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Wednesday, October 23
3:00pm - 5:00pm  MSSA Executive Council Meeting  COURTLAND
6:00pm - 8:00pm  Registration Table Open
7:00pm - 9:00pm  MSSA Welcoming Reception  PIEDMONT

Thursday, October 24
7:00am - 8:30am  Graduate Program Sponsored Free Breakfast  PONCE I & II
8:00am - 5:30pm  Registration Table Open
8:30am - 10:00am
1  Healthcare Services and Health Disparities I  COURTLAND
2  Contemporary Immigration Patterns  ELLIS
3  Society and Animals  MONROE
4  Gender  SPRING
5  Horror Stories: Tips on How to Successfully Procure Tenure and Promotion  PONCE III
6  Students of Color at PWIs (Predominantly White Institutions) and the Role of HBCUs to Black Progress and Empowerment  PIEDMONT
10:15am - 11:45am
7  Healthcare Services and Health Disparities II  COURTLAND
8  Post-Racial Society? Race and Racism in Modernity  ELLIS
9  Global Sociology: Global Processes / Local Impacts  MONROE
10  Gender, Race and Crime I  SPRING
11  Doing Ethnography  PONCE III
12:00pm - 1:00pm  Lunch Break
   Women's Caucus Lunch Meeting  PONCE III
1:00pm - 2:30pm
13  Technology Across the Life Course  COURTLAND
14  From Both Sides of the Fence (Part 1) - Student experiences with undergraduate qualitative field research methods  ELLIS
15  Anarchist Sociology: Theory and Practice  MONROE
16  Contemporary Immigration Patterns II  SPRING
17  Discussion: Negotiating the Emotions of Graduate School  PONCE III
18  Gender, Race and Crime II  PIEDMONT
2:45pm - 4:15pm
19  Panel: Police Malfeasance and Use of Excessive force: What are the solutions?  COURTLAND
20  From Both Sides of the Fence (Part 2) - Approaches to teaching qualitative field research methods  ELLIS
21  Gender Research in Progress I  MONROE
22  Crime and Deviance  SPRING
23  Workshop: The publishing game: 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration  PONCE III
24  Undergraduate Paper Competition Presentations I  PIEDMONT
4:30pm - 6:00pm  AKD Symposium on Teaching and Learning
6:00pm - 8:00pm  Presidential Reception
Friday, October 25

7:00am - 8:30am  ASA-AKD Sponsored Free Breakfast  
                  Small & Community College Meeting 
                  PONCE I & II 

8:00am - 4:30pm  Registration Table Open 

8:30am - 10:00am AKD Symposium on Teaching and Learning 

10:15am - 11:45am 

25 Health and Aging  

26 Gender and Social Deviance: Narrative constructions and resistance  

27 Action Sociology  

28 Gender Research in Progress II  

29 Social Theory  

30 Religion and Deviance  

PONCE III 

12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch Break 

Minority Caucus Lunch Meeting  

1:00pm - 2:30pm Plenary Speaker - Dr. Rob Benford  

PIEDMONT 

2:45pm - 4:15pm 

31 Education, Science, and Social Justice  

32 Environmental Sociology  

33 Visual Sociology  

34 Gender and Social Deviance: Managing Violence and Aggression  

35 Workshop: The Importance of Mentoring and Networks in Graduate School and the Early Career  

36 Undergraduate Paper Competition Presentations II  

PONCE III 

4:30pm - 6:00pm 

37 Sociology of Social Technology  

38 FILM: Standing on My Sister's Shoulders  

39 Sociology of The Family I  

40 Sociology of Education and Youth  

41 Research Seeds  

42 Graduate Student Paper of Distinction Papers  

PIEDMONT 

6:00pm - 8:00pm MSSA Annual Awards Banquet  

8:00pm - 9:00pm MSSA Membership Business Meeting  

9:00pm - ?? Mississippi State Party  

Presidential Suite

Saturday, October 26

7:00am - 8:30am  SSSI Sponsored Free Breakfast  
                  PONCE I & II 

8:00am - 10:45am Registration Table Open 

8:30am - 10:00am 

43 Microsociology  

44 Problems and Solutions in Higher Education  

45 Sociology of The Family II  

46 Studies in Technology Use  

47 Potpourri  

COURTLAND 

10:15am - 11:45am 

48 Sociology of Propaganda and Emotions  

49 Contemporary Theory  

50 Experiences in School  

51 Homicide Studies  

52 Sociology of Housing and Food  

53 Aging in the 21st Century  

PONCE III 

12:00pm - 2:30pm MSSA Executive Council Meeting  

COURTLAND
J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr.  (1939-2013)  MSSA President 1999-2000

J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr., Professor Emeritus of Sociology and former coordinator of family studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire died on September 1, 2013 in Austin, Texas. For the past four decades, Dr. Davidson’s research has contributed to our understanding of a wide range of topics in marriage and family, especially around sexuality and intimacy.

Dr. Davidson was raised in Martinez, Georgia. After receiving a teaching diploma at Augusta State College, Ken graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Master of Arts in Sociology. He went on to earn his PhD in Sociology from the University of Florida where he worked with Felix Berardo.

His 40 year teaching career began at Augusta State College. After spending 2 years teaching at Indiana University-South Bend, Ken and his family moved to Eau Claire, WI where he had a 30 year career at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Ken retired as Professor Emeritus of Sociology.

Dr. Davidson began studying human sexuality in the 1960s while teaching at Augusta State College and serving as a research instructor and survey consultant in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical College of Georgia, commencing the lifelong focus of his work throughout his career and even into retirement. In addition to his more than 80 research publications, Dr. Davidson co-authored numerous textbooks in the areas of sociology, marriage and family, and human sexuality. Dr. Davidson was recognized as a Certified Family Life Educator by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) in 1989. In 2005, Dr. Davidson was awarded Fellow status in NCFR, “an honor awarded to relatively few living members on the basis of their outstanding contributions to family science … that have broad impact on the field and are enduring over time.”

