
- ◆ **prepare and file annual Federal and, if necessary, State Tax Returns**
- ◆ **serve on the Site Selection Committee**
- ◆ **serve on the Budget Committee**

Membership records are maintained in Microsoft Access format and the financial records are in Quick Books 2006 format. The records are transportable and ensure continuity. Applicants for the position should have some knowledge in the use of these software packages.

The position of Secretary-Treasurer is unpaid. However, the Association provides the following:

- ◆ **Travel and hotel expenses for the planning meeting (February) and annual meeting (October or November).**
- ◆ **One thousand two hundred dollars annually for incidental expenses.**

Active regular members of the Mid-South Sociological Association who are interested in the position should send a letter of application with a brief resume to the Association's President:

Dr. Carl L. Bankston, III.
Tulane University
Department of Sociology
220 Newcomb Hall
New Orleans, LA 70118

Deadline Date: September 30, 2007

The Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

Mid-South Sociological Association

It is with great pleasure that we open nominations for the 2007 Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award. This award was established in memory of Stan Lyman in order to honor MSSA members whose recently published work makes a significant contribution to the field of sociology. Please consider nominating one of your colleagues for this prestigious award. Keep in mind the following:

- ◆ The book must be an original work (and can be either sole authored or co-authored)
- ◆ The work must have been published within the last three years (thus a book published between 2004 and 2007 is eligible)
- ◆ Textbooks and edited editions are not eligible
- ◆ The author must be a current member in the Mid-South Sociological Association, and must have been a member for at least three years.

Be sure to include the following in your nomination:

- ◆ The complete citation for the book (author/s, date published, title, publisher)
- ◆ Author/s contact information (email, affiliation, phone number if possible).
- ◆ Publisher contact information (e.g., contact person, phone number, and ISBN)
- ◆ A brief description of the book and why you believe it should be nominated for the award.

Nominations should be sent (ideally via email) to:

Dr. Amy Chasteen Miller

University of Southern Mississippi

achasteenmiller@gmail.com

Nominations may also be faxed (601/266-6373).

The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2007.

President Elect Report

CELEBRATING THE SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION

33rd Annual Meeting of the Mid South Sociological Association

October 24-27, 2007.

Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile, AL 36602

If you would like to organize a Paper Session, Panel, or Roundtable for the up coming meeting, please contact:

Keith F. Durkin, Program Chair

Ohio Northern University

Department of Psychology & Sociology

105 Hill Hall

Ada, Ohio 45810

k-durkin@onu.edu

419.772.2143

Kindly indicate the title of the session, as well as whether it will be a traditional paper session, roundtable, or panel.

CELEBRATING THE SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION

33rd Annual Meeting of the Mid South Sociological Association

Keith F. Durkin, Program Chair

Ohio Northern University

The theme for this year's meeting is "Celebrating the Sociological Imagination". The meeting will be held October 24-27, at the Riverview Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. One of my family members is a long-time real estate agent. I must have heard him say more than a thousand times, "there are three important words in real estate -- location, location, location!" I can't possibly image a better hotel than the Riverview. The accommodations are magnificent, and the rooms have absolutely breathtaking views of Mobile and Mobile Bay. In fact, the hotel is within walking distance from Dauphin Street, with its renowned restaurants and night life. Larry Hall of Spring Hill College is serving as Chair of the local arrangement committee, and I know he has plenty of excellent things planned for us.

The program is shaping up quite nicely. We have almost 40 sessions already based on the preliminary call for organizers. Another formal call will go out via U.S. Mail later in the month. But you don't have to wait until you get then; if you have an idea for a session, why don't you just e-mail me know while it's fresh in your mind (k-durkin@onu.edu). The formal call for papers will be made sometime in April. Aside from the traditional paper sessions, we have some very practical panel sessions that I think many participants will be interested in. These include, "Getting Tenure", "Preparing for and Traversing the Academic Job Market", "Preparing for and Succeeding in Graduate School", "Faculty-Administrator Conflicts in the Academy", and "Balancing Family and Career Considerations."

As a friendly reminder, the MSSA rules specify that all meeting participants must be dues paying members of the MSSA and must pre-register for the annual meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone in Mobile.

Get Ready for Mobile Alabama

2007 MSSA Meetings in Mobile, Alabama, October 25-27, 2007

Imagine that you and your family/partner/friends have just attended a very interesting 2007 MSSA Annual Meeting in Mobile, Alabama, from October 25-27, 2007. It is now Saturday afternoon, October 27, and it is time for you and your group to pack and travel the three blocks to the Mobile Cruise Terminal for your 4:00 p.m. five-night cruise departure to the Yucatan area of Cozumel, Mexico. The list price for an ocean-view cabin per person on the Carnival Holiday cruise is around \$ 400 (and as low as \$ 300 from various travel agencies and internet booking sites). Imagine the good food, great entertainment, wonderful "shore trips", and excellent service that have made Carnival the most popular cruise line in the United States. You will return to Mobile refreshed from the Yucatan beaches on Thursday morning.

O.K., that was for Ken Davidson and a few other recently retired MSSA members. What about the rest of us who will be attending the 2007 MSSA meetings and then returning to our campuses to work on Monday? What does Mobile and the MSSA Local Arrangements Committee have to offer us? The aforementioned Ken Davidson, as MSSA Hotel Negotiator a few years ago, booked our meetings in the finest hotel in downtown Mobile which is currently undergoing extensive renovation and renewal.

www.hotel-rates.com/us/alabama/mobile/riverview-plaza-hotel.html

Downtown Mobile offers excellent dining, especially delicious local seafood, and numerous bars. Your Local Arrangements Committee will provide a list of restaurants, including price and menus, for the meeting. An "information booth" will be set up at a convenient place in the hotel from 11:00 a.m. until noon and from 5:00-6:00 p.m. to offer menus, directions, and suggestions for local dining on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. In addition to downtown Mobile, there are several excellent seafood restaurants located on the Mobile Bay causeway within a fifteen minute drive of the Riverview Hotel. We will provide a similar annotated list of bars in and near downtown Mobile.

