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A Message for the President Elect and Program Chair

Thank you to all the session organizers. Thanks also to presiders, facilitators, reviewers, and presenters whose work is evident in this conference program. There are some new features of the program this year. I hope you find them interesting, but welcome either positive or negative comments:

From the Field – These sessions provide opportunities for sociologists and their community partners to showcase partnerships and the application of sociological methods. Students are vital to many of these sessions as well. These sessions demonstrate varying levels of collaboration as well as stages of project development. As a program participant, please feel free to share your expertise during discussion time in each of the From the Field sessions.

Daily Breakouts – Time and space are provided for program participants to gather to discuss ideas gained from the program sessions and potential for future collaboration in teaching, research, or service. These roundtable-style sessions will focus on: Research Collaboration, The Discipline, Teaching/Learning Exchange, and Sociology in Action. Space is somewhat limited at each breakout. The structure is informal and self-led. Facilitators will be available in the breakout rooms. Enjoy the discussions!

Student Networking Breakfast – This new feature is a demonstration of MSSA’s commitment to students. Many excellent papers were submitted for this year’s program by graduate and undergraduate students. My own journey with MSSA began while I was a doctoral student who travelled south from Delaware to Memphis to be part of the MSSA conference experience.

Plenary and Distinguished Panel – This year we are fortunate to have both medical/public health and sociological perspectives represented. These special featured presentations will build on the conference theme. My sincere thanks go out to my committed and supportive colleagues on the MSSA Executive Council. Special thanks to Dr. Thomas Durant and his excellent local arrangements team. Thanks also to President Ollie Christian. Here warm heart and wisdom both served me well, especially when we lost our two dear colleagues near meeting time.

Finally, to the Bryant and Hall families, our deepest appreciation for the lives and careers of those you loved. This program is dedicated to Clifton D. Bryant and Larry D. Hall, both leaders and friends to MSSA. Have a great conference! If you need me, please call (251-382-7435) and I will try to respond quickly.

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Dr. Clifton Dow Bryant was Past President of the Mid-South Sociological Association and recipient of the MSSA Distinguished Career Award; Past President of the Southern Sociological Society and member of the SSS Honor Roll of Fame; and Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech (1972-2007). Dr. Bryant was recognized for excellence in teaching at Virginia Tech as well as nationally and internationally. He founded two academic journals: Sociological Symposium and Deviant Behavior; authored or edited eleven single-volume books; edited one four-volume encyclopedia and one two-volume reference handbook; co-edited one two-volume reference handbook; and recently published another two-volume encyclopedia. His two-volume Handbook of Deviance is scheduled for release by Routledge in November. His two-volume, Handbook of Death and Dying was selected by the American Library Association as one of the "Outstanding Reference Source" books for 2003. Dr. Bryant’s former students and colleagues continue to contribute to MSSA and to serve in leadership roles.

Dr. Larry D. Hall served MSSA most recently as 2008-2009 Vice President. Dr. Hall was a frequent presenter, session organizer, and leader among his colleagues in Small and Community Colleges. He was active in the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association as well. Dr. Hall joined the faculty of Spring Hill College in Mobile AL in 1978 and taught as an adjunct at the University of South Alabama for 28 years. He was a popular teacher who maintained his own love of learning within his discipline and beyond. In service to his community, Dr. Hall was active in the Optimist Club and was named Mobile Optimist of the Year in 2009.
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The Second Shift and the Nonstandard Shift: How Working Nonstandard Hours Affects the Relationship between Divisions of Household Labor and Fairness Perceptions
Katie James, University of Georgia

Stay or Leave? Externalization of the Labor Market and its Effects on the Gender Earnings Gap in the U.S.
Anne Kronberg, Emory University

Understanding Community Vulnerability and Resilience to Disasters Through Analysis of Narrative
Brenda Mason, University of South Florida

Optimism and Ecological Footprints
Mark Mullen, Middle Tennessee State University

Rural Women, Anti-poverty Strategies, and Black Feminist Thought
Adele Norris, University of Arkansas

