The 37th Annual Meetings

Southern Exceptionalism: The Good, The Bad and the "Peculiar"

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About the Mid-South Sociological Association

Purpose
The Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) is a nonprofit professional organization that promotes the study and understanding of sociological and related issues and problems. Professional interests include crime, aging, deviance, demography, environment, family, education, race and ethnic relations, religion, global and community development, occupations, health, inequality, gender, corrections, community, political economy, science and technology, urban/rural, law, ecology, and others.

Membership
The membership comprises sociologists and other social scientists who come from colleges and universities, various levels of government, and nonprofit social agencies. Membership policy imposes no geographical restrictions. All professionals with interests in sociological and social science topics are welcome as members. Payment of the annual dues for regular membership includes subscriptions to the journal, Sociological Spectrum, and the Forum newsletter.

Meetings
Membership in the MSSA and participation in annual meetings offer advantages to sociologists, social scientists, related professionals, and students of sociology. These advantages include exposure to current research on various social topics with opportunities for interactions, networking, and engagement in dialogue on social research issues and problems of mutual interest. The meetings provide a medium for dialogue on research and professional development issues of concern to the discipline and the larger community. Meetings of the MSSA are held annually and are hosted by colleges and universities in different states in the mid-South region.

Publications
The scholarly, refereed journal, Sociological Spectrum, is published six times per year. Manuscripts are submitted to the editor and then enter the review process. Articles focusing on the sociological analysis of various social conditions, problems, issues, and solutions in the United States and abroad are welcome. Forum, the MSSA newsletter, is published twice each year and focuses on news events and affairs of the MSSA.
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Local Arrangements
Shaun Thomas, University of Arkansas, Little Rock
Wednesday, October 26

3:00-5:00
Executive Council I
Boardroom

5:00-7:00
Registration
Second Floor Lobby

5:30-6:30
Sociological Spectrum Board Meeting
Boardroom

7:00-10:00
Welcoming Reception
Presidential Suite
Sponsored by Taylor & Francis Publishers

Thursday, October 27

8:00-4:00
Registration
Second Floor Lobby

8:00-3:30
Coffee Break Room
Salon B

8:30-10:00

Session 1: Political and Social Movements
Salon A
Presider: Ruth Chananie-Hill, University of Northern Iowa

Effects of Social Movement and Institutional Networks on University Diversity Policies, Initiatives, and Culture
Ruth Chananie-Hill, University of Northern Iowa

An Evaluation of Objectives, Audience, and Processes of St. Tammany Toys for Tots of Slidell
Danielle Stark, Southeastern Louisiana University

Implications for Social Capital and Collective Action Theories: Political Participation via Social Media
Janna Garrett, University of Texas at Dallas

Gold Dreams, Gold Nightmares: The Social Construction of Inflation as Legitimation Crisis
Adam Rafalovich
Session 2: Cultural Production
Riverside West
Presider: Tina H. Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

Holla if ya hear me: Using Rap Music to Understand Social Inequality
Ashish Patel, University of Central Florida

Media Portrayals of Women in the U.S. Peace Movement
Maya Lemon and Lisa Leitz, Hendrix College

Celebrity Nation and an Adolescent Culture
Lillian Daughaday, Murray State

Pet Cemeteries: A Study of Anthropomorphism
Tiffany Gadberry and James Gadberry, Athens State University

Session 3: Theory
Palisades
Presider: Stan Hodges, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

On Collective Effervescence: Same Ritual Outcomes, New Ritual Ingredients
Brian Morris, Louisiana State University

Leviathan Revisited
Frank W. Elwell, Rogers State University

Contested Fields: Exploring the Role of Cultural Capital and Habitus Among Dominant and Non-Dominant Social Groups
Adriana Nunez, Georgetown College

Attitudes towards Iberian Violence
Stan Hodges and Bernie Green, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Session 4: Higher Ed Culture
Riverside East
Presider: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

The Culture of Violence in Higher Education: Resource, Restructuring, and Building Trauma Resilient Learning Communities in Higher Education
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Richmond Mayo-Smith and the Shaping of Academic Sociology in the United States
David Michael Orenstein, Wright State University