And now for a different question, how many of you will be bringing spouses/partners/ children to the 2007 MSSA meetings? It is difficult to plan activities for this group since we really do not know who is coming in terms of age, interests, budgets etc.. We may try to use some sort of internet email survey a little later to gather this information to assist our planning. We will begin by "throwing out" some possibilities that might appeal to this group to at least let you know some of the things that are available to do in Mobile. Let us know what you think.

We look forward to seeing you in Mobile in October! If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

Larry D. Hall, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee
Spring Hill College,
Ph: 251-380-3054
Email: hall@shc.edu

Links to all of the attractions listed on the next page can be found in the electronic version of MSSA Forum located online at the MSSA website www.midsouthsoc.org

Possible Children's Activities

[Explorem and IMAX theater](#) (across the street from the convention hotel)

[Fort Conde](#) (Mobile Visitor Center and historic French era fort re-creation complete with large cannons that fire) which is two blocks from the convention hotel)

[Dauphin Island Sea Lab and Estuarium](#) (great educational experience on coastal and Gulf Coast issues; 45-50 miles from hotel on Dauphin Island)

[Battleship USS Alabama](#). World War II decorated battleship and submarine which can be toured (12 minutes by car from convention hotel; Numerous military airplanes; Alabama's most popular tourist attraction)

[Fort Gaines](#). Historic real fort built in the 1700's and used in the Civil War. Dauphin Island (45-50 miles from Mobile)

[Fort Morgan](#). Historic fort built in the 1700's and used in the Civil War. Located 65 miles from downtown Mobile in Gulf Shores. An automobile ferry connects Fort Gaines (Dauphin Island) to Fort Morgan (Gulf Shores). You can generally see dolphins on the trip across the mouth of Mobile Bay.

Possible Spouse/Partner Activities

[USS Alabama Battleship and submarine USS Drum](#) (12 minutes from hotel; Alabama's top tourist attraction).

Shopping

Bel Air Mall

[Tanger Outlet Center](#) (40 miles from Mobile in Foley, AL)

[Eastern Shore Centre](#) (30 minutes from downtown Mobile)

Historic Homes/Places

[Oakleigh Antebellum Mansion](#) (10 blocks from hotel)

[Bragg-Mitchell Mansion](#)

[Richards D.A.R. House](#) (near downtown Mobile)

Scenic Beauty

[Bellingrath Gardens and Home](#). A beautiful sixty-five acre garden estate located on 900 acres of natural woodland along Fowl River. First opened to the public in 1932. Numerous flowers, trees, and scrubs are always in bloom.

[Delta Tour](#). Tour of Mobile River Delta (complete with gators, etc.)

[Dauphin Island Sea Lab and Estuarium](#)

Golf (Yes, Obie, we didn't forget you)

[Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail](#) courses

Numerous public golf courses

[Carnival Cruise Lines](#)

cruises to Mexico (4 or 5 night cruises out of Mobile)

List prices on these cruises are \$ 400 per person for an ocean-view cabin

Internet and travel agency prices from \$300 per person available if booked early

Secretary-Treasurer Report

Financial Report (Prepared February, 15, 2007) Budget Analysis: Fiscal Year 2006

I am very pleased with the financial state of the Association for the fiscal year 2006. The annual meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana was extremely successful. Membership room night pickup was 390. Estimated expenditure (\$17,950.00) was lower than actual expenditure (\$15,755.39) by \$2,194.61. This saving resulted from lower than anticipated expenditures on the banquet, materials and supplies, postage and mailing, Secretary-Treasurers travel, etc., and the fact that the Association did not have to pay facilities fees. Some of the savings previously mentioned were, however, offset by higher expenditures on the receptions, program printing and copying, and coffee breaks. The over budget expenditure in those areas, except program printing and copying, resulted from the higher than expected number of members present at the meeting.

On the income side, the picture is even rosier. Actual income (\$25,303.27) exceeded estimated income (\$18,150.00) by \$7,153.27. Viewed against the actual expenditure (\$15,755.39) on the annual meeting, retained revenue from the annual meeting was \$9,547.88. The retained revenue resulted from the increase in registration fees and Dr. Carl L. Bankston's highly commendable effort in getting advertisements from publishers for the meeting program (see Budget Analysis: 2006, page 1.).

Analysis of income and expenditure on administrative activities of the Association for 2006 includes two accounts – Minority Fund & the Stanford Lyman Scholarship Fund – which were not in the original budget. The two accounts were included to reflect realized overall income (\$16,396.68) and actual expenditure (\$10,857.72) on administration for the year 2006 (see Budget Analysis: 2006, page 2.). Actual income (\$16,396.68) exceeded estimated income (\$13,450.00) by \$2,946.00. This was due mainly to income received for contributions to the Minority & Lyman fund (\$850.00) and interest (\$1,728.90) on investments in CDs from the Stanford Lyman Scholarship Fund. On the expenditure side, actual expenditure (\$10,857.72) was lower than the estimated (\$13,500.00) by \$2,642.28 (see Budget Analysis: 2006, page 2). The main reason for this was lower than expected membership recruitment and renewal in 2006.

Overall, total income in 2006 (\$41,700.15) exceeded expenditure (\$26,613.11) by \$15,087.04.

BALANCE SHEET As of December 31, 2006

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
Capitol City Bank – OFA - CD	41,659.87
Capitol City Bank - Lyman MSFA	743.71
Capitol City Bank - RFA – CD	5,000.00
Capitol City Bank - OFA	5,805.96
Capitol City Bank - RFA	1,073.70
Spectrum Petty Cash – UCF	1,672.98
Stan Lyman – CD	<u>42,830.85</u>
Total Checking/Savings	98,987.07

Total Current Assets 98,987.07

TOTAL ASSETS 98,987.07

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Retained Earnings	83,700.03
Net Income	<u>15,087.04</u>
Total Equity	98,787.07

TOTAL LIABILITY & EQUITY 98,787.07

The Balance Sheet shows the Association's current Assets and Liabilities & Equity as of December 31, 2006. Total assets at that date are \$98,987.07. The assets are in several accounts shown the balance sheet above. Approximately 90.6 percent of the assets are in certificates of deposits (OFA-CD \$41,659.87; RFA-CD \$5,000.00 & Stan Lyman – CD \$42,830.85). The Certificate of Deposits accounts are expected to earn approximately \$4000.00 in interest in 2007.