The English Working Class, 1790-1840: Three Perspectives
Joe Smith, Louisiana State University

Residential Segregation of China’s Minority Nationalities from the Han, 2000
Danielle Xiaodan Deng, Texas A&M University

Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Committee: Thomas C. Calhoun, Jackson State University, MS, Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati, OH, Ruth Chananie-Hill, University of Northern Iowa, IA, Dennis McSeveney, University of New Orleans, LA, Shelly A. McGrath, University of Alabama – Birmingham, AL, Shondrah T. Nash, Morehead State University, GA

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Wednesday, October 13

2:00-5:00 Executive Council I ................................................................. Executive Boardroom I

4:00-7:00 Registration .................................................................................. Atrium

5:00-6:00 Sociological Spectrum Editorial Board Meeting .................. Executive Boardroom I

7:30-9:00 Welcoming Reception ................................................................. Bayou-Levee

Thursday, October 14

7:00-8:00 Small & Community College Breakfast ............................... The Patio Grill

8:00-4:00 Registration .................................................................................. Atrium

8:00-9:30

1.) From the Field: National Minority Male Health Project ................. Mississippi Queen
Session Organizer: Obie Clayton
Presider: Obie Clayton
"Innovative Approaches to Building Community Health Awareness"
   Travis Patton and Obie Clayton
"More than a Haircut: Using Barbershops to Provide Health Services"
   Cubie Bragg and William Battle

2.) Southern University Ronald E. McNair Scholars ......................... Creole
Session Organizer: Alma Thornton
Presider: Veronica Freeman
“The Relationship Between Family Structure, Academic Self-Concept, Student-Professor
   Interactions, and Academic Performance Among African American College Students”
   Destiny A. Jackson
“Silent But Deadly: Klebsiella Pneuminae”
   Kenya Warren
“The Effects of School Gardens on Diet and Obesity in Preadolescent and Adolescent Youth in East Baton Rouge and Surrounding Schools”
   Lyn Zakiyah Hakeem
“The Relationships between Paternal Relationships, Paternal Involvement, Gender Role Identity, and Risky Behavior among Adolescent African American Males”
Leah Peoples

“Single Electron Oxidation of Methionine and Methionine-containing Substrates using Peroxynitrite”
Ashley Wallace and Michelle Claville

“The Relationships between Paternal Relationships, Paternal Involvement, Gender Role Identity, and Risky Behavior among Adolescent African American Males”
Chisolu Isiadinso

“The Affects of ADHD Medication on Children”
Yvonne Johnson
Also Presenting: D. Dejan, R Corbin, J. Jacobs

3.) Oil Disaster....................................................................................................................Delta Queen
Session Organizer: Ashraf M. Esmail
Presider: Ashraf M. Esmail
“Disaster Resilience of Place”
Lisa Eargle, Ashraf M. Esmail, and Jas M. Sullivan

“Negotiated Agency in the Oil Disaster: Responding to Risk and Uncertainty”
Erin Rider

“Community Attachment among Coastal Louisiana Residents and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster”
Troy C. Blanchard and Matthew R. Lee

“Public Health Impacts of Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster on Coastal Louisiana Residents”
Matthew R. Lee and Troy C. Blanchard

4.) Gender and the Workplace.........................................................................................Riverboat
Session Presider: Timothy B. Gongaware

Katie James

“Stay or Leave? Externalization of the Labor Market and its Effects on the Gender Earnings Gap in the U.S.”
Anne-Kathrin Kronberg

“Spouses Negotiating Childcare: Case Studies from Urban India”
Sonali Ghosh

9:45-11:15

5.) From the Field: National Minority Male Health Project....................................Mississippi Queen
Session Organizer: Obie Clayton
Presider: Obie Clayton

"Designing Gender Specific Interventions to Improve College Men's Health"
Shelly Johnson
"Awareness is a Matter of Life: A Proactive Approach to Addressing Men's Health"
Paris Carter