In 2005 the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction at Indiana University acquired the lifelong collection of research files and scholarly work on human sexuality compiled by Dr. Davidson and his collaborator, Nelwyn B. Moore, Professor Emerita, Texas State University-San Marcos. The archive contains more than 10,000 articles on human sexuality. The head of the library at the Kinsey Institute noted,

For the past four decades, their research contributions covered a wide range of topics, from studies on sexual emotions to sexual relations and knowledge of marriage and family."  "The Institute library aims to acquire, organize, preserve as well as provide access to human sexuality resources and is visited by students and scholars of sexuality from all over the world. The Davidson/Moore collection will expand and enhance our collecting scope, and we are very pleased that they have decided to deposit their lifelong collection with the Kinsey Institute.

Throughout his career, Dr. Davidson was the consummate servant-leader. He was active in the American Sociological Association, the Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, the Midwest Sociological Society, the National Council on Family Relations, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, the Southern Sociological Society, the Texas Council on Family Relations, and the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Dr. Davidson served as President of the Mid-South Sociological Association and as President of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society that has named its Distinguished Service Award in his honor.

In addition to his ambitious scholarly agenda and his devotion to professional service, Ken always had time to lend a nonjudgmental ear and to extend professional guidance. For those of us fortunate to have served with him (including many women navigating the academy), Ken was a gracious and just-plain-kind support, but also a reminder of the importance of generous gatekeepers who open opportunities to the next generation. Fortunate among us are those who counted Ken as “family,” celebrating marriages, births, graduations, and the other rites of passage of family life with this gentleman.

Our colleague and friend is survived by his two sons John Kenneth Davidson, Jr. (Houston, Texas) and Stephen Wood Davidson (Atlanta, Georgia), as well as John’s wife Emmy Davidson and grandsons John Kenneth (Jake) Davidson III and William Laughlin (Will) Davidson (Houston).

Meg Wilkes Karraker (Professor of Sociology, University of St. Thomas)
Dennis R. McSeveney (Associate Provost Emeritus and Professor Emeritus, University of New Orleans)
Why an M.A. in Sociology?

The common core of sociological careers: Practice, Research, and Teaching

Practicing sociologists have developed skills that are attractive in today's marketplace: written and oral communication skills, knowledge of social behavior, organizational structure and dynamics; the ability to assess problems, design research, conduct analyses, and provide solutions; the ability to write and administer grants; the ability to direct programs and plan and implement social policy. Therefore, beyond the intrinsic value of educating oneself as to the workings of society, the M.A. degree may serve as professional training for students seeking employment in applied settings such as public or private organizations and federal, state, and local government agencies or in the more traditional academic arenas of high schools, colleges and universities.

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- committed graduate faculty members who apply sociological expertise to a variety of settings, are active in professional associations, collaborate extensively with graduate students and publish in a variety of sociological journals
- graduate assistantships that provide an opportunity for hands-on learning experiences

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Since 1976 the Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) has been the nation’s leader in promoting excellence in teaching, research and service among professional sociology organizations in the United States. With a rich history of active membership by many of the discipline’s leading teachers and scholars, the annual meeting hosted by this organization has always been a welcoming and inviting space for active members, new sociologists and those currently in training. It was at my first MSSA meeting in Little Rock in 1996 that I met several well established and accomplished sociologists who would later play instrumental roles in advancing my career. I have also observed this practice with numerous other persons. As some of us know, such openness and a genuine desire to serve as a positive influence in the life of young and new scholars is not an experience one finds at most professional conferences. It is because of this unique feature of being a member of MSSA that I have been and will continue to be a strong supporter and promoter of this organization.

It is my sincere hope that you find this meeting to be the most informative, impactful and stimulating of any MSSA meeting that you have ever attended. It is also my sincere desire that you take a moment to encourage a future scholar (undergraduate and graduate student) who may be presenting a research paper, offer to mentor a junior colleague who may benefit from your wisdom and experience, or offer gratitude to those whose past and present efforts have enabled this organization to continue. Last, I ask that you embrace this moment, embrace this opportunity to (re)commit to the mission and purposes of this organization. It is only through the strict adherence to and understanding of the founding principles of this organization that will we understand our point of departure from the many professional organizations in existence and the true reason why our beloved organization holds such a special place in the hearts and minds of its members and the nation.

On behalf of the Executive Council, I am extremely happy that you have joined us in Atlanta, GA and I hope that you have a wonderful experience at the 39th meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association!

I am,

Earl Wright II

Earl Wright II
University of Cincinnati
President, Mid-South Sociological Association, 2012-2013
I would like to welcome you and to thank you for attending the 39th Annual Mid South Sociological Association Conference. As a conference dedicated to the joy of thoughtfully considering and exploring the scholarship of others, it has been my particular pleasure develop this event. Just looking through the wide variety of topics, I am struck by how diverse we are within our shared passion for sociological examination of the world around us.

The MSSA has always been about the support of just such diversity – a diversity of ideas, approaches, and people. Such support during the development of the conference was simply overwhelming. From the many institutions that made contributions, to the national sociology organizations that cosponsored elements to individuals such as Past MSSA Presidents who see such great value in this group that they donated monies and time to ensure that traditional elements of the conference were both enjoyable and memorable.

I hope that you’ll find the conference to be just that – enjoyable and memorable – and stimulating as well. From the many formal presentations, to the workshops and panels to the informal gatherings at breakfasts and receptions, there should be plenty to consider and many new connections to make.

Thank you, again, to everyone who helped in bringing the conference together.