Student Voices Study
Daniel Orser, Southeastern Social Science Research Center/Southeastern Louisiana University

Assessing the Field of Journalism Education: Recommendations for Serving Local Communities and What it Can Mean for a Public Sociology
Jason Smith, George Mason University
Session 5: Constructing Gender Narratives
Presider: Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University

Interaction Ritual in Gender Socialization
Krystal Lawson, Texas Tech University

Living in Vagina Land: An Analysis of the Impact of the Vagina Monologues on Participants
Tina Deshotels and Erin Robinson, Jacksonville State University

Birthing Resistance: The Social Construction of Homebirth in Oklahoma
Katie Worman Ross, Oklahoma State University

Motherhood and the Dating Question: An Exploration
Kimberly P. Brackett, Auburn University at Montgomery

Session 6: Law and Politics
Presider: David LoConto, Jacksonville State University

Tribal Law and Restoring Peace in Society: the Case of ‘Al-jala’ in Jordan
Madalla A. Alibeli, University of Louisiana at Monroe

Undermining Social Capital: Using the Philosophies of George Herbert Mead and Adolf Hitler to Understand Recent American Political Speeches.
David LoConto, Jacksonville State University

Locating Place in Texas: Constructing Moral and Legal Identities in Death Penalty Trials
Robin Conley, Marshall University

Session 7: Medical Sociology
Presider: John C. Kilburn, Texas A&M International University

The Health Status of Hispanics: An Exploratory Study of Health and Behavior Among Webb County Youth
Diana Carreon, Texas A&M International University

Crossing the Border for Health Care: Only for the Poor and Uninsured?
Gabriela M. León, Texas A&M International University

Social Capital and Health in South African Youth
Blakelee Kemp, Texas Tech University

From Charlatans to Demigods: Status and Power in the Profession of Medicine
Kenneth E. Lawson, Texas Tech University
Session 8: Race and Ethnicity
Presider: Jeff Nash, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The Alternative Lending Industry’s Association with African American Neighborhoods
Lonnie Hannon III, Tuskegee University

The L-Store: The Social Functions of a Retail Liquor Store in an African-American Neighborhood
Toby Daughtery and Jeff Nash, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Obesity in Mexican-American Adults: Interplay of Immigrant Generation, Gender and Socioeconomic Status
Igor Ryabov, University of Texas-Pan American

The Effect of Socio-Political Beliefs on African American Health
Kristie J. Lipford, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Panel 1: Southern Exceptionalism and Community Sociology

Melissa S. Fry
Applied Research and Education Center, Indiana University Southeast

David W. Sink
William J. Clinton School of Public Service, University Arkansas at Little Rock

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner
Johnson C Smith University

DeMond S. Miller
Rowan University

12:00-1:30

Caucus Luncheons

Minority Caucus
Women’s Caucus
Community and Small Colleges Caucus
1:45-3:15

Session 9: Social Identities  
Salon C
Presider: Timothy B. Gongaware, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Creativity, Socialization, and Entertainment: The Role of Fanwork in Fandom  
Katharine Pettit, Western Kentucky University

To Have and To Toke: A Qualitative Study of Marijuana Use and Relationships  
Jessica L. Sparks, Mississippi State University

Grassroots Associations and Collective Identity: Establishing Unity and Continuity in a Sailing Club  
Timothy B. Gongaware, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Session 10: Poverty and Power(lessness)  
Salon A
Presider: Peter Shrock, Southeastern Louisiana University

Isolation In Alabama: The Linkage Between Poverty And Transportation Infrastructure In The Black Belt  
Derrick Shapley, Mississippi State University

Counts In Time: Rural Homelessness  
Erica Dickerson and Erin Matheny, Southeastern Louisiana University

Moving Up: Urban Poor and Pathways to Success  
Ranita Ray, University of Connecticut

Claims-Making as Class Power  
Peter Shrock, Southeastern Louisiana University

Session 11: Racism and Racial Inequality  
Palisades
Presider: Carl L. Bankston III, Tulane University