6.) Research in Progress: Exploring and Theorizing About Health and Health Care Disparities
Session Organizers/Presiders: Frances Staten, Alpha Morris, Shawn Comminey and Peter Breaux
Faculty Advisors/Discussants: Lurie Thomason, Marianne Giorlando, Sue Abraham, Lemmy Akoma, J. Russell Willis, Sandra Theus, Deborah Robinson and Carlos Morris
“Measuring Accessibility from Healthy People 2010”
Grambling Health Service Administration Club
“Health Disparities among the Aged Population”
Grambling Social Research Club and Pi Gamma Mu
“Promoting Collaborative Teaching and Research in the Fields of Social/Natural/Applied Sciences to Eliminate Health Care Disparities: A Roundtable Discussion”
Pi Gamma Mu and The Center for Mathematical Achievement in Science and Technology
“Health Problems: Concerns in Louisiana’s Correctional Facilities”
Alpha Phi Sigma and Pi Gamma Mu

7.) Dumping in Dixie
Session Organizer: Tina Deshotels
Presider: Todd Matthews
“Revisiting Dumping in Dixie Twenty Years Later”
Todd Matthews
“Environmental Inequality in the South Then and Now”
Todd Matthews
“Environmental Justice: Inequality in a Small town in Alabama”
Shirley Brown

8.) Gender Research in Progress
Session Organizer: Kim Davies
Presider: Meredith Dye
“Life While Serving Life: The Experiences of Women Serving Time in Prison”
Meredith Dye
“Who are ‘Ghost Brides’: A Case Study of Ghost Marriage in China”
Hua-Lun Huang
“Bourdieu, Mortality, and Gender”
Kristi Stringer

11:30-12:30 Women's Caucus Lunch
The Patio Grill
12:45-2:15
9.) From the Field: National Minority Male Health Project...............................Mississippi Queen
   Session Organizer: Obie Clayton
   Presider: Obie Clayton
   "Family Matters: A Discussion of Insights Gained From a Summer Youth Fitness and Nutrition Program for African American Males"
   Anita Smith Hawkins
   "Evaluating Community Health Interventions"
   Janice Vaughn

10.) Disaster..............................................................................................................Creole
   Session Organizer: K. Brad Ott
   Presider: Nicole Youngman
   “Capitalizing on Disaster: The Closure of New Orleans’ Charity Hospital Following Hurricane Katrina.”
   K. Brad Ott
   “New Orleans’ Post-War Storm”
   Nicole Youngman
   “Understanding Community Vulnerability and Resilience to Disasters through Analysis of Narrative”
   Brenda G. Mason

11.) ASA Workshop....................................................................................................Delta Queen
   Session Organizer: Jean Shin
   “Using ASA’s TRAILS and Exploring Social Networks in the Discipline”

12.) Deviance............................................................................................................Riverboat
   Session Organizer: Keith Durkin
   Presider: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner
   “Dinner & A Movie: The Excuses of Men Arrested in Internet Sex Stings”
   Keith Durkin
   “Deviance in Postindustrial Society: Moral Entrepreneurship, Social Constructionism, and Affronts to Sophisticated Palates of Civilized Expectations”
   C. Eddie Palmer and Clifton D. Bryant
   “Exploring the Characteristics of Adolescents that Engage in Technology Deviance”
   Annie J. Daniel
   “The Import of Studying Bikers: Beyond Nuts, Suts & Peverts”
   James F. Quinn & Craig J. Forsyth

2:30-4:00
13.) From the Field: Dropout Prevention.................................................................Delta Queen
   Session Organizer: David Hunt
   Presenters: David Hunt and Danette McAlexander, M.Ed.
   “Sociologists in Action: Efforts to Improve the Hattiesburg Public School District”
14.) From the Field: The Tulane Rural Immersion Program- An Innovative Community-based Rural Program for 3rd Year Medical Students
* Funded in part by Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation
Co-Session Organizers: Rick Streiffer, Kimberly Williams and Annie Daniel
Presenters: Richard Culbertson, Lou McCormick and Sandy Mudge

15.) Community Dialogue on Health and Social Conditions
Session Organizer: Thomas Durant
Presider: Thomas Durant
Community Representative and Moderator: Alma C. Stewart, RN, M.S., President, Louisiana Center for Health Equity
Facilitators will lead a discussion with interested Louisianans from various sectors on key social issues affecting the health of our communities. The participants and facilitators will propose approaches to better understanding the impact of social determinants of health and finding ways to improve community health in Louisiana. Join this “Sociology in Action” session and share your community-based research expertise.

