

Revisiting Dr. King's Dream

Five Decades after His Death:

Facts, Fallacies, and Fears about the Future

2018 Mid-South Sociological Association Conference
Birmingham, Alabama
October 24-27, 2018





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MSSA PROGRAM SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

	Title	Time	Room
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24		
	Executive Council Meeting I	9:00AM-12:00PM	CHAMOMILE (407)
	Breakroom Open (snacks & beverages)	12:30PM-5:00PM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM J
	Registration Table Open	1:00 PM-5:00 PM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM FOYER
1	Homicide Studies	2:00PM – 3:15PM	ROOM C
2	Food, Inequality, and Change: Stratification and Cultural Mobility	2:00PM – 3:15PM	ROOM E
3	Collective Actions Shaping Our World	3:30PM – 4:45PM	ROOM C
4	Surviving Katrina: The Experiences of Low Income African American Women	3:30PM – 4:45PM	ROOM E
5	Medical Sociology: Exploring Challenges in Health for Immigrants and Other Populations	3:30PM – 4:45PM	ROOM G
6	Race and Acts of Resistance	3:30PM – 4:45PM	ROOM I
	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25		
	Light Breakfast/Break Room Open	8:30AM-11:45AM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM J
	Registration Table Open	8:30AM-4:00PM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM FOYER
7	Processes Involving the Body in Medical Sociology	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM C
8	Identity Work and Management	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM E
9	Considering Marginalized Student Populations and Concepts in Pedagogy	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM F
10	Topics in Victimology	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM G
11	Applied Sociology's Practical Side- Reports on Applied Sociological Projects	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM I
12	Free Trade and Community and Civic Development	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM C
13	Stigma Formation and Pathways in Medical Sociology	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM E
14	Fear of Crime and Victimization	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM G
15	The Sociology of Global Migration: Understanding the Root Causes and Consequences	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM I
	Women, Gender & Sexualities Caucus Lunch	11:45AM-1:00PM	Atrium Cafe
	Breakroom Open (snacks & beverages)	12:30PM-5:00PM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM FOYER

16	Community Stakeholders and Food Systems	1:00PM-2:15PM	ROOM C
17	Educational Challenges Across the Life Course	1:00PM-2:15PM	ROOM E
18	Science and Technology	1:00PM-2:15PM	ROOM G
19	Women Sentenced to Life in Prison: Life Behind and Beyond Bars	1:00PM-2:15PM	ROOM I
20	Roundtable: The Unwritten Rules to Successfully Achieving Tenure and Promotion	1:00PM-2:15PM	ROOM F
21	Applied Research in Sociology	2:30PM-3:45PM	Room C
22	Community Engagement, Revitalization, and Hospitality	2:30PM-3:45PM	Room E
23	Reflections on 50 Years Since the Assassination of MLK and the Death of Du Bois	2:30PM-3:45PM	Room F
24	Inequality and Social Class	2:30PM-3:45PM	Room G
25	Challenges in the Faith Community	2:30PM-3:45PM	Room I
26	Roundtable: Incorporating Active Learning for Community College Sociology Courses	2:30PM-3:45PM	Room H
27	Environmental Sociology	4:00PM-5:15PM	Room C
28	Health and Gender: An Exploration of Gender Effects on Health Outcomes	4:00PM-5:15PM	Room E
29	Inequality in Professional, Social, and Educational Settings	4:00PM-5:15PM	Room F
30	Institutional Decision-Making and Regulation	4:00PM-5:15PM	Room G
31	The Intersection of Education, Poverty, and Social Class	4:00PM-5:15PM	Room I
32	Roundtable: Surviving Program Reviews: Tips from the Reviewed and the Reviewers	4:00PM-5:15PM	Room H
	Presidents Welcome Reception (Limited FREE Drink Tickets, food & cash bar)	5:30PM-7:00PM	Birmingham Ballroom 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26			
	Small & Community Colleges Caucus Breakfast	8:00AM-9:00AM	Atrium Cafe
	Light Breakfast/Break Room Open	8:30AM-11:45AM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM J
	Registration Table Open	8:30AM-4:00PM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM FOYER
33	Inequalities in Time and Place: Explorations of How Disparities Persist by Location	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM C
34	Undergraduate Research Session I- Religiosity, Religion, and Reconstruction	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM E
35	Engaging Students through Service Learning and Photovoice	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM F
36	Roundtable: Interdisciplinary Programs, Certificates, and Concentrations: Assisting Students in Crafting Effective Transcripts	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM H
37	The Activism of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM G
38	Undergraduate Research Session II- Film, Work, and Leisure	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM I
39	African Americans and Social Movements	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM C
40	Challenges Around Sexual Identity	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM E
41	Student Session: How Should We Remember Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King?	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM G
42	Undergraduate Research Session III- Immigration, Discrimination, and Civil Rights	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM F
	Minorities Caucus Lunch	11:45AM-1:00PM	Atrium Cafe
	Breakroom Open (snacks & beverages)	12:30PM-5:00PM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM J
43	Plenary Speaker: Heidi Beirich, Southern Poverty Law Center	1:00 PM- 2:15 PM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM J
44	Issues in Sentencing and Corrections	2:30PM-3:45PM	ROOM C
45	Race, Ethnicity, and the Criminal Justice System	2:30PM-3:45PM	ROOM E
46	Are They Truly Blurring the Lines? Furies as Human Animals AND Non-Human Animals	2:30PM-3:45PM	ROOM G
47	Undergraduate Research Session IV- Predicting Attitudes and Beliefs among Society	2:30PM-3:45PM	ROOM F
48	Poster Session	4:00-5:00 PM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM J
	Pre-Banquet Cocktails (cash bar)	6:00PM-6:30PM	Birmingham Ballroom 1
	Annual Banquet (included with registration)	6:30PM-8:30PM	Birmingham Ballroom 1