The Association is now well placed financially to meet any possible expenditure which may arise from the attrition clauses in the current and future hotel contracts. However, it is essential that the annual budget reflect and realize annual retained earnings of \$2,000.00 - \$2,500.00. This idea is reflected in the budget submitted for fiscal year 2007 (see Budget: Fiscal Year 2007).

The 2007 budget projects income at \$16,250.00 and expenditure at \$14,950.00 for administrative activities. Projections for the annual meeting are \$23,200.00 and \$22,350.00 for income and expenditure respectively. Projected retained earnings are \$2,350.00. These estimates are realizable. But, the Association should consider the following:

- A. Increase membership from 250 (Regular 165 and Student 85) in 2006 to 300 (Regular 200 and Student 100).
- B. Attract more donations from members and outside sources.
- C. Aggressively seek advertisements from publishers and others to offset cost of printing the annual meeting program.
- D. Increase the cost of the banquet.
- E. Increase membership attendance and participation at annual meetings, and encourage participants to stay at the annual meeting hotel site.
- F. Increase membership dues

The above suggestions would help the Association to achieve and sustain budgeted objectives in ensuing years.

I thank the members of the Association, especially those on the Executive Council, for the cooperation and support I have received in discharging my responsibilities as Secretary-Treasurer.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF LINGUISTICS, BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CALL FOR PAPERS

Eighth International Conference
Marriott Key Bridge, Washington D.C.
November 15-18, 2007

Scholars and practitioners are invited to submit competitive papers for presentation at the 2007 annual meeting of the International Academy of Linguistics, Behavioral and Social Sciences, to be held in Washington D.C. All topics in anthropology, art education and history, communication, languages and literature, psychology, sociology, socio-cultural studies, and their global implications are appropriate. We also need session chairpersons, and we encourage you to organize sessions, convene panel discussions, and workshops.

Guidelines for Submitting Papers

1. Submit four (4) copies of your complete paper or four (4) page abstract by June 15, 2007.
2. Papers should not exceed fifteen (15) double spaced pages including text, references, and exhibits. Each paper should have a separate page with the author's name, affiliation, address and telephone number. Multiple authorships should indicate the person to be contacted. The papers presented at the conference will be published in the proceedings of the Association for Global Business for a fee of \$40 per abstract/paper.
3. Provide your E-mail address to expedite the acknowledgement and the acceptance process. Snail-mail will be used if no E-mail address is provided.
4. All papers will be blind reviewed by two outside reviewers. Papers submitted must not be presented, published, or accepted for presentation or publication elsewhere.
5. The deadline for submission of papers or proposals is June 15, 2007. All those chosen to present or chair sessions will be notified by August 15, 2007.
6. Send all correspondence to: Professor Giuliana Fazzion, Vice President and Program Director, James Madison University, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22807. Tel: (540) 568-6068; Fax: (540) 568-6904; E-mail: fazziogx@jmu.edu

Secretary-Treasurer Report Continued

**Mid-South Sociological Association
Income & Expenditure Report
January through December 2006**

	Jan - Dec 06
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Advertisement Income	3,150.00
Annual Meeting Income	
Banquet Tickets	3,950.00
Donations_Members	1,085.00
Donations_Others	500.00
Meeting Registration	
Active Member	12,005.00
Student Member	2,475.00
Total Meeting Registration	14,480.00
Sponsored Undergraduates	590.00
Total Annual Meeting Income	20,605.00
Interest Income	
Interest - CD	1,407.37
Interest - RFA	120.90
SMLF - CD	1,728.90
Total Interest Income	3,257.17
Membership Income	
Dues	
Active Member	6,865.00
Joint Active Member	120.00
Joint Student Member	5.00
Student Member	1,825.00
Total Dues	8,815.00
Total Membership Income	8,815.00
Minority Fund	650.00
Other Income	20.00
Spectrum Income	
Francis & Taylor	4,500.00
Manuscript Fees	500.00
Spectrum Dividend	2.98
Total Spectrum Income	5,002.98
STANFORD LYMAN FUND	200.00
Total Income	41,700.15
Expense	
Annual Meeting Expenses	
Annual Meeting Program	2,330.25
Banquet	2,164.74
Breaks	1,480.25
Equipment Rental	416.00
Hotel Advance	0.00
Liability Insurance	575.00
Materials & Supplies	138.71
Postage & Mailing	5.95
President's Reception	3,136.00
Travel & Incidental Expenses	
Hotel Negotiation	394.20
Secretary-Treasurer	582.47
Total Travel & Incidental Expenses	976.67
Welcoming Reception	3,136.00
Winter Meetings	141.75
Total Annual Meeting Expenses	14,501.32
Awards & Honorarium Expenses	
Awards & Plaques	329.07
Honorarium	1,500.00
Total Awards & Honorarium Expenses	1,829.07

**Mid-South Sociological Association
Income & Expenditure Report
January through December 2006**

	Jan - Dec 06
Bank Charges	
Check Purchases	6.50
Total Bank Charges	6.50
Office Expenses	
Equipment	46.63
Material & Supplies_Admin	130.67
Postage_Admin	227.38
Printing & Copying_Admin	586.32
Total Office Expenses	991.00
Spectrum Expenses	
Materials, Supplies & Postage	704.22
Spectrum CU Charges	10.00
Taylor & Francis - Subscription	7,063.00
Travel & Incidentals	500.00
Total Spectrum Expenses	8,277.22
Stanford M. Lyman Fund	
Bank Charges	8.00
SLMF-Scholarship	1,000.00
Total Stanford M. Lyman Fund	1,008.00
Total Expense	26,613.11
Net Ordinary Income	15,087.04
Net Income	15,087.04