16.) Breakouts
Facilitator: Sara McAfee
Breakout Moderator, I, II, & III: Jon Epstein
Room 254
I - Research Collaboration
II - The Discipline
III - Sociology in Action

Breakout Moderator, IV: Terrell Hayes
Room 253
IV - Teaching/Learning Exchange

Roundtable I: Service Learning
Room 253
Co-Organizers: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner and DeMond Miller
“Service Learning and the New Millennium: Understanding Pedagogy and Service”

17.) History of MSSA
Session Organizer: Thomas Kersen
Presider: Thomas Kersen

4:15-5:45
18.) Presidential Plenary Session
Bayou-Levee
“Health Disparities and the Affordable Care Act: Opportunities and Challenges”
Rear Admiral Clara H. Cobb, RN, MSN, FNP, Region IV Health Administrator
Rear Admiral Cobb serves as the principal federal public health leader for the eight southeastern states; Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, South Carolina and North Carolina.
5:45-6:30  Memorial for Dr. Clifton D. Bryant and Dr. Larry D. Hall  
Organizer: Keith Durkin .................................................................Bayou-Levee

7:00-9:30  Banquet, Cash Bar, Business Meeting, Presidential Address: Dr. Ollie Christian  
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Friday, October 15

8:00  Student Networking Breakfast ..........................................................Natchez

8:00-4:00  Registration ..................................................................................Atrium

8:00-9:30  
19.) Social Psychology ........................................................................Mississippi Queen  
Session Organizer: Mark Konty  
Presider: David G. LoConto  
“Why is Social Psychology a Sub-Field of Sociology”  
David Michael Orenstein  
“Mind and Society: Do Recent Advances in Evolutionary Psychology Signal the End Times for Sociology?”  
Mark Konty  
“Hitting a Wall: Pragmatism, Epistemology and the Evolution of Thought in Social Psychologies”  
David G. LoConto  
“Optimism and Ecological Footprints”  
Mark Mullen

20.) Health Professions: Regional Health Disparities Track* ......................Delta Queen  
Session Organizer: Christopher Freed  
Presider: Christopher Freed  
“Old Wine in New Bottles: Sociological Insights on Modern Medical Professionalism”  
Christopher Freed  
“The Recent History and Projections of Medical-Related Occupations: 2000-2018”  
Arthur Wilke  
“Thinking Outside the Black Box: The Sociological Implications of Electronic Health Information Exchange”  
Sherrie Drye Cannoy

21.) Negotiating the Health Care System ......................................................Creole  
Session Organizer: Ruth Chananie-Hill  
Presider: Ruth Chananie-Hill  
“Positive Deviance? Female Bodybuilders and Extreme Dieting Practices”  
Ruth Chananie-Hill, Shelly A. McGrath, and Justin Stoll  
Loren Wilbers
“Deaf Queers and the Management of Multiple Spoiled Identities”
   Addrain S. Conyers
“Just a Joke: Humor and Social Order in a Labor & Delivery Unit”
   Amy Chasteen Miller

22.) Sociology of Health and Inequality
    Co-Session Organizer: Ollie G. Christian
    Co-Session Organizer: June Hopps
    “Health issues in Interracial Adoption”
       Kacy Scarsone
    “Fatherless Children in the twenty-first Century”
       Alisha Massey
    “Katrina Evacuees: A Sociological Investigation of Attitudes among Southern University Students”
       Troy Watson
    “Culture and Disparities among Overwhelmed Clients”
       June Hopps