Sincerely,

Timothy B. Gongaware, Ph.D.
Professor of Sociology
University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
Dr. Rob Benford is a scholar/activist who currently serves as a Professor of Sociology at the University of South Florida in Tampa. His published works have appeared in a variety of sociological and multidisciplinary journals, books, and encyclopedias. Rob devotes the bulk of his research efforts to identifying, analyzing, and understanding social movement dynamics. He has been active in the peace, environmental, anti-apartheid, anti-death penalty, gun control, and college sports reform movements. He previously served as editor of the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* and as the series editor of Twayne Publishers' *Social Movements Past and Present Series*. He also served as President of the Midwest Sociological Society, and Chair of the Peace, War & Social Conflict and the Collective Behavior/Social Movements sections of the American Sociological Association.

Dr. Benford’s Plenary Address focuses on the pedagogical processes, challenges, constraints, and potential benefits associated with teaching upper-level undergraduate students about social movements by transforming the classroom into a social movement. Responding to recent calls by university administrators to instill in students an ethic of active civic involvement, by sociologists to engage in public sociology, and community organizers to foster educational contexts conducive to stimulating progressive grassroots social action, I designed and facilitated an active learning environment resulting in the establishment and mobilization of student-led, sustainable social movement organizations. I identify several specific guiding principles employed in designing and implementing the course at two large public universities. The session concludes with a discussion of the relative contributions of such classes to learning and doing sociology while encouraging, mentoring, and empowering the next generation of community activists.

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*Classrooms Social Action: From Activist Pedagogy to Student-Led Mobilization for Change*
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1  Healthcare Services and Health Disparities I  
COURTLAND
Organizer: Dawood H. Sultan, University of South Florida
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Racial and Ethnic Variation in Family Strain Among Parents of Children with Mental and Behavioral Health Disorders
Melanie Sberna Hinojosa, University of Florida
Ramon Hinojosa, Rehabilitation Outcomes Research Center, Department of Veterans Affairs

Variations in Stress Exposure and Vulnerability in Depression for Young Black and White Women
Clair Norris, Xavier University
Alexandra Harris, Xavier University
Marquisha Johns, Xavier University
Jeanice Kelly, Xavier University
Tia Murray, Xavier University
Rae'Fiera Pickett, Xavier University
Makeda Roberts, Xavier University
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Under-representation of Minority and Older Patients in the Cancer Patient Population of an NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center
Dawood H. Sultan, University of South Florida
Jemal Gishe, University of South Florida
Angella Hanciles, University of South Florida
Nashrin Jahan, University of South Florida

2  Contemporary Immigration Patterns  
ELLIS
Organizer: Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

Effects of Venezuela's Government Social Policies on Colombian Immigration
Mauricio C. Phélan, Universidad Central de Venezuela
Jonathan E. Camacho, Universidad Central de Venezuela
Emilio Osorio, Universidad Central de Venezuela
Antonio O. Paredes, Universidad Central de Venezuela

Economic Development and Immigration in Historic Tibet: The Westward Movement of Han Chinese
Daniel Sarabia, Roanoke College
Sarah E. Barb, Roanoke College

Micro-level Causes of Undocumented Mexican Migration to the U.S.: The Survival Needs of Transnational Families
Brian L. Rich, Transylvania University

Structural Liminality and Reduced Agency among Asylum Seekers in the U.S.
Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University
3 Society and Animals
Organizer: James Gadberry, Athens State University

*An Existentialist Perspective on the Sense of Calling, Moral Duty and Bond Between Humans and Animals*
Gabriela Allen, University of Texas at Brownsville
Raul Garza, University of Texas at Brownsville

*Understanding Snake Companionship*
Elizabeth Ringiesen, Texas Christian University
Carol Thompson, Texas Christian University

*Animals in Translation: The “Sociology”*
James Gadberry, Athens State University

*Petology: Letters to Charlye (Healing with a Smile – All-Ways and Forever)*
Caroline Westerhof, California National University for Advanced Studies

4 Gender
Organizer: Rhonda Evans, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Facilitator: Meherun Laju, Tougaloo College

*Muslim & Gay/Queer Men Against Gender Violence: An Intersectional Analysis of Men’s Gender Justice Activism*
Tal Peretz, University of Southern California

*Gender and Climate Change, Vulnerability and Adaptation Strategies Among Pokot of Kenya*
Caroline Marygorety, Egerton University

*Post-Migration Experiences of Female Immigrant Spouses from the Former Soviet Union*
Igor Ryabov, University of Texas - Pam American

*Birth in the Bluegrass: A Proposal for Doctoral Dissertation*
Cheryl Crane, University of Louisville

5 Horror Stories: Tips on How to Successfully Procure Tenure and Promotion
Organizer: Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

This session offers advice and guidance to junior scholars and graduate students on the best practices in successfully obtaining promotion/tenure. Experts representing a variety of institutions, from research to teaching intensive, share personal experiences as well as that from the existing literature to assist the members of this organization in their attempt to successfully navigate the academic terrain.

Vivian Carter, Tuskegee University
Tom Calhoun, Jackson State University
Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati
Rhonda Evans, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

6 Students of Color at PWIs (Predominantly White Institutions) and the Role of HBCUs to Black Progress and Empowerment
Organizer: Ray Von Robertson, University of Louisiana – Lafayette and Toni Sims-Muhammad, Livingstone College

*Race and the Experiences of African American Males at a PWI*
Ray Von Robertson, University of Louisiana - Lafayette

*Feeling Weight on Their Shoulders: Being Black, Being Male on Predominantly White Campuses*
Derrick Brooms, University of Louisville

"Stereotype or Reality?: Black Male Student-Athletes' Experiences at a PWI."
Sherriann Clark, Wake Forrest University

*Stomping the Yard in Black and White: A Comparative Study of the Perceived Benefits of Black Greek Life at Historically Black and Predominantly White Institutions*
Shaonta’ E. Allen, Middle Tennessee State University

*The Role & Relevancy of HBCUs to Black Progress & Empowerment in the 21st Century: Factors of Success*
Toni Sims-Muhammad, Livingstone College

*Controversy and Confusion: The Rosetta Stone Experience at PWIs*
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University
Thursday, October 24      10:15am - 11:45am