The Mid-South Sociological Association
Budget Analysis: 2006

Annual Meetings

Income	Esitimated	Actual	Difference	Expenditure	Estimated	Actual	Difference
Registration Fees	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 15,070.00	\$ 4,770.00	President's Welcoming Reception	\$ 2,500.00	\$3,136.00	(636.00)
Banquet Tickets	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 450.00	Banquet	\$ 4,000.00	\$2,164.74	1,835.26
Donations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,585.00	\$ (415.00)	Coffee Breaks	\$ 700.00	\$1,480.25	(780.25)
Investments	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,528.27	\$ 128.27	Materials & Supplies	\$ 700.00	\$138.71	561.29
Advertisement	\$ 950.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 2,200.00	Postage & Mailings	\$ 600.00	\$5.95	594.05
				Program Printing & Copying	\$ 1,500.00	\$2,330.25	(830.25)
				President's Reception	\$ 2,000.00	\$3,136.00	(1,136.00)
Other Income		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$416.00	(416.00)
				Meeting Room Rental	\$ 2,500.00	\$0.00	2,500.00
				Honorarium	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00
				Plaques & Awards	\$ 350.00	\$329.07	20.93
				Incidentals	\$ 150.00	\$0.00	150.00
				Travel, Hotel & Incedentals - Secty-Treas	\$ 1,200.00	\$582.47	617.53
				Winter Meeting	\$ 250.00	\$141.75	108.25
				Hotel Contract Negotiator - Travel		\$394.20	(394.20)
Sub-total	\$ 18,150.00	\$ 25,303.27	\$ 7,153.27		\$ 17,950.00	\$ 15,755.39	2,194.61

Administration

Income	Esitimated	Actual	Difference	Expenditure	Estimated	Actual	Difference
Membership Dues	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,815.00	\$ 315.00	Forum:			
Spectrum Fees	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	Materials & Postage	\$ 250.00		250.00
Manuscript Fees	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	Administrative Expenses			
Spectrum Dividend		\$ 2.98	\$ 2.98	Materials & Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$177.30	222.70
Minority Fund		\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	Printing & Copying	\$ 450.00	\$586.32	(136.32)
				Postage	\$ 400.00	\$227.38	172.62
				Website	\$ 250.00		250.00
				Libiality Insurance	\$ 650.00	\$575.00	75.00
				Spectrum			
				Member Subscriptions	\$ 8,500.00	\$7,063.00	1,437.00
				Materials & Supplies	\$ 750.00	\$704.22	45.78
				Travel	\$ 850.00	\$500.00	350.00
				Spectrum CU Charges		\$10.00	(10.00)
SMLF Contributions		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	SML Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00
SMLF Interest		\$ 1,728.90	\$ 1,728.90	Bank Charges		\$6.50	(6.50)
				SML Bank Charges		\$8.00	(8.00)
Sub-total	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 16,396.88	\$ 2,946.88		\$ 13,500.00	\$10,857.72	2,642.28
TOTAL	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 41,700.15	\$ 10,100.15		\$ 31,450.00	\$ 26,613.11	4,836.89

Total Income \$ 41,700.15

Total Expenditure \$ 26,613.11

Net Income \$ 15,087.04

Committee Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year Report from Vice President Kim Davies

I have the call for Graduate Student "Paper of Distinction" Award to distribute today. I will send to Webmaster David Witt for posting on our website. I will post to the MSSA listserv and I will send to every sociology graduate program in our member states in order to encourage widespread participation. I am open to other suggestions.

Papers are due on August 1, 2007. Once I received the papers, I will be looking for "suitable persons" in coordination with the Editors of *Sociological Spectrum* to review the papers.

Finally, I am looking forward to the meeting in October.

Committee on Nominations

Mid-year Report

Timothy Clark, Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to report to you that the MSSA election process is working wonderfully. Furthermore, a number of people have agreed to serve as the Committee on Nominations for 2007. However, I was unable to locate members willing to serve as representatives for Florida, South Carolina, and Virginia. Furthermore, one member of the committee from Texas had to resign for personal reasons.

The five open positions in the upcoming election are: President-Elect; Vice-President-Elect; Chair, Committee on Minorities; Chair, Committee on Membership; Chair, Committee on Nominations.

In December, January, and February, the Committee gathered the names of many potential nominees (eleven for President-Elect; three for Vice-President-Elect; four for Chair, Committee on Minorities; six for Chair, Committee on Membership; three for Chair, Committee on Nominations). A general call for nominees was sent by email to the membership on December 12, 2006 with a deadline of January 15, 2007. Responses were minimal. A follow-up call for nominees with clarifications of requirements was sent out on January 9, 2007. Response increased the amount of nominees to twenty.

On January 16th through January 22nd the Chair of the Nominations Committee notified nominees of their nominations. Of the twenty nominated, ten declined citing a variety of reasons from being too busy, preparing for retirement, or just "not interested." This left the MSSA with one candidate for President-Elect, and no candidate for Vice-President elect. It is clear from this response rate and from conversations that the Chair of the Committee on Nominations had with the nominees that most had not been asked to serve prior to being nominated. Under direction from the President and President-Elect, the Chair of the Committee on Nominations extended the search for nominees for President-Elect. In response two well qualified candidates agreed to run for President-elect. At the Winter meeting of the Executive Council it was decided to send out another call to the membership for nominees for Vice-President Elect with a deadline of March 30, 2007. Thus far, I have had over half a dozen nominations. We will announce the nominees once the Executive Committee has a chance to vote to approve the ballot after the March 30th deadline.

I would like to thank the membership in their work in finding nominees and in agreeing to serve as nominees. Personally, I would like to see you all serve in the MSSA in some regard so begin consider running for one of our open positions for the following year.

Committee Reports Cont.

Membership Committee

Doc Gibson, Chair

The Membership Committee continues to make a strong effort to positively impact increasing participation in the MSSA this year. Presently we are working on contacting those who did not renew their membership from the previous year. We hope to bring as many of these non-renewals back into the fold as possible. Of course we will continue to seek new members by pointing out the advantages of the MSSA.

We continue to pursue our strategy of using email lists, letters, phone calls and personal contacts to further the goal of increasing membership. Using email distribution lists of all the sociologists in our given territories we have and will continue to send out all the "Call for Papers" along with invitations to join the MSSA. Prior to the annual meetings we will issue a few waves of email invitations and reminders to potential members.

