Forty-First Annual Conference
The Mid-South Sociological Association

On the Edge of Theory and Practice: A Sociology Without Borders
October 21-24, 2015
Lafayette, Louisiana
THE COVER ARTWORK

Painting: Les Demoiselles d'Avignon 100 Years after Picasso.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Sotiris Chtouris is a Greek Sociologist and Painter. He lives in Athens and Mytilini, Greece.

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The Theme

The nature of the complex challenges we are now called upon to confront has to do with the extraordinary accelerated pace of social change that social scientists, sociology in particular, are equipped to address. The 2015 Mid-South Sociological Association’s Annual Conference theme *On the Edge of Theory and Practice: A Sociology Without Borders*, speaks to our willingness to go forth intrepidly to analyze, explain and offer communities and individuals the knowledge and insight that can help stem the tide of fatalism and apathy by proposing real-world solutions to some of the major global issues of our time.
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*Please arrive early, breakfast is only served for one hour on a first-come/first-served basis.*
October 22, 2015

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Lafayette Consolidated Government, I welcome you to our city! We are thrilled to host the Mid-South Sociological Association as you celebrate your 41st annual meeting.

Lafayette is recognized for so many different accolades that I like to think of us as being a complete community—one that embraces technology, boasts a strong university, and celebrates the arts and culture. As the center of Cajun and Creole heritage, you find southern hospitality at its best. In fact, Lafayette residents were recently recognized as the happiest in the U.S. according to a study published by the National Bureau of Economic Research. One bite of our delicious local cuisine and you’ll understand why we’re so happy! In the last couple of years, Southern Living magazine and Rand McNally/USA Today have awarded us their “Best Food” titles. Lafayette residents are also happy to have one of the top three fastest internet service providers in the United States, thanks to our locally owned Fiber Gig connection.

Beyond our awards and titles, Lafayette is most proud of its friendly people and joie de vivre. On behalf of all Lafayette residents, thank you for coming to Lafayette. I hope you enjoy your stay and while you are here, I hope you are able to experience some of the many amenities that make this a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Best wishes to all of you!

Sincerely,

L.J. “Joey” Durel, Jr.
City-Parish President
Lafayette Consolidated Government
On behalf of the 2015 Executive Council, it is my honor to extend a heartfelt welcome to you. It has truly been an honor serving as your President for the last year. The Mid-South Sociological Association has been promoting excellence in teaching, research, and service for over four decades. The 41st Annual Conference, *On the Edge of Theory and Practice: A Sociology Without Borders* is no exception to our standard. The 41st conference provides a distinct and eclectic blend from scholars across the southern region of the United States. However, our scholarship is not limited to the southern region. Many renowned scholars, who gained their origin from the Mid-South Sociological Association as either undergraduate/graduate students or newly minted professors/practitioners, continue to build on the strong foundation the MSSA has cemented for them in their academic careers regionally, nationally, and internationally. Simply stated, the Mid-South Sociological Association is a place where conversation circles begin and are infused with theory and practice that allows us to embrace and navigate our ever evolving world. Thus, when I extend my welcome to you, I do so with sincerity that you will find the Mid-South Sociological Association to be a space where you too can initiate or join a conversation circle, be an active practitioner of change, and continue to embrace and promote excellence in teaching, research, and service. Again, welcome to the 41st Mid-South Sociological Association annual meeting.

Kind Regards,

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, PhD
Johnson C. Smith University
President, Mid-South Sociological Association
Let me start by saying that it has been my pleasure to serve this organization in the role of Vice-President Elect and Vice-President for the past two years. I welcome you to Lafayette, LA, for the Mid-South Sociological Association’s 41st annual conference and hope that you enjoy your time at the conference. I would like to thank the entire Executive Council that has worked tirelessly to organize this conference while facing several challenges. Through their efforts, and the efforts, of all session organizers, this conference is sure to be an amazing one for all participants. This year’s conference has many exciting research and teaching sessions as well as service focused sessions. I encourage all to attend as many sessions as possible to hear about the new and exciting research and teaching that is taking place among your colleagues.

I urge you to make the most of your experience here, especially those who are students, or early in their careers. I started attending these conferences when I was a Ph.D. student in 2005, and along the way I have met many extraordinary individuals who have helped me in my career. The members of the MSSA are very open and inviting to young scholars and teachers, which has kept me coming back for several years. It is my hope that you will find that the conference and members are welcoming, and continue your support and participation for years to come.