9:45-11:15
23.) From the Field: Pumping Progress through the Pipeline to the Health Professions
    Regional Health Disparities Symposium Track*
    Session Organizer: Hattie Myles
    Presiders: Thkisha Sanogo & Diana Falcon
    “Pipeline to Health Professions”
       Hattie Myles
    “A Student’s View of Educational Pipeline Experiences”
       Alexandria Broadnax and Angelique Brown
    “STARS and STRIPES: Creating Learning Opportunities to Spur Minority Students' Interest in Health Care”
       Judith Burnham

24.) Health and Stress
    Co-Session Organizer: June Hopps
    Co-Session Organizer: Faye Gary
    “Examining the Link between Poor Health and Maladaptive Behavioral Outcomes: A Gendered Examination of General Strain Theory”
       Christopher W. Purser and Timothy E. McClure
    “Depression, Stress, & Health Status as Indicators of Health Disparities”
       Faye Gary
    “We Band of Brothers: Military Friendships, OEF/OIF Deployment, & Family Reintegration”
       Ramon Hinojosa
    “Health Status of the Elderly Population when Formal Social Support is Virtually Nonexistent”
       Syeda S. Jesmin
25.) Attitudes about Race: From Colorblindness to Hate Crimes

Session Organizer: Joyce Shepherd
Presider: Joyce Shepherd

“Black and White TV: Examining Cross-Racial Interactions on Primetime Television”
  Earl S. Mowatt

"Examining Cross-Racial Interactions within a Popular Primetime Television Show."
  Matt Landry

“From Streets to Chatrooms: Does Cyberspace Help Reduce Youth Participation in Hate Activities?”
  Tatiana Poladko Alleyne

26.) Sustainability

Session Organizer: David Burley
Presider: David Burley

“Participatory Sustainability in Southeast Louisiana: Identity Facilitation through Environmental Transformation”
  Natalie Shelton

“Environmental Learning at its Finest: Employing Quasi-Participatory Methodology to Promote Ecological Identity and Awareness among Youth in Southeast Louisiana”
  Jamie Walker

“Environmentalism through Social Learning”
  Christopher Daunis

“Imagination Station: A Sociological Introduction”
  Jessica Cuifi

“The Relationship between Theory and the Notion of Sustainability in Participatory Research and Pedagogy”
  Ken Bolton

27.) Health and Ethnicity

Session Organizer: John Lynxwiler
Presider: Erma Lawson

“Caring for Children with Life Threatening Illnesses: Impact on White, African American and Latino Families”
  Melanie Sberna Hinojosa, Caprice A. Knapp, Vanessa L. Madden, I-Chan Huang, and Elizabeth A. Shenkman

"Heart transplantation, gender comparison of African American lived experiences: A Qualitative study"
  Erma Lawson

“The Homogeneity of Extreme Attitudes among African Americans”
  John Lynxwiler and David Gay

“The Foster Care Population in Louisiana”
  Craig J. Forsyth, Gary Asmus, Kara Farmer, York A. Forsyth, Billy R. Stokes, Ouida F. Forsyth, and Shannon Lasserre-Cortez
11:30-12:30  Minority Caucus Lunch........................................................................................................The Patio Grill

12:45-2:15

28.) From the Field: Educating the Next Generation of Health Care Professionals..................................................................................................................Bayou-Levee

Session Organizer: Dawood Sultan
Presider: Dawood Sultan

“Project LINK-ET: Training Underrepresented Undergraduate Students in Clinical Proteomics as well as Health Disparities and Community Outreach”
  Danyell Wilson, Bin Fang, Joel Aliancy, Nicholas Eustace, Beulah Joseph, Karla Schramm, William S. Dalton, John M. Koomen, and Cathy Meade

“Modeling Cancer Screening and Curative Action Behaviors”
  Dawood H. Sultan & Veronique Etienne

“Positive Peer Pressure”
  Ivonne M. DelValle and Beulah D. Joseph

29.) Undergraduate Paper Session I..........................................................................................Mississippi Queen

Session Organizer: David LoConto
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  Krisitin T. Sloan