7 Healthcare Services and Health Disparities II

Organizer: Dawood H. Sultan, University of South Florida
Organizer: Claire Norris, Xavier University

Race Based Differences in Mental Health Care Utilization: Disentangling Race and Class Effects in Health Disparities
- Cicily Hampton, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- William Brandon, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Galen Smith, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Keith Carnes, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Differences in Treatment Cost for Hospitalization of White and Black Stroke Inpatients
- Dawood H. Sultan, University of South Florida
- Margaret Comins, University of South Florida
- Nashrin K. Jahan, University of South Florida
- Maie Khalil, University of South Florida

8 Post-Racial Society? Race and Racism in Modernity

Organizer: Thomas Hochschild Jr., Valdosta State University
Discussant: Dana Williams, Valdosta State University

Neo-Suppression and the Evolution of Voter Suppression Against Black Americans
- Thomas Hochschild Jr., Valdosta State University
- Dana Williams, Valdosta State University
- Suzanne Slusser, Valdosta State University
- Mark George, Valdosta State University
- Alice Mendez, Valdosta State University

"Yeah, but that's Different": Predicting the Impact of Racial Attitudes and Perceptions on Anticipated Reactions to Racism using Ordinary Least Squares Regression
- Carey Ruiz, Asbury University

- Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino, Mississippi State University

Obama and the Myth of the Postracial Society
- Jan-Martijn Meij, Florida Gulf Coast University

Interracial Couplehood and the Operation of Color-Blindism
- Erin Pryor, Belmont University

If Hollywood Looked Like the Real World
- Romney Norwood, Georgia Perimeter College

9 Global Sociology: Global Processes / Local Impacts

Organizer: David Jaffee, University of North Florida
Organizer: Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University

Good Jobs and Bad Jobs in the Logistics Sector of Global Value Chains
- David Jaffee, University of North Florida
- Mark Fafard, University of North Florida

Living Arrangement of the Elderly in Iran
- Akbar Aghajanian, Fayetteville State University

Student Engagement and Associated Factors Among Ghanaian University Students
- Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University
10 Gender, Race and Crime I
Organizer: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Gender, Race, and Gang Affiliated Youth
Marcyln Porter, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
Christopher Pell, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga

Sexual Assault by an Intimate Partner: The Process of Defining and Identifying Victimization
Martha Bull, Texas Tech University

Honor Killings and Ethno Violence Against Women
Anthony Cortese, Southern Methodist University

A Socio-historical Perspective of Racial Profiling
Larry D. Stokes, Savannah State University
Davida Harris, Savannah State University

11 Doing Ethnography
Organizer: Michael Spivey, University of North Carolina - Pembroke

A Methodological Conundrum: Situating a Clinical Ethnography of Violent Injury in a Trauma Unit
Joseph Richardson, University of Maryland

The Ainu in the 21st Century Japan: An Ethnographic Study
Kinko Ito, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Multi-Site Research as a Digital "Being": Doing Ethnography in Borderless Bonded Communities of Second Life
Sybrina Atwaters, Georgia Institute of Technology

Expectations Management in a Photoethnographic Study in Northern Edo State, Nigeria
Matthew Emerson, Five Colleges, Inc., MA

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Friday, October 24 & 25
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Chat with a consultant from the ASA’s Department Resources Group at MSSA. The DRG trains consultants who can help with many issues including curriculum and faculty development, scholarship of teaching and learning, assessment and more.

For more information on the DRG and its programs, go to:
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For more information or to request an appointment @MSSA on Thursday or Friday, contact Jeff Chin at chin@lemoyne.edu and put “MSSA annual meeting DRG consultation” in the subject heading.

Thursday, October 24 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Lunch Break

Women's Caucus Lunch Meeting
PONCE III
Katie Worman-Ross, Chair, Committee on Women

We invite everyone interested in promoting policies and practices informed by gender equity to bring their lunch and join us.
Thursday, October 24 1:00pm - 2:30pm,

13 Technology Across the Life Course
Organizer: Kristi Stringer, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Events, Transitions and Trajectories: Life Course Perspective through Black Megachurch Websites
Anthony Campbell, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Understanding Facebook Angst: What Predicts Anxiety Among Facebookers?
Lee Farquhar, Samford University
Theresa Davidson, Samford University

The Facebook-Contrived Self: Virtually Re-Minding Mead
Nancy Lamphere, Texas A&M University - Commerce
Jesse Todd, Brookhaven College and North Central Texas College
Yvonne Villanueva, Texas A&M University - Commerce

Changing Teachers, Changing Students? The Impact of a Teacher-Focused Intervention on Students' Computer Usage, Attitudes and Anxiety
Philip Gibson, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Kristi Stringer, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Shelia Cotton, Michigan State University
Zachary Simoni, University of Alabama at Birmingham
LaToya O'neil, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Michael Howell-Moroney, University of Memphis

14 From Both Sides of the Fence (Part 1) - Student experiences with undergraduate qualitative field research methods
Organizer: Lachelle Norris, Tennessee Tech University

Amanda Brown, Tennessee Tech University
Felicia Brown, Middle Tennessee State University
Alla Chernenko, Middle Tennessee State University
Kirsten Fitzgerald, Georgia Regents University

15 Anarchist Sociology: Theory and Practice
Organizer: Richard Simon, University of Alabama at Huntsville

The Coming Crisis in Conflict Sociology: Social Conflict as Social Problem
Richard Simon, University of Alabama at Huntsville

Covariates of Hierarchy and Horizontalism: A Cross-National Comparison of Institutional Confidence and Social Trust
Dana Williams, Valdosta State University

Anarchy in Interaction: A Sociological Theory of Anarchism
Erek Smith, Jacksonville State University

Sociology and Anarchism Reconsidered
David Michael Orenstein, Wright State University
16 Contemporary Immigration Patterns II
Organizer: Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