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27			
	Light Breakfast/Break Room Open	8:30AM-11:45AM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM FOYER
	Registration Table Open	8:45AM-10:30AM	SOUTH MEETING ROOM FOYER
49	Sexual Abuse and Sexual Identity	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM C
50	The Influence of Entities and Professions: Affects in Medical Sociology	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM E
51	Roundtable: Midsouth Sociological Association History Focus Group Project	9:00AM-10:15AM	ROOM G
52	School Climate, Fear, and Law Enforcement	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM C
53	Perceptions, Attitudes, and Emotions	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM E
54	Crime, Deviance, and Societal Responses	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM G
55	Graduate Student Paper of Distinction Competition	10:30AM-11:45AM	ROOM I
	Executive Council Meeting II	12:00PM-2:00PM	BEGONIA (405)





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October, 2018

44th Annual MSSA Conference
Mid-South Sociological Association
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Friends:

As Mayor of the City of Birmingham, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our city for the 44th Annual Mid-South Sociological Association Inc. Conference. I also want to thank Dr. Theresa Davidson for serving as the local host and coordinator of this year's conference. We are excited to welcome the incredible and intelligent talent from all over the Southeast to the heart of Alabama.

This year's theme, *Revisiting Dr. King's Dream Five Decades after His Death: Facts, Fallacies, and Fears about the Future*, is extremely pertinent in regards to the Magic City. It is impossible to separate the history of Birmingham from Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement. While the Magic City, and America as a country, have made great strides towards equality for all people, we still have a ways to go. I am thrilled the 2018 MSSA Conference is being held in our city, one that knows firsthand the importance of fighting for justice. I am further humbled to know so many dedicated professionals are continuing to facilitate discussions regarding fulfilling Dr. King's dream.

During your time here, please explore all the city has to offer. From the steady growth of the city's commercial and industrial sectors, to the ever-expanding range of recreational, cultural and dining opportunities, you will find that the Magic City possesses a progressive spirit that's focused on putting people first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. L. Woodfin".

Randall L. Woodfin
Mayor, City of Birmingham

WELCOME

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2018 Mid-South Sociological Annual Conference and Meeting. I hope all of you who attend find the sort of camaraderie, intellectual stimulation, and meaningful interaction as I always have at our conferences. I am excited for this meeting in Birmingham, which is an important historical and contemporary focal point for racial civil rights and social justice efforts. I believe you will find our organization inclusive and welcoming to all regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexuality, age, ability, and all other diverse identities and statuses.



President-Elect and Program Chair Dr. David May has gathered a stellar compilation of sessions and events that feature a wide variety of topics and perspectives from faculty, students, and professionals across the mid-south and beyond. Although many reflect this year's theme of revisiting Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream, the program also showcases a number of issues and topics that are of interest to sociologists and other social scientists and students. I encourage you to attend and participate in as many sessions and events as you can. If you are anything like me, you will go home tired but intellectually and socially re-energized and re-invigorated for the year to come.

As you may already be aware, the MSSA has a history and mission of welcoming the contributions and participation of students, junior faculty, intellectuals from small and community colleges and HBCU's, as well as teaching colleges and research universities. We appreciate and mentor individuals wherever they may be along their career paths. We welcome and encourage involvement from community professionals and social activists, and academics working in other disciplines. These characteristics of the MSSA are in large part the reason I have been involved since I was an undergraduate, and why I have dedicated years of service and plan to be involved for the foreseeable future. Organizations such as ours are rare, and I hope you find the MSSA as valuable as I have over the years.

Enjoy the city of Birmingham while you are here, enjoy the conference programming and events, and most of all, enjoy the interaction with your peers. Please consider getting or remaining involved in service work (i.e., running for office or chair positions), and/or with next year's conference program in Jackson, Mississippi. Finally, thank you, each of you, for taking the time, money, and effort to be here. You are the reason for this conference and this organization's continued success.

Sincerely,
 Dr. Ruth A. Chananie
 2017-2018 MSSA President
 University of Northern Iowa/University of Tampa



WELCOME

FROM THE
PROGRAM CHAIR
AND PRESIDENT-
ELECT

Welcome to the 44th Mid-South Sociological Annual Conference and Meeting. Please let me begin by expressing my gratitude to our session organizers, participants, officers, past officers, and committee chairs for their energy, assistance, and dedication to MSSA. All of you have made this conference a success, and I am excited to be a part of our collective effort. This year's program is jam-packed with many panels and other events and promises to be exciting, fun, and professionally rewarding. The theme of the 2018 meeting, "Revisiting Dr. King's Dream Five Decades after His Death: Facts, Fallacies, and Fears about the Future" is reflected in a number of paper presentations, panels, and roundtables. In addition to those panels and roundtables, there are also numerous presentations around other interesting and thought-provoking topics. These presentations are spread equally across time slots each day from Wednesday through Saturday, so that no matter what day you arrive, or how long your schedule allows you to attend, we anticipate you will find several events aligned with your research and teaching interests at this conference. We are very lucky to have a venue that provides quick, easy, same floor access to all meeting rooms for your convenience.