On behalf of the Executive Council, I am very excited that you have decided to join, and hope that you have a wonderful experience at the 41st Annual Conference.

Thank you,

Shelly A. McGrath, PhD
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Vice President, Mid-South Sociological Association
The 41st annual meeting of the MSSA brings together an exciting schedule of events. As sociologists, we delve deeply into the challenges that confront our society such as poverty, racial/ethnic and gender discrimination, social injustice, and disasters/disaster recovery. This meeting is the place to discuss a wide range of sociological topics as well as a place to meet new colleagues and friends. Even though we contribute to society with our specialties, we come together to learn from our colleagues and friends the knowledge and skills needed to advance specific research agendas as we seek to analyze, explain and offer communities innovative strategies to address complex social problems that confront or region. It is in our times that we must be willing to break down the disciplinary silos and interdisciplinary distinctions such as applied vis-à-vis pure or qualitative vis-à-vis quantitative to forge a new discussion without disciplinary borders to address the issues at hand. The 41st Annual Conference’s theme, On the Edge of Theory and Practice: A Sociology Without Borders, offers us a way to focus our collaborative efforts to work toward a common goal.

Also, I wish to thank all of the session organizers and discussants who eagerly engaged in the formation of this program. It was a pleasure to meet and work with so many wonderful colleagues from the Mid-South.

Finally, I join our President and Vice President in extending a hearty welcome. If this is your first or your forty-first meeting, we encourage you to participate and enjoy each other’s camaraderie and fellowship. Again, welcome to the 41st Mid-South Sociological Association’s annual meeting.

Respectfully,

DeMond S. Miller, PhD, LCADC
Rowan University
Program Co-Chair
Nominations Chair, Mid-South Sociological Association
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THOMAS J. DURANT, JR. Ph.D.

A native of Mansfield, Louisiana, earned his bachelor’s degree in animal science at Grambling State University, his master’s degree in agricultural education at Tuskegee University, and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in St. Lucia (WI), 1963-65 and has traveled extensively in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, and the Caribbean. His professional career includes Professor of Sociology at Virginia State University and Professor of Sociology at Louisiana State University. He is a former Director of African and African American Studies at Louisiana State University. His teaching and research interests include southern culture, social inequality, criminology, gerontology, and international studies. He is the author of “A View from the Inside…Thirty-Six Years of Desegregation” (DPC Publishing Company & Aventine Press, 2015), Our Roots Run Deep: A History of The River Road African American Museum (Donning Company Publishers, 2002), and co-author of A History of the Charity Hospitals of Louisiana: A Study of Poverty, Politics, Public Health and the Public Interest (Mellen Press, 2010), and Plantation Society and Race Relations: The Origins of Inequality (Praeger, 1999), He has published numerous articles in scholarly journals and received numerous academic and community service awards. His latest research deals with factors influencing the persistence of students enrolled in STEM programs at Historically Black Community Colleges (Journal of Contemporary Issues in Higher Education, Spring 2015), and desegregation in higher education (DPC/Aventine Press, 2015). He served as a Research Fellow for the LSU Crime and Policy Evaluation Research Group (CAPER), a fellow of the Oxford University Roundtable, and held the positions of Program Chair and President of the Mid-South Sociological Association, where he has been a member since 1978. He is currently Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Louisiana State University and Professor of Urban Higher Education at Jackson State University.
DENNIS R. McSEVENEY, Ph.D.

Dennis R. McSeveney earned his B.S in Mathematics from John Carroll University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Emory University. After an almost four decade career at the University of New Orleans, he is now Professor of Sociology Emeritus, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Emeritus, and Associate Provost Emeritus at UNO and President Emeritus of the Association of College Honor Societies. Over his career, Dr. McSeveney has been a scholar-teacher-administrator. His published works have appeared in a variety of sociology journals including Sociological Spectrum, Adolescence, Journal of Communications, and Journal of Health and Social Behavior and include a co-authored monograph, The Role of the Department Chair, published by the American Sociological Association.