Booker T. Washington and the Self-Made Man in the Segregated South  
Carl L. Bankston III, Tulane University

Dead Lawmen, Live Racism: Colorblind Racism and Double Consciousness in Fort Smith, Arkansas  
Daniel Maher, University of Arkansas-Fort Smith

Racial Displacement in Post-Katrina New Orleans  
Jessica W. Pardee and Monica Moore, Rochester Institute of Technology

School Desegregation: A Case Study of a School Board’s Actions in South Louisiana  
Tracy Rathbun and Bonnie Lewis, Southeastern Louisiana University
Session 12: Micro-Social Institutions  
Riverside East
Presider: Russell P.D. Burton, Kansas City Kansas Community College

"An intersectional analysis of women's empowerment: A case study of small business owners"
Adele N. Norris, University of Arkansas
Anthony Justin Barnum, Howard University

The Use of Morita, Naikan and Buddhist Psychotherapies in Foster Care: Exploring the Role of Socially Based Identities and Images as Social Psychological Motives in Creating More Productive Lines of Action for Foster Children
Russell P.D. Burton, Kansas City Kansas Community College

A Social-Historical View of a Social Institution: Pawnbroking
Noel Citizen and Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana Lafayette
James F. Quinn, University of North Texas
York A. Forsyth, University of New Orleans

Session 13: Violence  
Riverside West
Presider: John G. Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

Examining Exceptional Clearances: A Spatial Distribution of Chicago Homicides
John G. Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

Structured Ritualization and Mass Homicide: Linking Ritualized Symbolic Events to Multiple Murder
Jason S. Ulsperger and Tammi Tryon, Arkansas State University

Can I Depend on My Neighbor? An Analysis of Intimate Partner Violence and Collective Efficacy
Suzanne Caplinger, University of Kentucky

3:30-5:00  
Session 14: The Impact of Gender and Race as Master Statuses in Social Settings  
Palisades
Presider: David C. May, Eastern Kentucky University

The Evolution of a Typology: Women in Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs
James F. Quinn, University of North Texas
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana Lafayette

Adolescent Binge Drinking and Alcohol Use: Variations Across Race and Socialization Domains
John Toth, University of Central Arkansas

Racial Disparity in Out-of-School Suspension in Kentucky: Causes, Consequences, and Cures
David C. May and Corrie Rice, Eastern Kentucky University
George Higgins, University of Louisville
Session 15: Ethnicity and Race: From Theory to Teaching
Presider: Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

Rental and Ethnic Identity: A Theoretical Analysis
Basudhara Sen and J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

The Ainu People of Japan
Kinko Ito, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Why, Where and How to Incorporate the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory into the Sociology Curriculum
Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

Teaching Research Methods through Service Learning: Embedding Segregation into the Mix
Bonnie Lewis, Southeastern Social Science Research Center, Southeastern Louisiana University
Tracy Rathbun and Daniel Orser, Southeastern Louisiana University

Session 16: Sociology of Religion
Presider: John P. Lynxwiler, University of Central Florida

The Influence of Religiosity on Obesity Among Middle and Low Income African American Single Mothers
Annice Yarber and Sharri Byron, Auburn University at Montgomery

The Sociology of Youth Ministry Amidst the Culture of Violence
David L. Briscoe, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Spiritual, But Not Religious vs. Spiritual and Religious: An Examination of Differences in Social Attitudes
David A. Gay and John P. Lynxwiler, University of Central Florida
Donavan Bowers, Florida State University

Warriors of Faith: A Comparative Study of Religious Terrorism
Jared Matthew Wright, University of Houston

Session 17: Inequality and Its Discontents
Presider: Claire Norris, Xavier University of Louisiana

The Anniston Study: Chemical Weapons Incineration and the Negotiation of Risk
Ross Jeremy, Oklahoma State University

Between Colorblind and Colorconscious: A Shifting of Racial Images in Contemporary Hollywood Film
Jason Smith, George Mason University

Social Disconnectedness And Health: An Examination Of Social Isolation And Its Effects On Distress In Women Across Race
Claire Norris and Brittney Lewis, Xavier University of Louisiana