Obviously there's no way to directly measure the effectiveness of the committee in light of many other variables that impact membership but we are hopeful that our efforts have and will lead to increased participation. I feel confident that our efforts have yielded positive results for the MSSA.

As Chair I will hopefully be able to expand the size of the committee so that a larger area of membership can be canvassed. I plan to continue my efforts to add to this committee and emphasize approaches that will spur greater levels of membership. I welcome any suggestions or recommendations for new members.

As always I wish to extend my personal thanks to those on the Membership Committee for their hard work and time in serving the MSSA. Their contribution to the betterment of the MSSA is most appreciated.

Committee on the Professions

Mark Konty, Chair

The Committee on the Professions will be sponsoring a panel at this year's meeting on "Faculty/Administrator Conflicts in the Academy". We have some of our distinguished members who are now in the enemies', er, the administration camp who will sit on the panel and we are looking for some faculty who have recently been involved in disputes with the enemy, um, administration who would also like to participate.

We also want to make sure the job postings are current and up to date. If you have a job posting, will be posting a job, or know of a job posting that might interest our members please send it along to Mark Konty, kontyma@auburn.edu. We will send out further reminders as the fall meetings approach

Local Arrangements Committee

Larry D. Hall, Chair

Plans for 2007 MSSA Meetings

- a. Solicit financial support for the reception of the Local Arrangements Committee
- b. Recruit volunteers to help with registration during the 2007 meeting
- c. Prepare materials for distribution for meeting registrants
 - (1) Name Tags (contact MCVB)
 - (2) Local restaurant guide*
 - (3) Guide to local attractions*

* One idea would be to have a central "help desk" (a real person familiar with area) with "local restaurant guide" and notebook with sample menus operating from 11:00 a.m.-noon and from 5-6 pm to offer directions to eating and entertainment venues in downtown and "causeway/bayway" areas

- d. Develop plans for audiovisual equipment for meeting presenters

Committee on Women Mid-Year Report Rhonda D. Evans, Chair

I am pleased to report that there are currently 108 active female members in the MSSA. The Committee on Women is striving to increase the membership in the association and participation of female scholars by reaching out to non-member scholars within our respective states and inviting them to join the association and participate in the upcoming 2007 conference. Members of the Women's Caucus have also been encouraged to make attendance and participation in the MSSA a regular component of socializing their promising undergraduate and graduate students into the discipline, to ensure the future of our association.

Women's participation in the 2006 MSSA Conference was noteworthy, 30 of the 64 sessions and panels in the program were organized by women. Also, of the 201 papers presented, 104 were first authored by women. I have also emailed all Women in the MSSA to encourage them to organize paper sessions, panels, and roundtables for the 2007 conference.

I am also pleased to report that there are currently six females serving on the Executive Council of the MSSA, out of thirteen total council members. To promote the continued representation of women in leadership positions within the association, several emails were sent out to all female members in the association requesting nominations. I regret to report that we were unable to obtain a nominee for the position of Vice-President. The accepted slate of nominees, put forth by the women's caucus, is as follows: Dana Green for Chair of Committee on Minorities, Tina Deshotels for Chair of Committee on Membership and Nicole Flynn for Chair of Committee on Nominations. These women would be tremendous assets to the MSSA Executive Council and I strongly encourage your support of their election.

The Women's Luncheon was widely attended at the 2006 conference, with 23 out of 49 registered Women's Caucus members present. Our agenda included discussion of the need for a mission statement, whether or not the Committee on Women should merge with the Committee on Minorities, the need for a problem solving and support forum for women in academia. It was decided that mission of the Women's Caucus is clear and that the Committee on Women needs a mission statement. Development of this statement will be addressed by the Committee in the upcoming year. We also decided that it was not in the best interest of either committee to merge the Committees on Women and Minorities. We agreed to continue forming alliances with the Minority caucus, but to maintain a separate existence. Lastly, there was extensive discussion on the need for a support forum for women in academia and the forms in which it could take. No final decisions were made, although a list of caveats that must be considered in the creation of this forum was compiled. We will continue to work toward this goal in the upcoming year.

Another issue that arose at the Women's Luncheon was whether or not the presence of men in the caucus was consistent with the Mission of the Committee and the Caucus and the issue of what capacity men should be allowed to serve. This issue was Resolved through a follow up email to the entire Women's Caucus that clarified the unresolved issues from the Luncheon and asked them to weigh in their opinions of the issue. From the responses I received, I conclude that most members agree that participation of our male colleagues, who are concerned about women's issues and support the growth of female participation and leadership within the MSSA, is welcomed and encouraged in both the Women's Caucus and the Committee on Women.

I am also excited to report that the Committee on Women received a generous donation of \$100 from Diane Keithly. Thanks Diane!

Lastly, shortly after returning from the 2006 MSSA meetings, I began the process of appointing representatives from our membership states to serve on the Committee on Women. It is currently comprised of the following members:

Rhonda D. Evans – Louisiana	Amy Miller – Mississippi
Carol Thompson – Texas	Shanta Sharma- Arkansas
Kim Davies – Georgia	Andrea Hunt – North Carolina
Jackie Eller – Tennessee	Meggan Jordan – Florida
Nicole Flynn – Alabama	Ruth Chananie – Illinois
Ana-Marie Wahl – North Carolina	Farah Gilanshah – Minnesota
Monica Varner – Oklahoma	

If you have any issues that you want to bring to the attention of the Committee on Women. Please contact the Chair or your state representative.

Committee Reports cont.

Minority Caucus Report

Dana M. Greene, Ph.D., Chair

The Mid-South Sociological Association Minority Caucus was very active at the Annual Meeting in October, 2006 in Lafayette, LA. During our discussions at the Meeting, several important decisions emerged.