Differences in School Readiness and Behavioral Well-Being of Young Children in Immigrant Families: The Role of National Origin, Race, and Ethnicity
Ying Ma, Austin Peay State University

“New Waters, New Rules”: A Study of High Skill Immigrant Parents' Experience Navigating the American K-12 Educational System
Cristina Stephens, Kennesaw State University
Elena Gheorghiu, Kennesaw State University

Role-Identity Prominence of the ‘Migrant’ Identity in Mexican American College Students
Raul Garza, University of Texas at Brownsville
Gabriela Allen, University of Texas at Brownsville

17 Discussion: Negotiating the Emotions of Graduate School
Discussant: Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
Discussant: DaJuan Ferrell, Middle Tennessee State University

18 Gender, Race and Crime II
Organizer: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Brown in a White World: Narratives of Latina/o College Students
Ray Von Robertson, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Disproportionate Minority Contact: From the Cradle to the Grave
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Teaching Race, Class, and Gender: An Africana Studies Perspective
Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

The Successful Scientist as Gender Deviant: A Content Analysis of the Scientists in The Big Bang Theory.
Emily Blosser, Louisiana State University
Thursday, October 24        2:45pm - 4:15pm

19 Panel: Police Malfeasance and Use of Excessive force; What are the solutions?           COURTLAND
                        Discussants:  Ray Von Robertson, University of Louisiana - Lafayette
                                     Derrick Brooms, University of Louisville
                                     Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

20 From Both Sides of the Fence (Part 2) - Approaches to teaching qualitative field research methods: a panel discussion    ELLIS
                        Organizer: Lachelle Norris, Tennessee Tech University
                                     Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
                                     Wendy Cook-Mucci, Tennessee Tech University
                                     Melissa Powell-Williams, Georgia Regents University
                                     Jennifer Schlosser, Tennessee Tech University
                                     Erma Lawson, University of North Texas

21 Gender Research in Progress I            MONROE
                        Organizer: Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University
                        Facilitator: Allison L. Vetter, Henderson State University
                        Great Recession Effects on U.S. Born Household Heads 25-54 Years of Age by Gender & Race in 8 States: 2006 & 2012
                                     Arthur Wilke, Auburn University
                        Why'd You Do That? Student Attitudes Towards Nonconventional Naming Choices
                                     Allison L. Vetter, Henderson State University
                        Gender Differences Regarding Why Faculty Do and Do Not Want to Teach Online
                                     Kim Davies, Georgia Regents University
                                     David Hunt, Georgia Regents University
                                     Laura Russ, Georgia Regents University
                                     Maureen Adkins, Georgia Regents University
                                     Gina Hammock, Georgia Regents University
                                     Deborah Richardson, Georgia Regents University
                        Not Just a Boys’ Club Anymore: Exploring the Roles and Significance of Women in Comedy
                                     Katie Cooper, University of South Florida
                        Work-First Programs & the American Dream: Women's Struggles to Improve Their Lives Under Welfare Reform
                                     Stephanie Steed, Middle Tennessee State University

22 Crime and Deviance            SPRING
                        Organizer: Rhonda Evans, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
                        A Qualitative Comparison of Battered Women's Perspectives of Service
                                     Needs and Barriers across Correctional and Shelter Contexts
                                     Adam Pritchard, University of Central Florida
                        Getting out of Prison: Suicide Ideation and Release Expectations Among Male and Female State Inmates
                                     Meredith Dye, Middle Tennessee State University
                                     Timothy Edgemon, Middle Tennessee State University
                        Normal Deviance: Re-evaluating Academic Integrity Policies
                                     Sherrie Drye Cannoy, North Carolina A&T State University
                                     Ewuukgem Lomo-David, North Carolina A&T State University
                        Understanding the Impact of Race on Interactions between Police and the Public
                                     Jeannice Louine, Mississippi State University
                                     David May, Mississippi State University
                        Scared and Sick? College Student's Fear of Crime and Health
                                     Nicole Rader, Mississippi State University
                                     Jeralynn Cossman, Mississippi State University
                                     Sarah Rogers, Mississippi State University
                        Fear of Crime and Legitimating Ideologies: Hegemonic Strategy through State of the Union Addresses
23 Workshop: The publishing game: 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration (or structure, organization and common-sense)  PONCE III
Facilitator: Dennis Peck, University of Alabama

The focus of this session is on the conceptualization and construct or shaping the path to successful publication in learned journals. Particular emphasis is placed on the model promulgated by Felix Berardo whose common-sense approach to research, scholarly writing and reactions to the pitfalls of the publication process are explored.

24 Undergraduate Paper Competition Paper I  PIEDMONT
Organizer: Jon Epstein, Greensboro College
Facilitator: David G. LoConto, New Mexico State University

What Kinds of People Own Guns
Kevin Taylor, Georgia Regents University

The Balance: Gun Control Issues and their Actors
Zachary M. Skinner, Georgia Regents University

What Characteristics are Associated with Male and Female IPV Offenders?
Laura Valandro, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Assessing The Connection Between the Amount of Education a Person has Completed and that Person’s Feelings Towards Welfare
Travis Gauthreaux, Georgia Regents University

Thursday, October 24  4:30pm - 6:00pm
AKD Symposium on Teaching and Learning
Details to come

Thursday, October 24  6:00pm - 8:00pm  PIEDMONT
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PONCE I & II

Small & Community College Breakfast Meeting
Claire Norris, Chair of the Committee on Small and Community Colleges
PONCE III
Bring your breakfast to meet with others

Friday, October 25  8:00am - 4:30pm
Registration Table Open

Friday, October 25  8:30am - 10:00am
AKD Symposium on Teaching and Learning
Details to come

Friday, October 25  10:15am - 11:45am

25  Health and Aging  COURTLAND
Organizer: Ollie Christian, Southern University - Baton Rouge
Discussant: Thomas Durant, Jackson State University