The program is enhanced this year with our keynote speaker, who is scheduled to speak in the Ballroom on Friday, October 26th. **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 around her Civil Rights work.** I'm confident her presentation will be informative and exciting; please make every effort to attend if your schedule allows. On Friday evening, we have two special events. First, our annual Poster Showcase will be on display from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Ballroom. A short time after the Poster Showcase, please plan on joining us in our annual banquet and business meeting (cost included in your registration). The food will be good, and it will be a great time to find out what is going on in our organization.

In addition to compiling a list of local restaurants and attractions to enhance your stay in Birmingham, the local arrangements committee has planned several special events for conference participants. Please check your conference bag for flyers announcing those events. As program chair for the 2018 conference, I sincerely hope you enjoy both the conference and your time in Birmingham. I want to send a special thanks to the section organizers and the local arrangements committee, who did such a great job in organizing the panels for their respective sections and getting us information about Birmingham. Please thank them as you see them at the conference. Enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,
 David C. May, Mississippi State University

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GUIDE TO TYPES OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND EVENTS

PAPER SESSIONS: These are the default type of sessions, and are most typical of an academic conference. They consist of an organizer, who decides on the title and topic of the session, and solicits submissions related to the topic. Paper sessions normally have 3-5 presenters, and a presider, who may or may not be the organizer, whose job it is to moderate the timing of presentations so each paper presenter gets roughly equal time to present. Also, they ask for questions and discussion at the end of the session. All are welcome to attend.

ROUNDTABLES: These are a more informal variety of the paper session. They take place at a literal “round” table, or some other shaped table, and are organized and moderated typically by one individual. The organizer decides how informal the session will be – sometimes they solicit submissions with titles, where each scheduled participant talks for a time, followed by general Q&A. Other times they just host the table, and have an informal discussion about the topic without specific presentations. Everyone is welcome to join a roundtable, even if they do not have a predetermined topic to present.

POSTER SESSION: This session is designed for students who wish to present their work in the poster format. Posters will be available for all to see in the main room (SOUTH J), plus the authors will present their work during the specified session. All are welcome!

CAUCUS BREAKFASTS OR LUNCHEAS: These focus on areas special to the MSSA’s success, such as the Committee on Small and Community Colleges, the Committee on Minorities, and the Committee on Women, Gender, and Sexualities. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, and if you want a meal you may purchase it from the hotel restaurant staff.

PRESIDENTS RECEPTION: This event is to honor all past and present Presidents of the MSSA, and to provide a space where all conference attendees can meet, greet, and network. All are welcome, and there will be food to eat, limited free drink tickets, and a cash bar. Fun for all!

BANQUET: This is the culminating event of the conference. In addition to dinner, conference attendees can mingle prior to the event in the outer hall (cash bar), then come join the main event. In addition to socializing and a meal (included in your registration), the banquet is also our annual full-member business meeting. We will give out awards for the paper and other competitions, and provide important information on the state of the organization. Please join us...all are welcome!!



MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
FULL SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting 1	Chamomile (407)
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration Table Open	South Meeting Foyer
12:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Beverages/Break Room Open	South Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 24
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 1: HOMICIDE STUDIES

Chair: John G. Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

THE IMPACT OF MIGRATION DESTINATION ON RATES OF ETHNICALLY
 DISAGGREGATED HISPANIC HOMICIDES

Michael Bisciglia, Southeastern Louisiana University

ANALYZING HOMICIDE PATTERNS AND PERCEIVED FEAR AMONG
 RESIDENTS IN THE BIG EASY

*John G. Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University; Wesley Abbott,
 Southeastern Louisiana University*

HOMICIDE IN THE CONTEXT OF SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

Lisa Olson, Southeastern Louisiana University

IN DEFENSE OF BROKEN WINDOWS: A STUDY EXAMINING PLACE AND
 TIME

Jason Savoy, Southeastern Louisiana University

Wednesday, 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room E

**SESSION 2: FOOD, INEQUALITY, AND CHANGE: STRATIFICATION AND
 CULTURAL MOBILITY**

Chair: Diego Thompson, Mississippi State University

FOOD JUSTICE, COLLECTIVE AGENCY, AND INCLUSION OF HISPANIC
 FARMWORKERS IN RURAL VERMONT

Diego Thompson, Mississippi State University

LARGE TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS AND THE STANDARD AMERICAN
 DIET: THE PROBLEM FOR LOCAL, HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE FOODS

Justin A. Martin, University of Tennessee

FOOD DESERTS AND THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: HOW GROCERY HOME
 DELIVERY SERVICES PRESERVE AND REPRODUCE SOCIAL INEQUALITY

*Monica Bixby Radu, Southeast Missouri State University; Kristen N.
 Sobba, Southeast Missouri State University*

Wednesday, October 24
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 3: COLLECTIVE ACTIONS SHAPING OUR WORLD

Chair: Marcoux Faiia, Rivier University

SOCIAL MOVEMENT MOMENTUM AND AMERICA'S COMEDIANS

Shane Gunderson, Broward College

REMEMBER THE LADIES: WOMEN AS SOCIAL ACTIVISTS

Marcoux Faiia, Rivier University

**AGENTS OF CHANGE: AN ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL TRANSMISSION,
PLACE, AND AGENCY AMONGST AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE MISSISSIPPI
DELTA**

Denae Bradley, University of Mississippi

Wednesday, October 24
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

South Meeting Room E

SESSION 4:

**FEATURE SESSION: SURVIVING KATRINA: THE EXPERIENCES OF LOW
INCOME AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN**

FEATURE SPEAKER:

Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

Wednesday, October 24
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

South Meeting Room G

**SESSION 5: MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY: EXPLORING CHALLENGES IN
HEALTH FOR IMMIGRANTS AND OTHER POPULATIONS**

Chair: Sarah Rutland, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

**MEDICAL STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:
EXPLORING PERU**

*Shane D. Burns, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Javier Jurado,
Johns Hopkins University; A.M. Guerra-García, Cayetano Heredia
University; P.E. Jolly, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Larissa
Otero, Cayetano Heredia University; Tina Kempin Reuter, The University
of Alabama at Birmingham*

**UNMET NEED FOR HEALTH CARE IN YOUNG ADULTS: WHAT ROLES DO
ADOLESCENT SES AND ADULT SES PLAY?**

*Sarah B. Rutland, The University of Alabama at Birmingham;
Elizabeth H. Baker, The University of Alabama at Birmingham*

**CASTE AND HYPERTENSION IN INDIA: EXAMINING THE DIFFERENTIAL
EFFECT OF SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS**

*Sanjeev Acharya, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Jalal Uddin,
The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Jessica Valles, The University
of Alabama at Birmingham; Elizabeth Baker, The University of Alabama at
Birmingham*

**SERIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS AMONG BLACK IMMIGRANTS TO
THE UNITED STATES BY REGION OF BIRTH**

*Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, Utah State University; Verna M. Keith, The
University of Alabama at Birmingham; Gabe H. Miller, Texas A&M
University*

Wednesday, October 24
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

South Meeting Room I

SESSION 6: RACE AND ACTS OF RESISTANCE

Chair: Jeannice Louine, Claflin University

AN EXHORTATION TO FACULTY AND STUDENTS: EXPAND THE DREAM!

Matthew P. Sheptoski, Grambling State University

BOTH DESIRED AND DESPISED: MASCULINITY SOCIALIZATION OF
 AFRICAN AMERICAN BOYS

Madison A. Hinton, Mississippi State University

AN OVERVIEW OF POLICE-INVOLVED DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES
 2013-2016

Jeannice Louine, Claflin University

INTER-RACIAL COHESIVE CONSCIOUSNESS: EXAMINING HOW MALCOLM
 X, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR AND FRED HAMPTON THREATENED TO
 ELIMINATE SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION AND CAPITALISM

Chad J. Sloss, University of Cincinnati

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Thursday, October 25
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 7: PROCESSES INVOLVING THE BODY IN MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

Chair: Kirsten Ostergren Clark, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

IS YOUR PREACHER YOUR DENTIST OR DOES YOUR DENTIST PREACH
 TO YOU? THE RELATIONSHIP OF RELIGION AND DENTAL HEALTH

Kirsten Ostergren Clark, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AGE AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE:
 EXAMINING THE AGE-AS-LEVELER HYPOTHESIS

Alejandra M. Colon Lopez, The University of Alabama at Birmingham;
Jalal Uddin, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Elizabeth Baker,
The University of Alabama at Birmingham

FROM BODY TO MIND: THE SHIFTING THRESHOLDS OF DIAGNOSTIC
 CRITERIA IN BIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DISEASES

George Usmanov, Georgia State University

Thursday, October 25

South Meeting Room E

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

SESSION 8: IDENTITY WORK & MANAGEMENT

Chair: Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University

DISASTERS AND IDENTITY: A THEORETICAL APPLICATION

Jessica L. Burke, Francis Marion University; Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University

AFTER THE GAME: NFL PLAYERS, IDENTITY MANGEMENT, AND THE TRANSITION INTO RETIREMENT

Adriene F. Davis, Mississippi State University

“THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH THAT WE CAN DO”: OHIO WELFARE-TO-WORK PROGRAM MANAGERS’ ACCOUNTS AND IDENTITY WORK

Brianna Turgeon, Jacksonville State University; Kaitlyn Root, University of Akron; Jacob Church, Kent State University at Kent; Kasey Ray, Kent State University at Geauga

THE GLOBAL CITIZEN, GLOBAL TRUST, & NATIONAL PRIVILEGE: A LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF IDENTITY IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD

Hannah L. Pallotta, University of Memphis

Thursday, October 25

South Meeting Room F

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

SESSION 9: CONSIDERING MARGINALIZED STUDENT POPULATIONS AND CONCEPTS IN PEDAGOGY

Chair: Melencia M. Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

METHODS OF RESEARCH: TEACHING IN THE DU BOIS-ATLANTA SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGY TRADITION

Matthew Sheptoski, Grambling State University

TEACHING THE SOCIOLOGY OF MIGRATION THROUGH ISABEL WILKERSON’S *THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS*

Estye Fenton, University of West Alabama

THE IMPACT OF MENTORING AT-RISK YOUTHS ON COLLEGE STUDENTS’ PERCEPTIONS OF SELF-EFFICACY

Sierra Nelson, Mississippi State University; David May, Mississippi State University

STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD LGBT POPULATIONS

Melencia M. Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

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9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

South Meeting Room G

SESSION 10: TOPICS IN VICTIMOLOGY

Chair: Tara E. Sutton, Mississippi State University

“THE PARADOX OF PRIVACY:” SOCIAL COHESION, COLLECTIVE EFFICACY, AND SOCIAL TIES AS BARRIERS TO HELP-SEEKING BEHAVIORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS IN RURAL AREAS

Rachel M. Durso, Washington College

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCES WITH (AND PERCEPTIONS OF) HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING

Chloe Parker, Mississippi State University

HOOKING-UP & THREE FORMS OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AMONG COLLEGE MEN: EXAMINING MODERATORS OF RISK

Tara E. Sutton, Mississippi State University; Leslie Gordon Simons, University of Georgia

AMERICAN HAUNTINGS: MARTIN, EMMETT, TRAYVON AND THE SPECTERS OF MORAL TRAUMA

Shoon Lio, University of South Alabama

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9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

South Meeting Room I

SESSION 11: APPLIED SOCIOLOGY’S PRACTICAL SIDE- REPORTS ON APPLIED SOCIOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Organizer/Presider: Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

USING APPLIED SOCIOLOGY TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL IMPACTS OF CIVIL WAR IN SRI LANKA

Ram Alagan, Alabama State University; Seela Aladuwaka, Alabama State University

SCHOOL GARDENS AS A POSITIVE WAY TO HELP THE COMMUNITY ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITIES

Sharon Everhardt, Troy University; Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

TEACHING GARDENING AND NUTRITION: AN APPLIED SOCIOLOGICAL CASE

Jasmine Daughtry, Troy University

Thursday, October 25
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 12: FREE TRADE AND COMMUNITY AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair: David Singleton, Mississippi State University

THE IMPACT OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON COMMUNITY
 DEVELOPMENT IN FONTAINE, HAITI: FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF
 STUDENTS AT ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL

*Hideki Morooka, Fayetteville State University; Evansha Andre, Fayetteville
 State University*

DIFFUSION OF NEOLIBERAL VALUES AND EROSION OF THE CIVIC
 ECONOMY

J. Dylan Sandifer, University of Memphis

CONCEPTUALIZING THE EFFECT OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS ON
 HEALTH OUTCOMES

*Samia Tasmim, University of Memphis; Junmim Wang, University of
 Memphis*

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10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

South Meeting Room E

**SESSION 13: STIGMA FORMATION AND PATHWAYS IN MEDICAL
 SOCIOLOGY**

Chair: Adam Rafalovich, Pacific University Sociology

ACCOUNTING FOR HUMAN AGENCY: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
 MEDICALIZATION, CRIMINALIZATION, AND STIGMA

Adam Rafalovich, Pacific University Sociology

STRESSFUL LIFE EVENTS AND ADOLESCENT SUICIDE ATTEMPTS: AN
 INVESTIGATION OF THE MEDIATING MECHANISMS

Muhammed Yildiz, M.A., Louisiana State University

SUICIDALITY, MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA, AND ONLINE SUPPORT SYSTEMS

*Mercedes Tarasovich, The University of Alabama at Birmingham;
 Elizabeth Baker, The University of Alabama at Birmingham*

Thursday, October 25
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

South Meeting Room G

SESSION 14: FEAR OF CRIME AND VICTIMIZATION

Chair: Megan Stubbs-Richardson, Mississippi State University

**UNTANGLING THE EFFECTS OF VICTIMIZATION EXPERIENCES ON
VIOLENT CRIME VICTIMS' FEAR OF CRIME: DO OFFENDERS MATTER IN
PREDICTING FEAR?**

*Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University; Shelly McGrath, University of
Alabama at Birmingham*

**BULLYING, POWERLESS, AND FEAR: EXAMINING RESPONSES TO
BULLYING THROUGH THE LENS OF THE SHADOW OF POWERLESSNESS**

*Megan Stubbs-Richardson, Mississippi State University; David C. May,
Mississippi State University; Sierra Nelson, Mississippi State University;
Maggie Cresswell, Mississippi State University*

**FEAR OF VICTIMIZATION, SOCIALIZATION, AND THE ROLE OF KIDS'
AGENCY**

*Courtney Heath Windhorn, Mississippi State University; Nicole E. Rader,
Mississippi State University; Margaret Hagerman, Mississippi State
University*

**AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO YOUTHS' LIKELIHOOD OF DROPPING
OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL: DOES SCHOOL-BASED VICTIMIZATION AND
SCHOOL CLIMATE MATTER?**

*Kristen Sobba, Southeast Missouri State University; Monica Bixby Radu,
Southeast Missouri State University*

Thursday, October 25
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

South Meeting Room I

**SESSION 15: THE SOCIOLOGY OF GLOBAL MIGRATION:
UNDERSTANDING THE ROOT CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES**

Organizer/Presider: Ram Alagan, Alabama State University

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION FROM AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN (LAC) REGIONS: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

RURAL-URBAN MIGRATION IN NIGERIA: CONSEQUENCES ON POVERTY
AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Elisha Dung, Alabama State University

WHO'S WAR AND WHO'S AGONY? GLOBAL MIGRATION FROM SRI LANKA

Ram Alagan, Alabama State University

JIM CROW AND THE REFUGEES IT CREATED: A LOOK AT THE FACTORS
THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE MIGRATION OF NEGROES FROM THE
SOUTH TO THE NORTH

Robert White, Alabama State University

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Women, Gender, and Sexualities Caucus Lunch

Atrium Cafe

Thursday, October 25
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 16: COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Chair: Leslie Hossfeld, Clemson University

SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS' PERSPECTIVES ON NAVIGATING
 FEDERAL FARM PROGRAM BARRIERS

*Kelli Russell, Mississippi State University; Gino Rico Mendez, Mississippi
 State University; Leslie Hossfeld, Clemson University*

THE OKTIBBEHA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL: ASSEMBLING COMMUNITY
 STAKEHOLDERS AND INITIATIVES TO CREATE RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE
 FOOD SYSTEMS IN MISSISSIPPI