His students have gone on to significant careers as sociologists (including a Past President of MSSA), attorneys (including judges and law school deans), and meaningful careers and fulfilling lives in many other fields. As a university administrator, Dr. McSeveney has been fortunate to be at the right place at the right time with the right people to have established highly regarded programs in Creative Writing and Jazz Studies. He was also part of the leadership team that brought the University of New Orleans through the ravages of the flooding following Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. McSeveney has served MSSA as Past President and Secretary-Treasurer. He continues utilizing his sociological perspective as a member of the Council of Alpha Kappa Delta: The International Sociological Honor Society, and as AKD’s Representative to the Association of College Honor Societies on whose board he continues to serve. He is the Board Treasurer of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, President of the UNO Founders Club, and serves on the boards of several other organizations.
KINKO ITO, Ph.D.

Kinko Ito earned a Ph.D. in sociology from The Ohio State University and is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Her research interests include Japanese popular culture and the Ainu, a racial and ethnic minority group of Japan. She has published in *Teaching Sociology, Contemporary Sociology, International Journal of Comic Art, Japan Studies Review, Journal of Popular Culture, Gurôbaru Kyôiku* (Global Education), *Asian Popular Culture, Japanese Visual Culture*, etc. She started her ethnographic research on the Ainu after her book *A Sociology of Japanese Ladies’ Comics: Images of the Life, Loves, and Sexual Fantasies of Adult Japanese Women* (Edwin Mellen Press) was published in 2011. Dr. Ito has been publishing her e-books with Amazon since 2013, and her books are available at Amazon.com. (Her pen name is K.I. Peeler.) *Have You Heard About the Ainu? Elders of Japan’s Indigenous People Speak* (2015) is Dr. Ito’s first documentary film which she videotaped, directed, and produced.
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015**

**REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN**  PORTICO FOYER  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

**MEETING**  MAPLE CONFERENCE ROOM  3:30 PM - 5:30 PM  WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING I**  
ANITA D. BLEDSOE-GARDNER, PRESIDENT

**MEETING**  MAPLE CONFERENCE ROOM  5:30 PM - 6:35 PM  WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

**BOARD MEETING OF SOCIOLOGICAL SPECTRUM**  
BRIAN PHILIP HINOTE, EDITOR  
KEVIN D. BREault, EDITOR
### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

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#### Breakfast and Coffee Hour

**Come and Join with Colleagues and Friends**

**Breakfast Meeting of the Committee on Small and Community Colleges**

*(available while breakfast lasts)*

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#### OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING WELCOME

**Maple Room**

**8:15 AM - 8:30 AM**

**L.J. “Joey” Durel, Jr., City-Parish President**

**Lafayette Consolidated Government**

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#### Plenary Session

**Maple Room**

**8:30 AM - 9:45 AM**

**Desegregation in Higher Education: A Case Study of a Predominantly White University in the South**

**Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University and Jackson State University**

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*Gov. Wallace stands in the doorway in an attempt to block the desegregation of the University of Alabama. 1963. (Photo: Lib. of Congress)*.
Session 1  Oaklawn Room  10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Crime and Justice  
Ray Von Robertson, Session Organizer and Chair

An Intersectional Analysis of an Alabama Offender Re-entry Program  
Patricia A. Barr, Alabama A&M University  
Adele N. Norris, University of Waikato

The Moderating Effects of School Climate and Cumulative Trauma on High School Completion Among Juvenile Offenders  
Micah Johnson, University of Florida

Adverse Childhood Experiences: A Commentary on the Need for Trauma-Informed Batterer Intervention Programming  
Natalie Hoskins, University of Kansas  
Steve Halley, University of Kansas  
Dorothy Stucky Halley, University of Kansas

Normal Deviance: Results of a Survey on College Students’ Views on Cheating  
Sherrie Drye Cannoy, North Carolina A&T State University  
Ewuukgem Lomo-David, North Carolina A&T State University

Session 2  Magnolia Room  10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Race, Class, and the Criminal Justice System  
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Session Organizer and Chair

Justice

George Wordell, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Complex Matters of Race, Society, Mind and the Law: The Critical Seven  
Gregory J. Harris, Florida State University

An Analysis of Race: Perceptions and Realities in the Criminal Justice System  
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University  
Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University, Colorado State University- Global Campus
THERE IS IN THIS WORLD NO SUCH FORCES AS THE FORCE OF A PERSON DETERMINED TO RISE. THE HUMAN SOUL CANNOT BE PERMAENTLY CHAINED.