Liberal Tolerance among Honors College Students Revisited
Gordon Shepherd, University of Central Arkansas
Gary Shepherd, Oakland University-Michigan
Session 18: Sociology of Work
Presider: Terrell A. Hayes, High Point University

The Housing Market and Employability in 34 Metropolitan Areas
Arthur S. Wilke Auburn University

Censuring the Corporate University: A Case Study of Southern Colleges and Universities from 2001-2011
Terrell A. Hayes, High Point University

The Power of Medicine: An investigation into organizational practices within GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals
Damian Lara, Sam Houston State University

The Contested Meaning and Place of Feral Cats in the Workplace
Carol Thompson, Texas Christian University

Panel 2: The Sociological Contributions of Clifton D. Bryant
Boardroom
Organizer and Presider: J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr.
University of Wisconsin Eau-Clare

Discussant: Keith F. Durkin
Ohio Northern University

Donald R. South
University of South Alabama

Dennis R. McSeveney
University of New Orleans

Mark Konty
Rogue Scholar

5:00-7:00   After-hours Tour of the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library

Public transportation is available in front of the hotel.

Cost is $3 entry to the museum.

Grab some dinner and music on your way back to the hotel and enjoy Little Rock’s lively downtown.
Friday, October 28

7:00-8:30  Student Breakfast  Plaza Grille
Sponsored by the American Sociological Association, a free breakfast for all graduate and undergraduate students.

8:30-10:00  Session 20:  Student Research  Palisades
Presider: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C Smith University

Chronic Illness and Mental Health Underutilization in African-Americans: A Labeling Theory Perspective
Matthew Bennett, Middle Tennessee State University

Pet/Owner Relationships
Bridgette Senez, Florida State University

Teachers' Perceptions of Indirect Bullying
Megan A. Coplan, University of South Florida

A Discourse on the Clashing of Gender Performance across Various Eastern and Western Cultures: A Literature Review
Laurence Tumpag, Middle Tennessee State University

A Theoretical Approach of Understanding the Impact of Rehabilitation and Recidivism: Does Rehabilitation Matter?
Leslie Mcmilian Johnson C. Smith University

A Qualitative Review of Parental Alienation by Way of Incarceration
Allanda Jernigan, Johnson C. Smith University

Session 21: Doing Gender  Salon A
Presider: Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University

The Usage of Facial Features in Gender Categorization
Joshua Simpkins, University of Central Florida

The Effect of Family Background, Religion, and Gender Role Orientation on Expectations for Cohabitation and Marriage
Hannah Quarles, Brian Walker, Kimberly Foley, Nancy Sonleitner, David Foley and Sara Hill
University of Tennessee Martin

Southern College Students' Perceptions of Gender Differences and Sexuality in Sports: A Sociological Exploration
Laura Bullinger, Dustin Domangue, Jessica LaFosse and Karli Sherman
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Doing Dominant Hair: How Hair Constructs Gender, Race and Class Privilege
Tina Deshotels, Erik Smith and DaJuan Ferrell, Jacksonville State University
**Session 22: Critical Issues in Women's Adjustment to Life in Prison**
Riverside West
Presider: Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

- **Correlates of Pre-Prison and Current Suicide Ideation among Female Lifers**
  Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

- **Religiousness and Spirituality in the Lives of Incarcerated Women Serving Life**
  Ron Aday and Jordan Campbell, Middle Tennessee State University

- **Pathways to Prison Adjustment among Older Women**
  Lori Farney, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

- **The Effect of Family Support on Disciplinary Infractions Among Women Serving Life Sentences**
  Stacy L. Angus and Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

**Session 23: Culture, Food and Religion**
Riverside East
Presider: Shanta Sharma

- **The Presentation of Food**
  Dana Fennell and Henry Hirdes, University of Southern Mississippi

- **Does Religious Group Affiliation Affect Outlook on Homosexual Marriage in the United States?**
  Megan C. Holston, The University of Houston

- **Religion and Ethics: Diversity of Food**
  Westerhof, Caroline, Kaplan University, New York