30.) Theory........................................................................................................................................Delta Queen

Session Organizer: Stan Hodges
Presider: Stan Hodges

“The Iberian Theory of Violence”
  Stan H. Hodges and Bennie Green

“Materialism in Macrosociology”
  Frank Elwell

“His Last Five Years: Understanding the Conscience of George Herbert Mead”
  David G. LoConto

“The English Working Class, 1790-1840: Three Perspectives”
  Joe L. Smith
31.) **Cross-Cultural Context: Food and Health**

**Session Organizer:** Shanta Sharma  
**Co-Session Organizer:** Lisa Borello

“Learning Cultures through Cooking for World Peace: Raindrop Turkish House Cooking Classes”  
Kinko Ito

“The Meaning of Food in Modern Society in the Context of Health”  
Farah Gilanshah

“Hindu Theory of Food and Health”  
Shanta Sharma

“Maladaptive Eating? Understanding Patients’ Relationship with Food Post-Weight Loss Surgery”  
Lisa Borello

32.) **Teaching Sociology**

**Session Organizer:** Tina Deshotels  
**Presider:** Tina Deshotels

**Session Part I:**

“From the Legislative Chamber to the Classroom”  
Paul Luebke

**Session Part II:**

Teaching Sociology from a Feminist Perspective: Discussion of Strategies, Successes, and Challenges  
Zak Craft and Erin Rider

2:30-4:00

33.) **From the Field: Community Health Advocacy: Sociology Meets Medicine on the Streets of Underserved Communities**

**Regional Health Disparities Track**

**Session Organizer:** Roma Hanks  
**Presiders:** Thkisha Sanogo & Britney Evans

“Implementing a Health Care Curriculum for Community Health Advocates”  
Britney Evans

“Peer Supported Diabetic Self Management Program”  
Barbara Hodnett

“Health, Stress, and Self-Esteem”  
Theresa McPherson

*Panel Discussion: Community Health Advocacy*

Willie Pearl Lewis  
Yolanda Anderson  
Fertina Westry  
Gloria Carter  
Ruth Ballard  
Mary Swint Harris  
Feaunte Preyear
34.) Sociology of Sexualities
    Session Organizer: Tina Deshotels
    Presider: Tina Deshotels
    “McSexy: Exotic Dancing and Institutional Power”
    Tina Deshotels, Mollie Tinney, & Craig Forsyth
    “She Asked For It: An analysis of Rape Myth Acceptance of College Athletes”
    Tina Deshotels, Kim Fleming Wingard & Monica Thompson
    “Hooking Up: An Emotional Analysis”
    Lauren Norman
    “Looking for a Hookup: An Examination of Online Personal Advertisements Soliciting Casual Encounters”
    Chris McDaniel

35.) Undergraduate Paper Session II
    Session Organizer: David LoConto
    Presider/Discussant: Erin Rider
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    Devon Tyrone Wade
    “Loose Threads: Influences on Drug Abuse”
    Jonathan Bennett

36.) Narrative Research
    Session Organizer: Jackie Eller
    Presider: Jackie Eller
    “The ECT Chronicles: An Autoethnographic Journey through Electroconvulsive Therapy”
    Ayumi Fukuda
    “Being There and Waiting for News: An autoethnographic analysis of being the partner of an intensive care patient”
    Jackie Eller
    “Perceptions of Health and Illness among Hispanic Mothers”
    Felicia M. Brown
    “Narratives of Single Mothers Pursuing Higher Education”
    Lisa Walker

37.) Work-Family
    Session Organizer: Robert Lawrence Johnston
    Presider: Robert Lawrence Johnston
“Gender and Income in Married Dual-Earner Couples: Psychological Effects when Perceived Roles Don’t Match Reality”
Curtis H. Fease

“Women Doctorates in Science and Engineering: An Examination of Marital Trends in Select Fields”
Yu Tao and Lisa Borello

“Work-Family Conflict and Facilitation: Causes (Work, Family, Individual Demands & Resources) and Consequences (Social and Emotional Well-Being)”
Robert L. Johnston and Kristen N. Young