Born Unequal: Social Stratification, Health and Aging
Thomas Durant, Jackson State University
Diseased Race versus Racialized Disease: An exploratory study of the
Negro Project of American Social Hygiene Association and the Tuskegee Experiment
Ollie G. Christian, Southern University - Baton Rouge
Environmental Justice: The Fight for Life Among Elderly Individuals
Shirley R. Brown, Fisk University
The Effects of Health and Social Integration Status on Depression: How Do
Older Americans Differ from Other Adults?
Kim Wingard, University of Florida
The Face of AIDS: Persistence, Change, and A Professional Response
June Hoppins, University of Georgia
Timing Is Everything: Examining the Effects of Early Chronic Illness Onset on
Young Adult's Psychosocial Development
Eundria A. Hill-Joseph, Georgia State University
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in the 21st Century
Joyce Shepherd, Henderson State University

26  Gender and Social Deviance: Narrative constructions and resistance  ELLIS
Organizer: Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
Organizer: DaJuan Ferrell, Middle Tennessee State University

Sexuality Swing: How Women Experience Their Sexuality Within Swinging
Felicia Brown, Middle Tennessee State University
Queering the Binary: Resistance to Heteronormativity in Trans Men's
Online Video Narratives
Megan Tesene, Georgia State University
**27 Action Sociology**
Organizer: Timothy B. Gongaware, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
Organizer/Facilitator: Ruth Chananie, University of Northern Iowa

*How Long Should We Wait*
Manisha Sharma, Virginia Tech

*Decision-making in Social Movements: In Search of Momentum*
Shane Gunderson, Florida International University

*When Action Sociology Succeeds: Writing Culture and Formal State Recognition for Native Americans in South Carolina*
Michael Spivey, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

*How to Change the World by Taking Power: A Comparative Review of Three Proposals*
Jon Cariba Phoenix, University of Tennessee

*Educati__ing the Educators: Corporate Propaganda and Public School Curriculum*
Andrew Austin, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay

**28 Gender Research in Progress II**
Organizer: Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

*The Breastfeeding Problematic: Negotiating the Performance of Maternal Sexuality*
JaDee Carathers, Middle Tennessee State University

*Is the Concept of Body Image Disembodied*
Karin Peterson, University of North Carolina - Asheville
Amy Lanou, University of North Carolina - Asheville
Fiona Holland, University of Derby, UK
Gaia Boyd, University of North Carolina - Asheville

*Gender Dimension of STI-testing Experiences among College Students*
Alla Chernenko, Middle Tennessee State University

*The Impact of Language on the Sexuality of College Men*
Lanier Basenberg, Georgia State University

*The “Dark Side” of Being Pretty: A Dichotomy among Themes Related to Attractiveness in Women The Impact of Language on the Sexuality of College Men*
Stephen Marson, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Tia Sanders-Rice, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness
Willa Casstevens, North Carolina State University

**29 Social Theory**
Organizer: David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University
Facilitator: Jason S. Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

*Service Learning as Co-professionalization: Using the Practice of Service Learning to Rethink Role Theory’s Model of Role Change*
Ann Marie Kinnell, University of Southern Mississippi
Richard Conville, University of Southern Mississippi

*Developing Theoretically Driven Capstone Courses for Undergraduates: An Application of the Structural Ritualization Perspective*
Jason S. Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University
Kristen Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University
Shannon Roberts, Arkansas Tech University

*Sociological Theory in Music: Radiohead and the McDonaldization of Society*
Thaddeus Atzmon, Texas State University

*An Interactionist Approach to Gender Development*
Stan H. Hodges, Texas A&M University
Bennie Green, Texas A&M University

*Civic Agriculture and Regional Identity: A Structural Ritualization Analysis of an Online Farmers’ Market*
Jason S. Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University
Julie Mikles-Schluterman, Arkansas Tech University
Friday, October 25  12:00pm - 1:00pm
Lunch Break

Minority Caucus Lunch Meeting
Thomas Calhoun, Chair of the Committee on Minorities
PONCE III
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Friday, October 25  1:00pm - 2:30pm

Classroots Social Action:
From Activist Pedagogy to Student-Led Mobilization for Change
Dr. Rob Benford, University of South Florida

This talk will focus on the pedagogical processes, challenges, constraints, and potential benefits associated with transforming the classroom into a social movement in order to teach about social movements, instill in students an ethic of active civic involvement, engage as a sociologist in public sociology and foster educational contexts conducive to stimulating social action and empowering the next generation of community activists.

Friday, October 25  2:45pm - 4:15pm

Education, Science, and Social Justice  COURTLAND
Organizer: Willie Pearson, Jr., Georgia Institute of Technology
Presider: Michael Gaines, University of Miami - Coral Gables
Discussant: Cheryl B. Leggon, Georgia Institute of Technology

There are No Silver or Magic Bullets: Implications of Perpetuating Inequalities in K-12 STEM Education
Angelique Tucker Blackmon, Innovative Learning Concepts, LLC
Towards Closing the Inequality Gap in Achievement in Science and Mathematics
Teaching of Previously Disadvantaged Groups of Learners in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa
Martinus van Rooy, University of South Africa

Morality Politics and Implications for Education Access and Participation in STEM
Connie McNeely, George Mason University

Addressing Underrepresentation in Science: Leveraging Partnerships with HBCUs to Impact the Pipeline
Jann Adams, Morehouse College
Medeva Ghee, Leadership Alliance, Brown University
WHAT IS MFP?

- The ASA Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) has existed since 1974 and has supported nearly 500 sociologists of color during this time span.
- MFP is supported by significant annual contributions from Sociologists for Women in Society, Alpha Kappa Delta, and the Midwest Sociological Society, along with the Association of Black Sociologists, the Southwestern Sociological Association, and numerous individual ASA members.

WHO CAN APPLY?