10:15-11:45
Panel 3: History of the MSSA
Riverside West

- Thomas M. Kersen
  Jackson State University

- Thomas Durant
  Louisiana State University

- Dennis McSeveney
  University of New Orleans

- Dennis Peck
  University of Alabama

- Gary Stokley
  Louisiana Tech University
A Conversation with 2012 ASA President Erik Olin Wright

Diversity in American sociology, The ASA, Real Utopias, and Anything-else-you-want-to-discuss
Erik Olin Wright, University of Wisconsin-Madison

12:00-2:00
Mid-South Sociological Association Banquet, Awards and Business Meeting
Ballroom

2:00-3:45
President’s Panel

Southern Exceptionalism: The Good, The Bad and the “Peculiar”
Presider: Mark Konty, Rogue Scholar

Two Examples of Southern Exceptionalism
David Newcomb, Rogers State University

Pageant Subculture in the South
Shelby Pannell Longard, Belmont University

Southern Exceptionalism in the Windy City: Hank Williams Village and the Struggle Against Displacement in Uptown
Roger Guy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

The End Of North Carolina Exceptionalism?: The New Republican Legislature And Growing Social Inequality
Paul Luebke, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Literary Archetypes and neo-Confederate Views of Southern Identity
Kevin Hicks, Alabama State University

4:00-5:30
Plenary Address

The South and the Neo-Confederate Hate Movement
Heidi Beirich
Director of Research
Southern Poverty Law Center

6:00-9:00
Presidents’ Reception
Saturday, October 29

8:30-10:00
Executive III

8:30-9:30
ASA Professional Workshop
Palisades

Gender, Race and Mentoring Minority PhDs
Jean Shin, American Sociological Association

9:45-11:15
Session 24: Informal Social Control
Riverside West
Presider: Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State Univ.

Sex, Gender and Sexuality of University Students
Marc Matre, University of South Alabama

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Utilization:
A Gender Focused Analysis of Stigma as a Treatment Barrier
Kristi Stringer, University of Alabama, Birmingham

Hooking Up in the South: Men, Women and Drinking
Lauren Norman, Middle Tennessee State University

Neosociality and Social Control in Online Gaming
G. Eric Latham Jr., Western Kentucky University

Session 25: Food and Health
Riverside East
Presider: Sharma Shanta, Henderson State University

The Impact of Food in Our Everyday Life from a Sociological Perspective
Farah Gilanshah, University of Minnesota – Morris

Beyond Sushi and Tempura: Cultural and Social Implications of Japanese Cuisine
Kinko Ito, University of Little Rock

Vegetarian Food and Health
Shanta Sharma, Henderson State University

Arkansas TEA and Non-TEA Clients Health
Joyce Shepherd, Henderson State University
Session 26: Social Movements and Collective Action
Presider: DeMond S. Miller, Rowan University

Sustaining Socio-Cultural Capital in Parallel Public Spheres: Indignatos and the Dimension of Space and Place
Sotiris Xtouris, University of the Aegean
DeMond S. Miller, Rowan University

When Rites May be Right: The Mothers of Plaza de Mayo
Frédérique Van de Poel-Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

Theorizing Issue Selection in Advocacy Organizations: A Comparative Analysis of Activism around Darfur and the Congo, 1998-2010
Jonathan Coley, Vanderbilt University

Cultural Competency, African American Privacy Perceptions, and Electronic Health Information Exchange in North Carolina
Sherrie Drye Cannoy, North Carolina A&T State University

Session 27: Potpourri
Presider: Russell P.D. Burton, Kansas City Kansas Community College

Morita Therapy and its Application to the Human Services Field
Justin Spiehs, Washburn University

The Governing of Thought: Beyond Standardized Proficiency in the Classroom
Lucia Baez, Florida International University

Exploratory Study on Population Change in the State of Georgia
Young Bin Lim, Mississippi State University

11:30-1:00

Dynamics of (In)Equalities: The South and the Rest
Göran Therborn
University of Cambridge

2:00-4:00
Guided Tour of Little Rock High
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- Application deadline is January 31st; notifications are made by April 30th.
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