*Diego Thompson, Mississippi State University; Kecia R. Johnson,
 Mississippi State University; Kenya Cistrunk, Mississippi State University;
 Gino Rico Mendez, Mississippi State University; Leslie Hossfeld, Clemson
 University*

THE GOOD FOOD REVOLUTION: BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY
 THROUGH PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH INITIATIVES

*Laura Jean Kerr, Mississippi State University; Leslie Hossfeld, Clemson
 University*

Thursday, October 25
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room E

SESSION 17: EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE

Chair: John Verburg, Talladega College

SO, WHAT'S UP? HOW ARE WE DOING? A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE
 STATE OF SOCIOLOGY IN THE MID-SOUTH REGION

John Verburg, Talladega College; Derek Shapley, Talladega College

DO DIFFUSE STATUS CHARACTERISTICS SUCH AS RACE, GENDER, AND
 AGE INFLUENCE STUDENTS' RATING OF PROFESSORS?

Karam Adibifar, Metropolitan State University of Denver

ENVIRONMENTAL INEQUALITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: AN
 EXAMINATION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF NATURE
 PRESCHOOLS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

*Ashley Kite-Rowland, University of Tennessee at Martin; Aaron T.
 Rowland, University of Tennessee at Martin*

THE LEGACY MUSEUM AND THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION: A RESEARCH
 PLAN FOR STUDYING ATTITUDES ON SCHOOL INTEGRATION

Brett Lehman, Auburn University Montgomery

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1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room G

SESSION 18: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Chair: Willie Pearson, Jr., Georgia Institute of Technology

INTERSECTIONAL CONFIGURATIONS AND EFFECTS ON PARTICIPATION
 IN THE U.S. ENGINEERING WORKFORCE

*Connie L. McNeely, George Mason University; Yu Tao, Stevens Institute of
 Technology*

ASIAN AMERICANS AS MODEL MINORITY: MYTHS AND REALITIES

Cheryl B. Leggon, Georgia Institute of Technology

SOCIAL INNOVATION THROUGH DIVERSE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY
 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PAPER TITLE

*Christophe E. Jackson, Tulane University and Gideon Group;
 Connie L. McNeely, George Mason University*

Thursday, October 25
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room I

**SESSION 19: WOMEN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON: LIFE BEHIND
 AND BEYOND BARS.**

Organizer/Presider: Meredith Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

GRIEF AND LOSS EXPERIENCES AMONG WOMEN SERVING LIFE

Ronald Aday, Middle Tennessee State University

“I’M NO LONGER THAT GIRL”: WOMEN LIFERS’ HOPES, EXPECTATIONS,
 AND FEARS FOR LIFE BEYOND BARS

Meredith Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

PERCEPTIONS OF MOTHERHOOD AMONG NON-MOTHERS SENTENCED
 TO LIFE IN PRISON

Mary De La Torre, Middle Tennessee State University

Thursday, October 25
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room F

SESSION 20: ROUNDTABLE: THE UNWRITTEN RULES TO SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVING TENURE AND PROMOTION

Organizer: Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

Discussants:

Thomas Calhoun, Jackson State University

Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

Anita Bledsoe Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Thursday, October 25
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 21: APPLIED RESEARCH IN SOCIOLOGY

Chair: Emily Baker, University of North Alabama

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS: VOCATIONAL UNANIMITY OR INADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES?

Huey Davis, Middle Tennessee State University

EFFECTIVE SELF-ADVOCACY WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMMING

Emily N. Baker, University of North Alabama; Andrea N. Hunt, University of North Alabama; Stacy C. Lee, University of North Alabama

COLLABORATING ACROSS CAMPUS: APPLIED SOCIOLOGY WITHIN THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Andrea N. Hunt, University of North Alabama

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2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

South Meeting Room E

SESSION 22: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, REVITALIZATION, AND HOSPITALITY

Chair: Albert Nylander, University of Mississippi

SOCIOLOGY THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: CONSTRUCTING ENTREPRENEURIAL IDENTITIES AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Albert Nylander, University of Mississippi; Laura Martin, University of Mississippi

HOME AND BUSINESS RECONSTRUCTION AS A COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION STRATEGY

Bennett M. Judkins, Southern Adventist University; Karen C. Mundy-Judkins, Lee University

ALL ARE WELCOME? SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY AND THE POLITICS OF BELONGING

Betsie Garner, Tennessee Tech University

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2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

South Meeting Room F

SESSION 23:

FEATURE SESSION: REFLECTIONS ON 50 YEARS SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF MLK AND THE DEATH OF DU BOIS

Chair: Barbara Harris Combs, Clark Atlanta University

THE INEXTRICABLE LEGACIES OF KING AND DU BOIS: EXAMINING RACE RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Barbara Harris Combs, Clark Atlanta University

RACE AND CLASS IN THE BLACK MECCA

Jonathan P. Grant, Clark Atlanta University

THE TRAYVON MARTIN GENERATION SPEAKS: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE: CHAOS OR COMMUNITY?