“Work and Personal/Family Life Balance: Consequences for Social, Physical, and Mental Well-Being”
Julie A. Hudson and Robert L. Johnston

4:15-5:45

38.) Breakouts .......................................................................................................................Mississippi Queen
Facilitators: Adam Vietch and Justin Dykes
Moderator, I & II: Jon Epstein
Moderator, III & IV: Terrell Hayes
  I - Research Collaboration
  II - The Discipline
  III - Teaching/Learning Exchange
  IV - Sociology in Action
  V - Students Doing Sociology
    A. Sociology Club Jacksonville State University – Rebecca Mayhan & Caleb Greene
    B. WISE – Mollie Tinney & Erin Robinson
    C. MTSU Lambda – Zak Craft

39.) Methods in Community-Based Health Research.......................................................Room 253
  Regional Health Disparities Track*
  Session Organizer: Kenneth Hudson
  Presider: Kenneth Hudson
  “How Do You Do It? Methodological Questions, Challenges, and Ideas in Researching Health Disparities”
  Kenneth Hudson
  “Research Issues and Methods in Federal Healthcare Research”
  James B. Kirby
  “National Children’s Study Presentation”
  Stephanie M. McClure

40.) Health & Place................................................................................................................Creole
  Session Organizer: Wesley James
  Presider: Dawood H. Sultan
“Zip Code Racial Composition, Socioeconomic Structure and the Spatial Accessibility of Healthy Foods Stores in Metropolitan Tampa”
Dawood H. Sultan

“An Adaptive Model for Health Disparities at the Ecological Level”
Jeremy R. Porter

“Perspectives of Refugee Resettlement Experiences in Middle Tennessee”
Kamryn Warren

41.) Crime
Session Organizer: Rhonda Evans
Presider: Rhonda Evans
“Challenging the Assumptions of Human Nature in Criminological Theory and Policy”
Mark Konty
“Using the Subculture of Violence as Mitigation in Criminal Cases”
Craig J. Forsyth
“Responses of Undergraduate Students to a Domestic Violence Awareness Initiative.”
Rhonda Evans
“Marijuana Markets in the Czech Republic and in the U.S. - different drug policy approaches and harms”
Tomas Zabransky, Vendula Belackova, & Christian Vaccaro

42.) Sociology of Education
Session Organizer: Michael J. Adam and Gregory Washington
Presider: Frederique Knottnerus
“Activities, Attitudes, and Attainment: Extracurricular Participation and the Leading Crowd Effect in High Poverty Schools”
Jason M. Smith
“Examining Regional Trends in Homeschooling Methods and Resources”
Daly Henning
“Planting Seeds: The Role of Activism in a Substantive Structured Environmental Education”
Donovon K. Ceaser

6:00-7:00

43.) Distinguished Panel – Health Disparities from Medical and Sociological Perspectives
Regional Health Disparities Track*
Errol D. Crook and Marino Bruce

7:00-8:30 President’s Reception

8:30-10:30 MSSA Social
Saturday, October 16

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44.) Roundtable I: Social Networks and Health..............................................................Creole
      Organizer: Ollie Christian
      Participants: Chanika Jones, Claire Norris, June Hopps, Adrian Anderson & Thomas Durant
      “Caring and Culture in Overwhelmed and Affluent Populations”

45.) Breakouts.....................................................................................................................Delta Queen
      Facilitator: Michelle Williams
      I - Research Collaboration
      II - The Discipline
      III - Teaching/Learning Exchange
      IV - Sociology in Action

46.) Regional Health Disparities Track*: Reflections and Future Collaborations...........................................Mississippi Queen
      Session Organizers: Britney Evans & Diana Falcon
      Presider: Thkisha Sanogo
      “Forging the Future in Community-Based Interdisciplinary Research and Education on Health Disparities”
      Open discussion for all RHDT and From the Field participants