-W.E.B. DuBois

Session 3
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On the Edge of Theory & Practice: Critical Perspectives in Health & Illness.
Brian Hinote, Session Organizer and Chair

Substance Abuse Treatment Services Utilization: An Examination of Associated Individual Determinants
Roger Klomegah, Fayetteville State University

Exploring the Social and Cultural Meaning of Illness and Health Among Indigenous Agikuyu of Murang’a in Kenya,
Daniel Kirogo Wahungu, Kenyatta University

Seeing Stigma: An Autoethnographic Exploration of Parent-Child Reactions to Sight Disorder, and Recommended Applications for Self-Adjustment
Jason S. Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

Child Health and School Outcomes
Boniface Noyongoyo, University of Central Florida
Trisha Whitmire, University of Central Florida
Mandi Barringer, University of Central Florida
Emily Strohacker, University of Central Florida
Christine Ittai, University of Central Florida
Sabrina Deaton, University of Central Florida
Taylor Jones, University of Central Florida
Jenny Nguyen, University of Central Florida
Rameika Newman, University of Central Florida
Lauren Wright, University of Central Florida
Matt Hiesterman, University of Central Florida
Marisa Lucca, University of Central Florida
Emanuel Espinales, University of Central Florida
Melanie Hinojosa, University of Central Florida
Ramon Hinojosa, University of Central Florida
Session 4  Rosedown Room  THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The Sociology of Health, Illness and Aging
Ollie Christian, Session Organizer and Chair
Thomas Durant, Jr., Session Discussant

The Effects of the Affordable Care Act on Lower Income Residents of Louisiana
Thomas J. Durant Jr., Louisiana State University and Jackson State University

Mental Illness in the African American Community
Shirley Rainey-Brown, Fisk University

Alzheimers and Aging: Therapeutic Potential of Clinical Trials
Ollie Christian, Southern University and A&M College-Baton Rouge

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Navigating PhD Career Paths Inside and Outside of Academia
Co-Organizers and Facilitators:
Jean H. Shin, American Sociological Association
Dana M. Greene, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Jessica Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

Committee on Women, Gender and Sexuality Luncheon

Lunch  THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

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Session 6
Maple Room

**Deviance**
Craig J. Forsyth, Session Organizer and Chair

*Social Norms and Prescription Drug Misuse: Does Reason for Misuse Matter?*
Lauren Norman, University of Central Florida

*Initial Impact of a Juvenile Assessment Center on the Juvenile Justice System*
Holly Howat, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Raymond W. Biggar, Jr., University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

**Fantasies of Safety**
Jeremy A. Ross, Jacksonville State University
Tina H. Deshotels, Jacksonville State University
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

*Action Research: Improving Court Appearance Rates*
Holly Howat, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Raymond W. Biggar, Jr., University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Session 7
Oaklawn Room

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

**Secrets to a Long and Successful Career in Academia**
Earl Wright II, Session Organizer and Chair

Thomas C. Calhoun, Jackson State University
Timothy Gongaware, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

Coffee Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM
River Foyer
Session 8  
Rosedown Room  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Panel Session: 10 Year Retrospective on Hurricane Katrina  
Jessica Pardee, Session Co-Organizer and Co-Chair  
Dana Greene, Session Co-Organizer and Co-Chair  
Jean Shin, Session Discussant

Reflections on Ten Years of Hurricane Katrina Research  
Dana Greene, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Community Activism in the 'new' New Orleans  
Ruth Idakula, Community Activist

Urban Poverty, Disaster Recovery, and Hurricane Katrina  
Jessica Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

Session 9  
Oaklawn Room  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Teaching Sociology  
Ree Wells-Lewis, Session Co-Organizer  
Erin Rider, Session Co-Organizer  
Ree Wells-Lewis, Session Presider

Are You Experienced? Issues and Strategies in Teaching Sociology Online  
Matthew Sheptoski, Grambling State University

Integrating the Hunger Banquet Simulation Activity Into Sociology Classes  
Holly Pottle, Texas Woman's University

It's Not Just About the Money: Uses of a Multiple Capitals Framework in Introductory Sociology Courses for Teaching About Social Inequality and Social Mobility  
Deborah Lowrey, University of Montevallo

Service Learning, Student Identity Work and the Sociological Imagination  
Steven L. Arxer, University of North Texas-Dallas  
Maria Ciriza-Lope, University of North Texas-Dallas  
Marco Shappeck, University of North Texas-Dallas  
Kitzia Moreno, University of North Texas-Dallas  
Eduardo Padilla, University of North Texas-Dallas
Session 10
Scholarly Panel
Magnolia Room
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM
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Desegregation in Higher Education: How Far Have We Come
Ollie Christian, Session Organizer and Chair

Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University and Jackson State University
Ollie Christian, Southern University and A&M College
Shirley Rainey Brown, Fisk University
Kathleen Handy, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Session 11
Maple Room
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2015

Gender Research In Progress
Tina Hebert Deshotels, Session Organizer and Chair
Tina Hebert Deshotels, Session Discussant

The Bitch of Buchenwald: An Exploration of Gender Among SS Guards
Jessica Abbott, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
Jordyn Roark, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

Sperm Cells: The Reproduction of Inequalities through Online Sperm Banking
Megan M. Tesene, Georgia State University

It Depends Where I am: Location and the Self-Identity of Perpetrators of Domestic Violence
C. Patrice Lockett, Jacksonville State University

Dancing With Power
Tina Hebert Deshotels, Jacksonville State University
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Have You Heard About The Ainu?
Elders of Japan’s Indigenous People Speak

A Documentary Film by Dr. Kinko Ito
Professor of Sociology, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Have You Heard About The Ainu? Elders of Japan’s Indigenous People Speak is a documentary film directed and produced by Dr. Kinko Ito, Professor of Sociology at University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She has been a member of the MSSA for more than 25 years. This film is based on Dr. Ito’s ethnographic research in Hokkaido, Japan, between 2011 and 2014.

The Ainu are an indigenous, ethnic, minority people of Japan who have their own language and unique culture. Their ancestors lived in the northern part of the Tohoku region, Hokkaido, the Kuril Islands, and Sakhalin. The Japanese government established the Hokkaido Colonial Board in the late 19th century, and the Ainu’s homeland, which they called Ainu Moshir, became national land. The Ainu have been prejudiced and discriminated against, and they still need to cope with the problem at school, at work, and in marriage.

This film features several Ainu elders who frankly share their life stories. The videotaping of their stories prevented a loss of meaning that might occur when researchers transfer the medium from audio-visual to literary or linguistic form. Nonverbal communication such as facial expressions, tone of voice, silence, and eye movement all carry meanings.
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Breakfast and Coffee Hour
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MSSA Members Breakfast Come and Join with Colleagues and Friends

Sociology Student Networking Breakfast
(available while breakfast lasts)

CONFERENCE WELCOME
Maple Room
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM
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Anita D. Bledsoe-Gardner, President

Plenary Session
Maple Room
8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

It’s Not the Institutions, It’s the People: American Higher Education in the 21st Century

Dennis McSeveney, University of New Orleans
Session 13  
**Oaklawn Room**

**Potpourri Session**
Deniz Yucel, Session Organizer and Chair
Deniz Yucel, Session Discussant

**Sociological Theories as Qualitative Methods**
Stan H. Hodges, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Bennie Green, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

**GIS Analysis of Unemployment Rates in Mississippi Metropolitan Areas: The Role of Discrimination**
Siddig Fageir, Jackson State University

**The Operation of Color-Blindism Among Students of Color on Predominantly White Campuses**
Erin Pyror, Belmont University
Shelby Longard, Belmont University

**Characterization of Sexual Behavior in Mississippi’s Health Education Curricula**
Sarah E. Pellegrine, Mississippi State University

Session 14  
**Scholarly Panel**  
**Elmwood Room**

**Civility versus Incivility: The Academy and the Conception of "Being" the Academic Gangsta.**
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Session Organizer and Chair

Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University and Colorado State University- Global Campus
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University
Gregory J. Harris, Florida State University
Undergraduate and Graduate Papers (Non-Competitive)
Ray Von Robertson, Session Organizer and Chair

Hispanic Adolescent Perceptions of the Role of Parental Monitoring on Their Sexual Risk Behaviors: An Exploratory Study
Marcela Perez, University of North Texas-Dallas

The Process of Adapting to American Higher Education
Giselle C. Greenidge, University of North Texas-Dallas

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Mindfulness
Melissa Brandt, University of North Texas-Dallas

Once Upon a Time or Happily Ever After? A Trend analysis of Gender Role Portrayals in Disney Animated Princess Films
Gisselle Saavedra, University of North Texas-Dallas