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### Environmental Sociology

**Organizer:** Paul Namaste, High Point University

- **Renewable Energy: Policy and Production Perceptions among North Carolina Residents**  
  Paul Namaste, High Point University
- **Symbolic Safety in Anniston, Alabama: How Fantasy Objects Reify the Social Order**  
  Jeremy Ross, Jacksonville State University  
  Gary Webb, University of North Texas
- **Frame Disputes in Environmental Movement Organizations**  
  David Zeller, University of South Florida

### Visual Sociology

**Organizer:** Terrell Hayes, High Point University

- **These Wall Do Talk: Using Murals and Painted Slogans to Address Social and Academic Issues and Values in Dominica**  
  Brenda Vander Mey, Clemson University  
  Vanessa Dodd, Independent Researcher, Derbyshire, England
- **Our People the Waccamaw": Action Sociology Through Visual Ethnography**  
  Michael Spivey, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- **Visualizing Environmental Destruction and Citizen Resistance in Photos and Poetry: Mountaintop Removal in West Virginia**  
  Terrell Hayes, High Point University  
  William King, Davis & Elkins College  
  Carl Galie, Freelance Photographer, Winston-Salem, NC

### Gender and Social Deviance: Managing Violence and Aggression

**Organizer:** Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University

- **Back to the Beginning: (Re-)conceptualizing Intimate Relationships and Partner Violence Among Gay and Bisexual Men**  
  Austin J. (AJ) Matthews, Eastern Kentucky University
- **Engaging Diverse Men: An Intersectional Analysis of Men's Pathways to Antiviolence Activism**  
  Tal Peretz, University of Southern California
- **Sexual Assault within Undergraduates' Sexual and Romantic Relationships**  
  Lauren Norman, University of Central Florida
- **Narratives of Cheating: Presenting Self in Stories of Others**  
  Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University

### Workshop: The Importance of Mentoring and Networks in Graduate School and the Early Career

**Organizer:** Jean Shin and Roberta Spalter-Roth, American Sociological Association

Institutions of higher education need to diversify their faculty (in many different aspects) to provide new perspectives for teaching and research. Without bridging a series of dualisms, starting in graduate school, scholars may be excluded from professional networks necessary for productivity, and promotion. These dualisms include macro versus micro processes, instrumental versus psycho-social mentoring, individual versus communal scholarship, and homophilous versus heterogeneous networks. This workshop will first present recent ASA research that discusses findings concerning these dualisms. Next, the workshop will be open so that participants can discuss the kinds of research that will provide a deeper understanding of how these dualisms work and importantly, how they can be overcome.
36 Undergraduate Paper Competition Paper I
Organizer: Jon Epstein, Greensboro College
Facilitator: Theresa Davidson, Samford University

Assessing the Impact of Gender on Opinions Regarding the Death Penalty
Shawna Boyd, Georgia Regents University

Superhero Media: The Gendered Portrayal
Cooper Garrett, Auburn University at Montgomery

Let's Get Serious: Opinions on Sex before Marriage
Jennifer Hunter, Georgia Regents University

Cell Phones and Small Groups
Julie Barker, Auburn University at Montgomery

Obedience vs Autonomy in Children: A Study of Religious Influence Theory
Taylor Bandler, Samford University

Stereotypes and Attitudes Toward Welfare
Kayla Marx, Samford University

Friday, October 25 4:30pm - 6:00pm

37 Sociology of Social Technology
Organizer/Discussant: Steven Seiler, Tennessee Tech University

Online Identity Management
Amanda Brown, Tennessee Tech University

Short Circuits: A Study in Workplace Satisfaction, Leader-Member Exchange, and Relationship Quality
Scarlett Marklin, Western Kentucky University

Smart Phones and Face-to-face Interactions: Are They Paying Attention?
Brad Ictech, University of New Orleans

“I know he’s there; he’s just ignoring me:” An Exploratory Study of Relationship Maintenance with and through Mobile Phones
Steven Seiler, Tennessee Tech University
Josiah Kidwell, Tennessee Tech University

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38 **FILM: Standing on My Sister's Shoulders**

*Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders* (48 minute film) followed by a 20 minute panel discussion
Organizer: Keith Parker, University of Georgia

The award-winning documentary *Standing On My Sisters' Shoulders* takes on the Civil Rights movement in Mississippi in the 1950’s and 60’s from the point of view of the courageous women who lived it – and emerged as its grassroots leaders. These women stood up and fought for the right to vote and the right to an equal education. They not only brought about change in Mississippi, but they altered the course of American history. The award-winning documentary presents original interviews with many of the Civil Rights movement’s most remarkable women: Unita Blackwell; Mae Bertha Carter; Joan Trumpauer Mulholland; Annie Devine and Victoria Gray Adams; and Fannie Lou Hamer.

  Linda Beito, Stillman College
  Georgette Norman, Rosa Parks Museum/Troy University
  Vicki Crawford, Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection
  Keith Parker, University of Georgia

39 **Sociology of The Family I**

Organizer: Kimberly Brackett, Auburn University at Montgomery

*Family Influence on Identity Formation: An Exploration of Black-White Biracial Students*
  Madison Hinton, Auburn University

*A Family Affair: The Effects of Familial Relations on Offender Behavior*
  Kenneth Kelso, Clark Atlanta University

*The Black Family: A Journey Through Structural and Socio-Cultural Changes*
  Alicia Simon, Clark Atlanta University

40 **Sociology of Education and Youth**

Organizer: Frédérique Van De Poel-Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University
Facilitator: Duane Gill, Oklahoma State University

*Girl-Child Marriage in Nigeria: A Retrogressive Approach to Education in the 21st Century*
  Adebukola Foluke Osunyikanmi, Adekunle Ajasin University

*Investigating the Relationship between Psychological and Social Variables during Young Adulthood in Rural China*
  Jasmine Whiteside, University of Southern Mississippi

*Gender Differences in Bullying Victimization: The Role of Academics and School Context*
  Brett Lehman, Louisiana State University

*Religiosity and its Relationship with Physical Activity among Youth*
  Katherine Thomas, Samford University

41 **Research Seeds**

Organizer: Claire Norris, Xavier University

The purpose of this session is to create research partnerships that benefit graduate students and junior faculty. This session will be an informal setting were participants can discuss their research agendas as well as their research trials and victories and, in turn, allow for collaborative opportunities among scholars.