- ◆ Minority Caucus members voted not to merge with the Women's Caucus, deciding to retain individuality among the groups to allow for a greater diversity of perspectives and input into Association business.
- ◆ Minority Caucus members suggested that the group consider reviewing the Minority Caucus Mission Statement to make certain that the group is inclusive of ALL groups who are underrepresented in both the mid-South region and nationally. To this end, I am in the process of gathering sample mission statements to email out to the Minority Caucus members for their comments and consideration.
- ◆ The Minority Caucus initiated a fundraising drive for the Minority Caucus Scholarship Fund to assist underrepresented minority students listed on the program with meeting the costs of participating in the conference proceedings by presenting papers or posters. At the meeting, \$1250.00 was pledged. To date, \$650 has been collected. I have sent pledge reminders to those individuals who promised donations to the fund, and expect that payments will continue to come in. When donations arrive, I note them, forward them to Pat (Secretary/ Treasurer), and send thank you notes.
- ◆ As noted at our October meeting, I am working on contacting regional Department heads to inquire about the possibility of their contributing to our scholarship fund as well.
- ◆ The Minority Caucus nominated Dr. Ollie Christian (Southern University) for the Presidency of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Dr. Christian has accepted the nomination.
- ◆ The Minority Caucus nominated Dr. Dana M. Greene (Appalachian State University) for Chair of the Minority Caucus of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Dr. Greene has accepted the nomination.

At the Winter Meeting in February, 2007, a sub-committee of the Minority Caucus was formed to define the guidelines for the dissemination of funds in the Minority Scholarship Fund. This sub-committee consists of Dr. John Lynxwiler (University of Central Florida), Dr. Shirley Rainey (Austin Peay University), Dr. Mark Konty (Auburn University), Dr. Tim Clark (Southern Illinois University), and Dr. Tom Calhoun (Southern Illinois University), and is chaired by Dr. Dana Greene (Appalachian State University).

Small and Community College Committee

Kathy Smith and Demond Miller, Co-Chairs

- ◆ The S&CC Comm will host its annual breakfast in Mobile and have a separate meeting time for business.. All MSSA members are welcome and we are seeking representation from every member state.
- ◆ At the mid-year meeting, we discussed ways to increase participation of small and community colleges. Ideas included direct mailings to increase participation at the annual conference
- ◆ Finally, the committee noted that it was trying to get representation from a small or community college in Oklahoma—if anyone has a contact, please forward it on to Kathy of Demond

The Mid South Sociological Association Scholarship Committee
is pleased to announce the
Stanford Lyman Memorial Scholarship
(\$1,000.00)

Eligibility requirements:

- ◆ Ph.D. candidate working on a dissertation in sociological theory, symbolic interaction, race relations, law, or ethics.
- ◆ Applicant must be receiving the degree from an institution within the MSSA member states (see <http://www.midsouthsoc.org/> for more information) or from an institution which has active MSSA student/faculty memberships.

Submission information:

- ◆ Each applicant is to submit the following:
- ◆ Letter of interest including a description of involvement with MSSA,
- ◆ Description of dissertation research project, such as a research proposal – approximately 5 pages,
- ◆ Letter of support from the applicant's dissertation committee chair which evaluates the dissertation project,
- ◆ Timetable for completion of the dissertation and degree, and
- ◆ Current vitae.
- ◆ Deadline **July 9, 2007**. The scholarship will be announced at the fall MSSA conference banquet, but the committee does reserve the right not to award the scholarship in any given year.

Applications may be sent by mail or email (WORD attachment only) to the scholarship coordinator at the following address:

Professor Jackie Eller
Box 126 MTSU
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
jaeller@mtsu.edu

For more information contact Professor Eller by email or 615-898-2125

Spectrum Report

Winter Report to the MSSA Executive Council – February 24, 2007

Presented by John Lynxwiler, Co-Editor *Sociological Spectrum*

Notes on Sociological Spectrum for the 2006 Production Year

At the October 25, 2006 Sociological Spectrum Editorial Board Meeting 3 new board members were added to the Editorial Board. The current Sociological Spectrum Editorial Board is as follows:

Annette Allen (2008), *Troy University in Montgomery*
 Amy Chasteen-Miller (2009), *University of Southern Mississippi*
 Keith Durkin (2007), *Ohio Northern University*
 Rhonda Evans (2007), *University of Louisiana at Lafayette*
 Nicole Flynn (2008), *University of South Alabama*
 Jennifer Lerner (2008), *Northern Virginia Community College*
 Michael Maume (2008), *University of North Carolina - Wilmington*
 Jim Quinn (2007), *University of North Texas*
 Shirley Rainey (2009), *Austin Peay State University*
 RN Singh (2008), *Texas A&M University - Commerce*
 Kathy Smith (2008), *Martin Methodist College*
 Gary Steward (2007), *University of Central Oklahoma*
 Kenneth Tunnell (2009), *Eastern Kentucky University*
 Rusty Ward (2007), *Francis Marion University*
 Jennifer Weseley (2008), *University of North Florida*
 Song Yang (2007), *University of Arkansas*

We are currently adjusting the Ex-Officio Board members and have added DeAnn Kalich, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Also, at the October 2006 MSSA meetings, the Sociological Spectrum article of the year was awarded to Professor Kyong Hee Chee (Texas State University, San Marcos) for her paper “Community Mobilization in the Context of Population Aging” (Vol. 26, No. 1: 85-113).

Finally, at the October 2006 MSSA meetings, we met with the Taylor & Francis representative, Concetta Seminara-Kennedy, who presented the 2006 T&F Publisher’s Report to the editorial board. Overall, the report was positive. In particular, there were two items worth noting:

1. The 2006 YTD subscription counts had exceeded the totals from 2005 (452 v. 441).
2. The ISI Web of Knowledge impact factor for Spectrum had increased between 2004 and 2005:
 - 2004 - .206 – 74/90 in Sociology category
 - 2005 - .422 – 57/90 in Sociology category

Following the T&F report, we discussed several issues related to the marketing of the journal. As a result, Taylor & Francis will take steps to include Sociological Spectrum in the Criminal Justice Abstracts. Also, T&F has agreed to place an advertisement for the journal in the Southern Sociological Society meeting program (April 11-14 in Hotlanta).

The Editorial Offices of Sociological Spectrum processed 79 manuscripts during the 2006 calendar year with the following outcomes:

20 accepted for publication	20 rejections
5 outstanding revise & resubmit	34 under review (as of 31 Dec 06)

Spectrum cont.