Won’t you be My Neighbor?” Tolerance Level of People in Turkey
Ismail Hakki Yigit, Mississippi State University
Session 16
Magnolia Room
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Research Methods: Studies in Qualitative Research
Melissa Powell-Williams, Session Organizer and Chair

Cultivating the Illness Experience: How Stigma, Society, and Hegemonic Standards of Biomedicine Construct Illness
Kathryn Delgenio, Georgia Regents University

Navigating Mediated Identities: Law Enforcement Reflections on Body Worn Cameras
Melissa Powell-Williams, Georgia Regents University

Gender Roles and Inmate Personal Ads
Eric F. Bronson, Lamar University
Alejandro Guadian, Lamar University
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Jessie Garcia, Lamar University
Garrick Harden, Lamar University

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Lunch
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Conference participants are on their own for lunch
Minority Caucus Luncheon

Session 17
Scholarly Panel
Oaklawn Room
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Professional Ethics in Academia: Challenges and Triumphs
Earl Wright II, Session Organizer and Chair

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University
Carla Brailley, Texas Southern University
Thomas C. Calhoun, Jackson State University
Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati
Session 18  
Rosedown Room  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015  

**Sociology of Community Engagement**  
Ann Marie Kinnell, University of Southern Mississippi

*How to Communicate Effectively with State Legislators: Understanding the Norms and Culture of the Legislative Chamber*  
Paul Luebke, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

**Big Data, Big Business, and Big Money: The Socio-Digital Construction of Consumer’s Social Identity**  
Sherrie Drye Cannoy, North Carolina A&T State University  
Paul Luebke, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

**Baton Rouge Buddha: Cross-cultural, Inter-generational Community Building at Tam Bao Temple**  
Margot Hasha, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

**Analysis of Academic Engagement and Participation in Extracurricular Activities for Hearing and Visually Impaired Children**  
Sabrina Deaton, University of Central Florida  
Marisa Lucca, University of Central Florida

Session 19  
Elmwood Room  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

**Environmental Sociology**  
DeMond S. Miller, Session Organizer and Chair

**Controversial Technologies and the Pursuit of Frame Resonance Within the Environmental Movement**  
David R. Zeller, Jr., University of South Florida

**Eco-masculinity, Environmental Sociology and Disaster Recovery**  
DeMond S. Miller, Rowan University

**Globalization and Spread of Human Rights: The Case of the Ebola Spread**  
Geoffrey Lemmy Akoma, Grambling State University  
Frances Staten, Grambling State University  
John Nwoha, Grambling State University  
Fabian Nabagi, Grambling State University

**Activists or Ecoterrorists? A Content Analysis of Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front Discourses**  
Kimberly Murray, Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Race, Class, and Gender
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Session Organizer and Chair
Nicola Davis Bivens, Session Discussant

The Acquisition and Maintenance of Their Mother Tongue among Second-Generation Immigrant Children
Ying Ma, Austin Peay State University

Do Black Lives Really Matter
Bobby Mills, B.E. Mills, Associates

Gender Differences in African American Denominational Mobility
Kristie Perry, Southern University and A&M College-Baton Rouge

The African American Student Perspective of Black Lives Matter
Acacia Wilson, Johnson C. Smith University

Coffee Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM
River Foyer

Schools and Success: Risk and Resiliency Factors Affecting Student Achievement
Micah E. Johnson, Session Organizer and Chair

Operationalizing Good Schools in Kentucky
Tonya Lanphier, University of Louisville

The School-to-Prison Pipeline from a Classroom View: Examining the Relationship between School Climate and Student Achievement Across Race
Alana J. Peck, Xavier University of Louisiana

What Factors Contribute to the Academic Success of African American (AA) Male College Students’ Attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)
Timothy Williams, Clark Atlanta University

Black Ambition, Resiliency, and Success: Analyzing Aspirations, Expectations, and Risk Among High Math Achievers
Micah E. Johnson, McKnight Fellow, University of Florida
Barbara A. Zsembik, University of Florida
Chuck W. Peek, University of Florida
Sociology Student Paper Competition*
Shelly A. McGrath, Co-Session Organizer and Co-Chair
Theresa Davidson, Co-Session Organizer and Co-Chair

The Process of Adapting to American Higher Education
Giselle C. Greenidge, University of North Texas

Gentrification and Bourdieu’s Theory of Distinction
Elizabeth Otwell, Georgia State University

Missing the Mark: Mobile Banking in South Africa, Financial Inclusion and Global Policy Diffusion
Kentse Radebe, Mississippi State University