  Claire Norris, Xavier University
  Farrah Gafford, Xavier University
  Chanika Jones, Southern University and A & M College
  Krista Mincey, Xavier University
  Le’Brian Patrick, Clayton State University
Forcible Rape on U.S. College Campuses: Examining Which Factors Contribute to Rapes on College Campuses
LaKesha Martin, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Deconstructing Deconstruction: How the Post Perspectives are Crippling Social Activism
Jahaan Chandler, University of New Orleans

The Effect of State Sanctions on DUI Arrest Rates: The Impact of Punishment Severity
Kimberly Williams, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Friday, October 25  6:00pm - 8:00pm

MSSA Annual Awards Banquet
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The cash bar opens at 6:00, and they will start serving dinner at 6:45.
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8:00pm - 9:00pm: MSSA Membership Business Meeting

Friday, October 25  9:00pm - ??

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The Department of Sociology is organized as a Ph.D. granting research department with defined missions of research, instruction, and service. The Department resides within the College of Arts and Sciences although its members have historically carried out research and service through the Social Science Research Center as well as other research entities. The Department offers B.A. degrees in sociology and criminology and a BSW in social work. M.S. and Ph.D. degree are offered in sociology. In addition to 400 undergraduate majors in all programs, the department has 50 graduate students in residence.

The Department has developed longstanding emphases in community development, criminology, social demography, and social stratification. Currently, the Department has 19 faculty members specializing in these various areas. The Department is one of the larger concentrations of sociological expertise in the Southern region as evidenced in the number of graduate faculty, the enrollment of graduate students, the placement and success of doctoral graduates, the number and frequency of publication, and the level of funding for grants and contracts.

Please address questions about the graduate program to Dr. Nicole Rader, Graduate Coordinator, at nrader@soc.msstate.edu or go to the Department webpage at http://www.sociology.msstate.edu/graduate/
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Interfacing Biography, Theory, and History:
The Case of Erving Goffman

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When Erving Goffman Was A Boy:
The Formative Years of a Sociological Giant

Sherri Cavan

Goffman on Gender, Sexism, and Feminism:
A Summary of Notes on a Conversation with Erving Goffman and My Reflections Then and Now

Mary Jo Deegan

Goffman at Penn: Star Presence, Teacher-Mentor, Profaning Jester

Michael Delaney

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‘Asylums’ and ‘The Insanity of Place’ Revisited

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The Importance of Being Erving,
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Saturday, October 26  8:00am - 10:45am

Registration Table Open

Saturday, October 26  8:30am - 10:00am

**43 Microsociology**

Organizer/Discussant: Steven Seiler, Tennessee Tech University

*Understanding Gender Dynamics and Interpersonal Interactions among Engineers in the Field (NSF#1136234)*
  Beth Powell, Tennessee Tech University
  Joanna Wolfe, Carnegie Mellon University

*Miracle of the Bridge: A Case Study in the Social Construction of a Religious Prophecy*
  Gordon Shepard, University of Central Arkansas

*How Psychological Research Changes Symbolic Interactionist Theory and Practice: From Blank Slates to Wide Funnels*
  Chris C. Martin, Emory University

*Incorporating Critical Theory and Affirmative Postmodernism into the Study of Everyday Life*
  Jennifer Schlosser, Tennessee Tech University

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**44 Problems and Solutions in Higher Education**

Organizer: Mark Konty, Public Scholar
Facilitator: Kathleen Scarpena, Northeastern University

*The “Student as Consumer” and the Conceptualization of Value in Higher Education.*
  Kathleen Scarpena, Northeastern University

*Sociology at Warp Speed*
  Mary Katherine Laska, Calhoun Community College
  Brenda L. Beach, Kaplan University and Athens Technical College

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**45 Sociology of The Family II**

Organizer: Kimberly Brackett, Auburn University at Montgomery

*The Impact of a "Second Chance" on Families of Criminal Offenders*
  Sandra Taylor, Clark Atlanta University

*What is a Legitimate Family?: An Analysis of Why the Traditional Definition Prevailed in North Carolina's May 2012 Constitutional Amendment Referendum*
  Paul Luebke, University of North Carolina--Greensboro

*Co-Residence as Norm in Marriage? Perspectives from Long-Distance Couples*
  Orsolya Kolozsvari, College of Coastal Georgia

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**46 Studies in Technology Use**

Organizer: Timothy B. Gongaware, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
Facilitator: David G. LoConto, New Mexico State University

*Unlocking Silent Histories: Lake Atitlan, Guatemala*
  Donna DeGennaro, Unlocking Silent Histories
  Ricardo Duque, Alabama State University

*Personal Communication Technologies, Moral Foundations and Discourses of Civil Society: Uncovering the Cultural Power of Katrina Bloggers*
  Stephen Ostertag, Tulane University

*The Sociology of MOOCs*
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Continuities of Social Register Names
David Broad, University of North Georgia

Negotiating Between Continuity and Change in a Postmodern World: Case Study of the Emerging Church
Bob Francis, Lutheran Services in America, Washington, DC

Auguste Comte and William Edward Burghardt (W.E.B.) Du Bois, Observers and Critics of Whiteness and Its Deleterious Influence on Sociology as a Science of History and Society: An Interpretation
Barbara Wyche, Fort Valley State University

Saturday, October 26  10:15am - 11:45am

Sociology of Propaganda and Emotions
Organizer: Michael P. Perazzetti, University Of West GA

Psychological Operations and Terrorism: The Digital Domain
Rodger Bates, Clayton State University
Mara Mooney, Clayton State University

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