47.) Rural Sociology............................................................................................................Riverboat
      Session Organizer: Heather Kindell
      Presider: Oleg Stakhanov
      “Rural Women, Anti-poverty Strategies, and Black Feminist Though”
      Adele N. Norris
      “The Mediating and Moderating Effects of Perceived Stress, Selected Socioeconomic and Demographic Factors on Livelihoods Diversification in Eastern Ghana”
      Oleg Stakhanov
      “Residential Segregation of China’s Minority Nationalities from the Han”
      Danielle Xiaodan Deng

48.) Homicide Studies........................................................................................................Bayou-Levee
      Session Organizer: John Boulahanis
      Presider: Michael Bisciglia
      “The Floater Effect and Lethal Violence: An Analysis of the Impact of Institutionally Disengaged Youth on Homicide Subtypes”
      Shaun A. Thomas & Vakeyia Dulaney
“Ethnic Segregation of Hispanics and Its Impact on Hispanic Homicide: Using the Index of Qualitative Segregation as a Measure of Within Ethnicity Segregation”
Michael Biscigilia

“Newspaper Reporting of Homicide Cases: A Chicago and New Orleans Comparison”
John G. Boulahanis and Jessica Darbonne

9:45 – Executive Council II.................................................................Executive Boardroom I

10:00-11:30

49.) Sociology of Religion.................................................................Mississippi Queen
Session Organizer: Thomas Durant
Presider: Thomas Durant
“Giving It to God: Understanding Personal Change in a Faith Based Transitional Center”
Ariana Mishay Stone
“Race, Ethnicity and Religion”
Stephen Finley
“Intersections between Religion, Race, and Crime: Challenges of Operationalizing Religiosity”
Joe L. Smith
“Religious Women and Homosexuality: A Denominational Breakdown”
Mandi Barringer
“The Influence of Religiosity on Delinquency during Adolescence”
Brittany Murray

50.) Inequality and Health...............................................................Creole
Session Organizer: Wesley James
Presider: Wesley James
“The Role of County-Level Inequality and Health Infrastructure in Predicting Individual Odds of Death: An HLM Analysis”
Wesley James
“Macro-Level Influences of Income on Individual Mortality Risk”
Lynne Cossman and Wesley James
“Revisiting the Hispanic Paradox”
Larissa Rutherford
“Impact of Racial Residential Segregation on Infant Mortality: An Odds Analysis”
Rachel Kannady

51.) Sociology of Sport.................................................................Delta Queen
Session Organizer: Angela Ware
Presider: Angela Ware
“BIRGing and CORFing Among Male and Female Sports Fans”
Angela Ware and Gregory S. Kowalski
“Sport Fan Identification and Level of Fan Involvement”
Gregory S. Kowalski and Angela Ware

“It’s Just Kickball!” Or is it? Tensions between Gender Equality, Competition, and Masculinity in a Co-ed Kickball League”
Brett Lehman

“Sex Identity and Fan Motivation: Exploratory Analysis of Male and Female Sport Spectators”
Stacie Moss, Angela Ware, and Gregory S. Kowalski

52.) Rituals
Session Organizer: David Knottnerus
Presider: Frederique Van de Poel-Knottnerus
“Constructing Multi-Ritual Identity: Ritualized Practices among First-Generation Asian Indian Americans”
Basudhara Sen and J. David Knottnerus

“When Rites May be Right: Women in Concentration Camps”
Frederique Van de Poel-Knottnerus

53.) Gender and Media
Session Organizer: Sarah Becker
Presider: Sarah Becker
“Post-Feminism for Children: Exploring Parallel Feminist/Post-Feminist Themes in Bratz and Sex and the City”
Sarah Becker, Wendy Braun, and Danielle Thomas

“Gender Representations in Oscar Winning Movies: the Damsel in Distress”
E. Holly Watts

Film Screening
Co-session Organizers: Katherine Warren and Carey Driskell
Presider: Carey Driskell
“The Codes of Gender: Identity and Performance in Popular Culture”
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Lobby
J  Front Desk
K  Gift Shop
L  Executive Offices
M  Chairman's Library