Legacies of Slavery: Racial Transition Points and Racial Wealth Inequality
Robert Reece, Duke University

Factors Associated with Willingness to Report Crime
Laytifa Williams, Johnson C. Smith University

*Winners of the student paper competition will be announced at the annual banquet.
Session 23  Elmwood Room  2:45 PM - 4:15 PM  FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

New and Emerging Research
Shondrah Tarrezz Nash, Session Organizer and Chair

Politics of Exclusion in Minorities: The Hetero Experience in Heteronormative Communities
Seirra Gary, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Normal Deviance: Results of a Survey on College Students' Views on Cheating
Sherrie Drye Cannoy, North Carolina A&T State University
Ewuukgem Lomo-David, North Carolina A&T State University

Piratical Movement as Group Competition and Resource War: A Case Study of Piratical Movements in East Asia during the Period of 1850s to 1945
Hua-Lun Huang, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Catching the Big Fish: Media Portrayal of MLB Stars Implicated with Performance Enhancing Drugs
Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University

Session 24  Magnolia Room  2:45 PM - 4:15 PM  FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Deviance in Social Institutions
Raymond W. Biggar, Jr., Session Organizer and Chair

Can I Trust my Co-worker?: Examining Correctional Officers' Perceptions of Staff-Inmate Inappropriate Relationships Within a Southern Penitentiary System
Robert Worley, Lamar University
Vidisha Barua Worley, Lamar University
Henda Y. Hsu, University of Houston-Clear Lake

Change in a Deviance Designation: The DSM and Asperger Syndrome
Jack S. Damico, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Karen Lynch, University of Louisiana

The Association between Poor General Health, Negative Emotions, and Deviant Coping Strategies: An Extension of General Strain Theory
Christopher W. Purser, University of North Alabama
Wesley L. James, University of Memphis

Pepper Wars
R. Troy Primeaux, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Session 25
Maple Room
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

**Workplace Inequality**
Patrice Lockett, Co-Organizer and Co-Chair
Sarah Donley, Co-Organizer and Co-Chair

*Culture Change in the Military and Society Viewed through the Life Course of a Select Group of Women Military Careerist Born Between 1940 and 1960*
Patricia K. Gleich, University of West Florida

*Sociologists Can Still Provide the ‘Glue’ for Commonality: Dismantling the “Social Framework” Analysis Four Years After Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*
Lisa L. Walker, University of Baltimore

*It was My Calling: Gendered Pathways to Funeral Directing*
Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

*Work-Family Balance and Marital Satisfaction: Exploring the Mediating Effects of Mental and Physical Health*
Deniz Yucel, William Paterson University

Session 26
ROUNDTABLE
Oaklawn Room
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

**Science, Technology and Culture**
Dennis L. Peck, Roundtable Organizer, University of Alabama
Session 27  
Rosedown Room  
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**Sociology of Racial & Ethnic Disparities**  
Theresa Davidson, Session Organizer and Chair

*What Do The Roma Think: A Grounded Theory Approach*  
Sabrina Deaton, University of Central Florida

The Politics of Discrimination: Racial Discrimination, Health, and Political Involvement among African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans  
Rachel Head, University of Texas-Tyler

*Heart Transplantation and Health Disparities: African American Lived Experiences: A Qualitative Study*  
Erma Jean Lawson, University of North Texas

*Legacies of Slavery: Racial Transition Points and Racial Wealth Inequality*  
Robert Reece, Duke University

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Elmwood Room  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
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Animals and Society: An Interdisciplinary Conversation  
Jackie Eller, Session Organizer and Chair

*Ethnoprimitatology and Social Science*  
Kerry M. Dore, Marist College

Too Big for One Field: “What Makes us Human?”  
A.R. Eller, University of Oregon

*Human Enough to be Deviant: Defining the Vervets*  
Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
Session 29
Scholarly Panel
Maple Room

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Critical Pedagogical Approaches for the Collegiate Classroom:
Teaching for Social Change
Carla Brailey, Session Organizer and Chair

Carla Brailey, Texas Southern University
Brittany Slatton, Texas Southern University
DeMond S. Miller, Rowan University

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM
THE MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET

DR. ANITA D. BLEDSOE-GARDNER, PRESIDENT
DR. SHELLY McGRATH, MASTER/MISTRESS OF CEREMONY
DR. TIMOTHY B. GONGAWARE, PAST PRESIDENT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