2) Notes on Sociological Spectrum for the 2007 Production Year

- ◆ Issues 27-1 and 27-2 have been released, and Issue 27-3 is in production and on time. The line-up for Issue 27-3 is as follows:
 - ◆ *The Holocaust as Recurring Reality: Victimization Themes and Jewish American Ethnic Identity Formation*; Dana M. Greene, Appalachian State University.
 - ◆ *The Culture of Nature and the Rise of Modern Environmentalism: The View through General Audience Magazines, 1945-1980*; Christopher W. Podeschi, Coastal Carolina University.
 - ◆ *Lingering Nuances: Gendered Career Motivations and Aspirations of First-Year Law Students*; Catherine Carroll, Emory University and April Brayfield, Tulane University.
 - ◆ *'Supporting Our Black Men': Reproducing Male Privilege in a Black Student Political Organization*; Kenneth H. Kolb, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- ◆ Manuscript processing for Issue 27-4 is on schedule. The page usage for Issues 27-1, 27-2, and 27-3 totaled 350 pages, which should allow some additional space for Special Issue 27-5 as requested by the guest editor. As a reminder, Issue 27-5 is scheduled to be the special issue on the *Social Consequences of Hurricane Katrina* edited by Duane Gill.
- ◆ The editorial office has incorporated the Central Article Tracking System (CATS) into the editorial process which has greatly enhanced our ability to submit, edit, and track manuscripts using the on-line production editor. As a result, the review process is moving to an electronic format and the submission requirements have been expanded to include electronic submissions using e-mail attachments as well as disk. However, the journal still requires hard copies of the manuscript.
- ◆ The Managing Editor has moved into her office and is completing purchases for initial office supplies and equipment. The Spectrum account will pay for these purchases and reimburse the UCF sociology department for travel expenses incurred by the managing editor at the 2006 MSSA meetings in Lafayette.
- ◆ Plans are proceeding to transfer the spectrum webpage and links from U LA@ Lafayette to UCF by the end of the spring semester.

Nuances

Dr. Shondrah Tarrezz Nash, editor

Morehead State University Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dr. Shondrah Tarrezz Nash is editing the forthcoming, third edition of *Nuances*, a newsletter for the friends and members of the Mid South Sociological Association's Minority Caucus. The electronic document is published twice a year on the MSSA website and reflects all areas of professional development, praxis, and accomplishment within the field of sociology. In addition, *Nuances* has featured retrospectives/commentary pertaining to relevant social issues. Caucus member, Dr. Diane Keithly's timely retrospective in fall 2005 on Hurricane Katrina's impact on her university, students, and state is an example. Submissions from any MSSA Minority Caucus member or affiliate are welcomed. Contact Dr. Nash at s.nash@moreheadstate.edu or call her at 606.783.2453. The forthcoming newsletter is targeted for an April 2007 publication.



Underrepresented Minority Visiting Professor Program

Middle Tennessee State University announces the availability of the underrepresented minority visiting professor program. The purpose of the Underrepresented Minority Visiting Professor is to enhance diversity in research, teaching, and service at MTSU through the recruitment of established professors from underrepresented minorities from across the country.

Visiting Professors will teach in an area related to their academic preparation and with a corresponding need of the department hosting the professor. Professors will also work with faculty members in the department and will be involved with co-curricular activities including the University's cultural diversity initiatives.

Visiting Professors must have a terminal degree from an accredited university and national or international recognition of their accomplishments in their areas of expertise. Preference will be given to persons in disciplines in which groups are traditionally under represented, with experience in diverse educational programs and environments, and a willingness to participate in MTSU's diversity initiatives.

Professors will receive academic year faculty appointments and will be eligible for benefits including health insurance. Salary is negotiable. Professors must be eligible for employment. Additionally, professors will receive support for research, professional travel, and other related expenses. It is expected that professors will not be employed outside of the University or receive additional fellowships, grants, or awards during the visiting period unless approved by the University. Review of applications will begin May 21, 2007.

Applicants should apply online at <https://mtsujobs.mtsu.edu> with the following materials:

- An online application
- A cover letter
- A vitae (describing publications, presentations, awards)
- A proposed plan of research while in residence

o Provide a two-page abstract

Include proposed timeline for completion showing milestones

Applicants should also submit the following hard copy materials:

- Official transcripts (not issued to individual)
- Verification of current institutional employment

Three letters of recommendation

To: Underrepresented Minority Visiting Professor Program

Office of Academic Affairs

Cope Administration Building, Rm. 111

Middle Tennessee State University

Murfreesboro, TN 37132

(615) 898-2880

Email: pvpaa@mtsu.edu

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Underrepresented Minority Dissertation Fellowship

Middle Tennessee State University announces the availability of an underrepresented minority dissertation fellowship. The purpose of the fellowship is to enhance diversity in research, teaching, and service at MTSU through the recruitment of underrepresented minority graduate students from across the country who are completing dissertation research.

Fellows will teach one course each semester in an area related to their academic preparation and a need of the department hosting the fellow. Fellows will be expected to devote significant time to the completion of the dissertation. Fellows will also work with a faculty mentor and will be involved with co-curricular activities including the university's cultural diversity initiatives.

Fellows must be dissertation stage doctoral degree candidates studying in a field taught at MTSU. Preference will be given to persons in disciplines in which minorities are traditionally under represented, with experience in diverse educational programs and environments, and a willingness to participate in MTSU's diversity initiatives.

Fellows will receive academic year faculty appointments and will be eligible for benefits including health insurance. Salary is \$30,000. Fellows must be eligible for employment. Additionally, fellows will receive support for research, professional travel, and other related expenses. It is expected that fellows will not be employed outside of the university or receive additional fellowships or awards during the fellowship period unless approved by the university. Review of applications will begin May 21, 2007.

