



## **CALL FOR PAPER AND POSTER SUBMISSIONS**

### **Submission Deadline: September 1, 2018**

As President-Elect, I am excited to invite you to become a session organizer for the 44th Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association to be held **October 24-27, 2018 at the Sheraton in Birmingham, Alabama.**

This year's theme is

### **Revisiting Dr. King's Dream Five Decades after His Death: Facts, Fallacies, and Fears about the Future**

In 1968, Dr. Mr. Luther King Jr. was assassinated for his vision of a country where racism was ended and freedom and equality were shared by all people. Nevertheless, most people who give the discussion serious thought would admit we haven't yet fulfilled his dream. We hope this conference will continue discussions and progress toward fulfilling his dream by contributing to a larger conversation grounded in research and teaching strategies focused on ending racism and discrimination in America.

**As part of the theme for the conference, we have invited Heidi Beirich, Intelligence Project Director for the Southern Poverty Law Center, to conduct a plenary session and are in the process of organizing several events around a number of historical locations that are important in the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham. We know it will be a great conference at a great location, and look forward to seeing you there.**

All topics are welcome; however, as your President-Elect, I specifically ask that you consider organizing your paper, poster, or session focusing on your own contribution to achieving Dr. King's dream, however you may interpret it. My hope is this effort will lead to a productive, engaging conversation around this topic at the 2018 MSSA Conference.

## I. SUBMISSION TYPES AND PROCEDURES

A. All proposed presentations or panels **will be submitted** via email to [dmay@soc.msstate.edu](mailto:dmay@soc.msstate.edu) (David May, the MSSA President-elect). The window for submission will be open until September 1, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Three submission types are available: 1) Individual papers; 2) Complete panel or roundtable sessions; or 3) Poster presentations. A description of each submission type appears below.

1. **Individual Papers:** Members may submit abstracts of individual papers for inclusion in a regular paper session. These papers will typically be organized into sessions consisting of 3-4 papers by the program committee members on the basis of common themes. Authors will be allotted 15-20 minutes for their presentation, with 10-15 minutes for a question/answer session after the presentations are completed. All submissions for a regular paper presentation should include:

- 1) the title of the paper;
- 2) authors' names and affiliations and contact information for each author;
- 3) an abstract of 150 words or less; and
- 4) the section to which you would like the paper submitted.

2. **Complete Panel/Roundtable Sessions:** Members may submit proposals for complete panels or roundtable sessions. These sessions may take the form of paper presentations that follow a single theme, featured panel discussions of a timely topic or roundtable sessions organized around a particular topic. Generally, complete panels/roundtables should contain three or four papers. Roundtables are less formal than panel/paper presentations and are where people interested in a particular topic can discuss ideas, ongoing research, or ask questions to the roundtable participants. The following information must be provided to [dmay@soc.msstate.edu](mailto:dmay@soc.msstate.edu) for complete panel sessions:

- 1) a suggested title for the panel;
- 2) the titles of each paper/presentation;
- 3) an abstract of 150 words or less for each paper/presentation;
- 4) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, critic, panelist, discussant, etc.

An individual whose paper is part of a complete panel/roundtable session will not need to submit that paper separately.

3. **Poster Presentations:** Members may submit abstracts for papers to be included in the poster session. Poster presentation submissions must include the name, affiliation, and contact information for all authors, as well as a title and brief abstract of the work to be presented. Posters should display data, policy analysis, or theoretical work in a visually appealing format that stimulates interaction with poster session attendees. Posters will need to be no wider than 36" and no taller than 48".

## II. PROGRAM POLICIES

Meeting Participation: The 2018 meetings are held from Wednesday, October 24 through Saturday, October 27, 2018. Participants should **plan to attend for the duration of the meeting**. Please make us aware of any scheduling considerations you require at the time of your submission. After the submission deadline, the Midsouth Sociological Association will be unable to honor special requests for dates or times of presentations. All program participants (i.e., those presenting papers, presiding at sessions, serving as discussants, panelists, etc.) **must be registered** for the annual meeting.

## III. EQUIPMENT

LCD projectors will be available for all panel and paper presentations to facilitate computer-based presentations. However, presenters or panel organizers will need to bring their own computers.

Please direct any additional questions about the conference program to [dmay@soc.msstate.edu](mailto:dmay@soc.msstate.edu)  
We look forward to seeing you in Birmingham!