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Come and Join with Colleagues and Friends
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Session 30
Elmwood Room
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How Do HBCUs Shape the Way Black Lives Matter: A Panel Discussion on Educating Black Students in Safe Spaces
Carla Brailey, Session Organizer and Chair

Carla Brailey, Texas Southern University
Brittany Slatton, Texas Southern University
Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati
Thomas Calhoun, Jackson State University

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Rosedown Room
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Sociology of Place and Geography
Shelly A. McGrath, Session Co-Organizer and Chair
Deniz Yucel, Session Co-Organizer

Crime and Public Housing in Birmingham
Shelly A. McGrath, University of Alabama-Birmingham
Stephanie Cardwell, University of Texas-Dallas
Suzanne Perumean-Chaney, University of Alabama-Birmingham

Place Space and Immigrant Landscapes: Greektopia, Heterotopia and Atopia in Lesbos, Greece
DeMond Shondell Miller, Rowan University
Sotiris Chtouris, University of the Aegean
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Ashland Room
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
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Women Faculty, the Academy and Systemic Change
Jackie Eller, Session Organizer and Chair

Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
Gretchen Webber, Middle Tennessee State University

Session 33
ROUNDTABLE
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Getting Involved in The MSSA
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Roundtable Organizer, Johnson C. Smith University

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Sociology of Disasters

Jessica Pardee, Session Organizer and Chair
Jessica Pardee, Session Discussant

Community Capital and Cohesiveness: Explaining the Lack of a Corrosive
Community Response in Rural Louisiana
Kaily Bourg, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
JoAnne DeRouen, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Ritualization and Disaster: A Comparative Analysis of Two Communities
Impacted by Tornadoes
Kevin Johnson, Oklahoma State University
J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University
Duane A. Gill, Oklahoma State University

Social Capital and Disaster Recovery: The Role of Social Networks and
Community Involvement in Disaster Resilience and Recovery
Candace Forbes Bright, The University of Southern Mississippi
Edward Sayre, The University of Southern Mississippi
Roma Hanks, PhD University of Southern Alabama
Michelle Martin, The University of Alabama-Birmingham
Session 35  Scholarly Panel  Oaklawn Room  8:30 AM - 10:00 AM  SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Studies of Current Environmental Issues

Frances Staten, Session Co-Organizer
John Nwoha, Session Co-Organizer
Sue Abraham, Session Co-Organizer
Clarence Williams, Session Co-Organizer
Frances Staten, Session Chair and Discussant

Cancer Alley: An Environmental Study
Candace Jeanpierre, Southern University and A&M College - Baton Rouge
Irlandra McCormick, Southern University and A&M College-Baton Rouge

Social, Economic and Psychological Impact of Climate Change: An Exploratory Study
She’tisha Coleman, Grambling State University
Shaciarra Drake, Grambling State University
Breianna Heims, Grambling State University
Makesa Tavernier, Grambling State University
Kennedi Hildreth, Grambling State University
Kenisha Warrinton, Grambling State University
Nathan Ismael, Grambling State University
Jeanelle Hilaire, Grambling State University
Cameroon McGlothen, Grambling State University

Session 36  Elmwood Room  10:15 AM - 11:45 AM  SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Homicide Studies
John Boulahanis, Session Organizer and Chair

Within Ethnicity Segregation: The Relationship between Interethnic Segregation on Rates of Hispanic Homicide
Michael Bisciglia, Southeastern Louisiana University

Getting Away with Murder: A Comparison of Exceptionally Cleared and Open Homicide Cases in Chicago
John G. Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

Juvenile Homicide Hotspots in Birmingham
Shelly A. McGrath, University of Alabama-Birmingham
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Popular Culture Sociology
Pamela M. Hunt Kirk, Session Organizer and Chair

Funny Feminism: Audience Interpretations of Standup Comedy
Katherine Cooper, University of South Florida

Comparing Myself on FB: Predicting Life Satisfaction and Happiness
Theresa Davidson, Samford University
Lee Farquhar, Samford University

The Sociology of Music: A History and Discussion of Key Sociological Aspects
Pamela M. Hunt Kirk, University of West Georgia

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Public Health Modeling: Its' Effect Upon 'Significant' Americans
Dennis L. Peck, Roundtable Organizer, University of Alabama

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