Applicants should apply online at <https://mtsujobs.mtsu.edu> with the following materials:

- An online application
- A cover letter
- A vitae (showing experience/understanding of diversity issues in higher education)
- A proposed plan for completion of dissertation
 - o Provide a two-page abstract of the dissertation

Include proposed timeline for completion showing milestones

Applicants should also submit the following hard copy materials:

- Official transcripts (not issued to student)
- Verification of doctoral candidacy

Three letters of recommendation (one must be from the dissertation adviser)

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Job Postings and Other Announcements

Union University

Details: Full-time Faculty Position—Assistant/Associate Professor of Sociology

Campus: Jackson.

Union University's Department of Sociology and Family Studies invites applications for a tenure-track position at the assistant or associate level, beginning fall 2007. The department offers two majors, Sociology and Family Studies, and three minors in Sociology, Family Studies, and Human Studies. All successful candidates will have an active scholarly research agenda of publications and presentations.

A generalist Sociologist with a macro-perspective is preferred. Preference will be given to candidates with expertise in teaching in one or more of the following areas: Sociological Theory, Research Methods, Criminal Justice, and Sociology of Family.

Successful candidates should articulate a Christian worldview in their teaching and be able to support fully Union's vision, mission, and core values. Union University is consistently ranked among the nation's premier Christian universities and is ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* in the top tier of master's granting universities in the South. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Candidates may access an application on-line at www.uu.edu. Completed application, vita, and a letter expressing interest should be sent to: Mr. John Carbonell, Director of Human Resources, Union University, 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, TN 38305.

Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Grambling State University

The Department of Criminal Justice at Grambling State University offers degree programs at the undergraduate level in Paralegal Studies and both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Criminal Justice. The department is one of the largest departments in the University with an enrollment of 600 students on a campus of approximately 5,000. Young scholars have unique opportunities for research in all areas of Louisiana's Criminal Justice System.

Position/Rank and Salary: The Department of Criminal Justice invites applications for **three (3)** Criminal Justice tenure track positions at the rank of Assistant Professor and **two (2)** Paralegal Studies tenure track positions at the rank of Assistant Professor. Salary is commensurate with the position and experience.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in Criminal Justice or closely related is required, although doctoral students who are ABD and who will complete the dissertation by summer, 2007 also will be considered. One position requires the ability to teach research methods and statistics to both undergraduate and graduate students. The other positions require the ability to teach a broad range of criminal justice classes. For the Paralegal positions, both a J. D. and a Ph. D are recommended. Experience with distance education, especially web-based teaching is important as the department offers on-line courses in Paralegal Studies and Criminal Justice. Demonstrated abilities in obtaining grants and publications are highly desirable.

Appointment/Start Date: August 2007

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled.

Application Process: Applicants should send a cover letter, vita, unofficial copies of all college transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Faculty Search Chair, Criminal Justice Department, P. O. Box 4226, 403 Main Street, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA 71245.

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires the University to inform applicants that we can employ only U.S. citizens and aliens lawfully authorized to work in the U.S. Therefore, each new employee is required to present documentation verifying his/her identity and right to accept employment. GSU is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator that provides facilities accessible to the disabled.

M.S.S.A People

Recent Member Publications

- Cisneros, Armando. 2006. *El sentido del espacio* [The sense of the space]. Mexico: Miguel Angel Porrúa.
- Davies, Kim, C. Becky Block and Jackie Campbell. "Seeking Help from the Police: Battered Women's Decisions and Experiences" *Criminal Justice Studies A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society*. 20(1):31-57.
- Nash, Shondrah Tarrezz. 2007. "Teaching African-American Women's Experiences with Intimate Partner Violence: Using Narrative as Text in Gender Violence Pedagogy." *Journal of Transformative Education*. 5(1): 93-110.
- Nash, Shondrah Tarrezz. 2006. "The Changing of the Gods: Abused Christian Wives and their Hermeneutic Revision of Gender, Power and Spousal Conduct." *Qualitative Sociology*. 29(2): 195-209.

Forthcoming publications by MSSA members to look for:

- Keithly, Diane, Dawood Sultan, and Hope E. Joseph. Forthcoming. "A Comparative Assessment of Student Performance in Scrambled and Unscrambled Sociology Tests." *Journal of Urban Education*.
- Keithly, Diane and Shirley Rombough. Forthcoming. "The Differential Impact of Hurricane Katrina on the African American Community in New Orleans." *Race, Gender, and Class*.
- Durant, Thomas J. and Dawood H. Sultan. Forthcoming. "The Impact of Hurricane Katrina on the Race and Class Divide in America." *Souls*.

Member Awards

- Diane Keithly was recently nominated as "Researcher of the Year" in the College of Sciences, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- In January 2007, the Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) named Dr. Dawood H. Sultan as the recipient of a ***Distinguished Research Scholar Award***. The award entitles Dr. Sultan to 25% teaching load reduction for 3 years ending in August 2010.

Member presentations

- Dr. Dawood H. Sultan and Jayme D. Crawford presented a paper entitled "Why Are African American College Students Not Using Learning Disability Accommodation Services?" at the 15th annual conference of the National Association of African American Studies (NAAAS) in Baton Rouge, LA, February 12-17, 2007.

Grant work by MSSA Members

- Dr. Dawood H. Sultan and Dr. Suzanne Maniss (UTM Department of Educational Studies) submitted to the U.S. Department of Education a proposal requesting a \$89,966 grant. The proposal (currently under review) is entitled "Short-Term Seminar to Enhance the Global Competence of Undergraduate Students at The University of Tennessee at Martin Through Overseas Transformational Experiences and to Explore Possibilities of Collaborative Exchanges with the Tanzanian Educators."

Member Activities

- Keith F. Durkin, Ohio Northern University, was recently interviewed live on MSNBC regarding sexual predators on the Internet. He was also quoted in stories on sex offenders that appeared in *Law Enforcement Technology*, the *Star Ledger* (Newark, NJ), and *The News Journal* (Wilmington, DE). Last weekend he was quoted in a story on the growing popularity of mixed martial arts (i.e., "Ultimate Fighting") that appear in the *Las Vegas Sun*.
- Dr. Shondrah Tarrezz Nash, Morehead State University, is serving as an Executive Board member of DOVES of Gateway, a domestic violence shelter and anti-violence organization serving the eastern Kentucky Appalachian region.

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Established in 1975