Madison Trice, Clark Atlanta University; Micah Smith, Clark Atlanta University

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DUBOIS/KING SYMPOSIUM AT CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY: THE MORAL IMAGINATION OF DU BOIS AND KING

Passion Peoples, Clark Atlanta University

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2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

SESSION 24: INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL CLASS

Chair: Jamie MacLennan, Georgia Southwestern State University

THE SOURCES OF ATTRIBUTION FOR BLACK–WHITE DISPARITIES
AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS

Jamie MacLennan, Georgia Southwestern State University

SHATTERED DREAMS: CAPITALISM AND ITS IMPACT ON AFRICAN
AMERICANS

Alexus C. Moore, Georgia State University

BLACK MIDDLE CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS: “DREAMS OF MOBILITY” AS
RACIALLY CONTESTED

Jamar Wheeler, University of Louisville

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2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

SESSION 25: CHALLENGES IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Chair: Tina Hebert Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

MENTAL HEALTH IN THE BLACK CHURCH

*Sy Butler, Birmingham Southern College; Stephanie Hansard, Birmingham
Southern College*

STIGMA OF HIV IN FAITH COMMUNITIES: PERSPECTIVES OF PEOPLE
LIVING WITH HIV

Magdalena Szaflarski, University of Alabama at Birmingham

FOR HE TELLS ME SO: TECHNIQUES OF NEUTRALIZATION APPLIED TO
CHRISTIAN DOMESTIC DISCIPLINE

*Tina Hebert Deshotels, Jacksonville State University; Stephanie Earwood,
Jacksonville State University; BreeAnna New, Jacksonville State
University; Jennifer Fulmer, New Mexico State University; Craig Forsyth,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

Thursday, October 25
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

South Meeting Room H

**SESSION 26: ROUNDTABLE: INCORPORATING ACTIVE LEARNING FOR
 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SOCIOLOGY COURSES**

Organizer: Matthew West, Lawson State Community College

Discussants:

Renna Clements, Shelton State Community College

Dusty Folds, Lawson State Community College

Derrick Griffey, Gadsden State Community College

Lucy Lewis, Jefferson State Community College

Thursday, October 25
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 27: ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

Chair: Katherine Beck, University of South Alabama

**BLACKBELT LIVES MATTER: WASTEWATER, SANITATION AND
 ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE**

*Katherine Beck, University of South Alabama; Shoon Lio, University of
 South Alabama; Sarah Wraight, University of South Alabama; Kevin
 White, University of South Alabama; Mark Elliott, University of Alabama*

HOLDING OUR BREATH: RISK AND SAFETY IN POSTMODERNITY

*Jeremy Ross, Jacksonville State University; Tyler Gay, Jacksonville State
 University*

**IS DISASTER EXPERIENCE A GOOD TEACHER OF DISASTER READINESS?
 SURVEY RESULTS FROM THE SC PEE DEE REGION AFTER HURRICANE
 MATTHEW**

Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University

Thursday, October 25
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room E

SESSION 28: HEALTH AND GENDER: AN EXPLORATION OF GENDER EFFECTS ON HEALTH OUTCOMES

Chair: Fabrice S. Julien, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE AND CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS IN ADULTHOOD: EXAMINING THE INTERSECTING EFFECTS OF RACE/ETHNICITY AND GENDER

Jalal Uddin, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

EXPLORING MAMMOGRAHY ADHERENCE BY LATINA ETHNICITY AND CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Roman Johnson, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Sejong Bae, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

PERCEPTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN COLLEGE WOMEN: STD/STI HEALTH RISK BEHAVIORS AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN

Dashawna Anderson, Georgia Southern University

Thursday, October 25
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room F

SESSION 29: INEQUALITY IN PROFESSIONAL, SOCIAL, AND EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS

Chair: Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

ATTITUDES TOWARDS AND THE REASONS OF LIVING APART TOGETHER (LAT): EXPLORING THE GENDER DIFFERENCES

Deniz Yucel, William Patterson University of New Jersey

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA: PROFESSIONALIZATION, FEMINIZATION, AND OCCUPATIONAL GENDERING OF THE BIRTH AND DEATH CARE INDUSTRY

Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University; Katie Worman-Ross, Oklahoma State University

JIM CROW SOCIOLOGY: THE BLACK AND SOUTHERN ROOTS OF AMERICAN SOCIOLOGY

Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

Thursday, October 25
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room G

SESSION 30: INSTITUTIONAL DECISION-MAKING AND REGULATION

Chair: Demond Miller, Rowan University

NONCITIZEN SOLDIERS: THE DILEMMA FOR AMERICA'S IMMIGRANT
 VETERANS

Christie Burton, Clayton State University

NO ACCOUNTING FOR BAD CONTRACTORS: INEFFECTIVE REGULATION
 IN THE CONTRACTED SECURITY APPARATUS

Ori Swed, Texas Tech University; Adam Materne, University of Texas

A SOCIOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING OF INSTITUTIONAL CORRUPTION

Joshua Wakeham, University of Alabama

PUBLIC DECISION-MAKING TOOLS IN THE FACE OF NATURAL HAZARDS:
 MODELING BUILT AND NATURAL HAZARDS

Demond Miller, Rowan University

Thursday, October 25
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room I

**SESSION 31: THE INTERSECTION OF EDUCATION, POVERTY AND
 SOCIAL CLASS**

Chair: Andrew Fasullo, Boston University

UNDERSTANDING A SILENCE: IN ECONOMICS AND EDUCATION AMONG
 THE DISENFRANCHISED

Mandale Williams, Fayetteville State University

EXPLORING HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY IN ANCHORAGE, AK

Parker Sturm, Birmingham-Southern College

DESTINED BY CLASS? A QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF SOCIAL CLASS
 BEHAVIOR PATTERNS

Andrew Fasullo, Boston University

STEPFORD U: BRANDING AS SOCIAL CONTROL

Terrell A. Hayes, High Point University

Thursday, October 25
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

South Meeting Room H

**SESSION 32: ROUNDTABLE: SURVIVING PROGRAM REVIEWS: TIPS
FROM THE REVIEWED AND THE REVIEWERS**

Organizer: David C. May, Mississippi State University

Discussants:

Thomas Calhoun, Jackson State University

Albert Nylander, University of Mississippi

David C. May, Mississippi State University

President's Welcome Reception- 5:30 – 7:00 pm

(Limited FREE Drink Tickets, Food, and Cash Bar)

Birmingham Ballroom 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

**Small and Community Colleges Caucus Breakfast and Annual
Committee Meeting**

Friday, October 26
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 33: INEQUALITIES IN TIME AND PLACE: EXPLORATIONS OF HOW DISPARITIES PERSIST BY LOCATION

Chair: Fabrice S. Julien, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

SUICIDE AND SOCIAL INTERGRATION: MARITAL STATUS, SEX AND CHANGING GEOGRAPHICAL RISKS

Kevin Breault, Middle Tennessee State University; Augustine J. Kposowa, University of California-Riverside; Dina Ezzat, Assiut University

HEALTH INEQUALITY: YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT AND WHERE YOU LIVE

Romney S. Norwood, Georgia State University

HEALTH OUTCOMES AREN'T SO BLACK AND WHITE: TEMPORAL VARIATIONS IN STAGE 3 EPIDEMIOLOGICAL TRANSITIONS BETWEEN AMERICANS AND WHITE AMERICANS

Nick McCormick, Virginia Commonwealth University

Friday, October 26
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

South Meeting Room E

SESSION 34: UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SESSION I-RELIGIOSITY, RELIGION, AND RECONSTRUCTION

Organizer: Jason Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

Chair: Ruth Chananie, University of Northern Iowa

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTION MOVEMENT: A SOCIAL MOVEMENT ANALYSIS

Tyler Campbell, University of Tennessee at Martin

RELIGIOSITY AMONG YOUNG ADULTS

Bailey Jennings, University of Mobile

EXAMINING THE DIVINE AND THE DERIDED: AN ANALYSIS OF DISABILITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN USING CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Mason Shrader, Millsaps College

MISSION TRIPS INCREASE EMPATHY

Elizabeth Watt, University of Mobile

Friday, October 26
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

South Meeting Room F

SESSION 35: ENGAGING STUDENTS THROUGH SERVICE LEARNING AND PHOTOVOICE

Chair: Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

SERVICE-LEARNING AS A PEDAGOGICAL TOOL FOR CREATIVE INQUIRY: BUILDING A TOOLBOX FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND EXPANDING KING'S LEGACY OF SERVICE

Shelley S. Brown, Tennessee Tech University

CREATING EMPOWERED STUDENTS: MEANINGFUL CHANGE THROUGH STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Sean Huss, Arkansas Tech University; James E. Stobaugh, Arkansas Tech University

THE SOCIOLOGY SERVICE-LEARNING CLASSROOM: TOWARD A DEMOCRATIC EPISTEMOLOGY

Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University; Rachel Harris, Jacksonville State University

PHOTOVOICE: INTEGRATING COURSE-BASED UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCES INTO THE CURRICULUM

Adelle Dora Montebianco, Middle Tennessee State University

Friday, October 26
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

South Meeting Room H

SESSION 36: ROUNDTABLE: INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATES, AND CONCENTRATIONS: ASSISTING STUDENTS IN CRAFTING EFFECTIVE TRANSCRIPTS

Organizer: Pamela Hunt Kirk, University of West Georgia

Discussants:

Pamela Hunt Kirk, University of West Georgia

Cassidy Cooper, University of Mobile

James Robinson, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Friday, October 26
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

South Meeting Room G

PLENARY SESSION- SESSION 37: THE ACTIVISM OF REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Organizer/Presider: Keith Parker, Florida A&M University

KING, GHANDI, AND HOWARD: NON-VIOLENCE AND ARMED PROTECTION
Linda Beito, Stillman College; Marquise Clark, Stillman College; Anthony Rosario, Stillman College

FROM CIVIL RIGHTS TO SILVER RIGHTS: THE FORGOTTEN LEGACY OF REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FIGHT FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE
Keith D. Parker, Florida A&M University; Taylor B. Darks, Florida A&M University; Bria Brooks, Florida A&M University

REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FORGOTTEN LEGACY: THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN
Keith D. Parker, Florida A&M University; Marrison McFarlane, Florida A&M University; Tenesha Washington, Florida A&M University

FRONT LINE WORKED UNDER THE MICROSCOPE: CITIZENS PERCEPTIONS OF OFFICERS WEARING BODY CAMERAS
James Wright, Florida State University

Friday, October 26
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

South Meeting Room I

SESSION 38: UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SESSION II-FILM, WORK, AND LEISURE

Organizer: Jason Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University
Chair: David May, Mississippi State University

ATHLETE INVOLVEMENT
Darby Callicutt, University of Mobile

FILM ANALYSIS: GAYBY BABY
Travis Hardee, University of South Carolina Aiken

PUBLIC VERSUS PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL INFLUENCE ON PART-TIME JOB EMPLOYMENT OF COLLEGE STUDENTS
Jamey Lyons, University of Mobile

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF DOMESTIC LABOR: MYANMAR WOMEN WORKING AS DOMESTIC WORKERS IN CHINA
Shanbai Yang, Millsaps College

Friday, October 26
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 39: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Chair: Giselle C. Greenidge, University of North Texas

“IS THERE NOT A CAUSE”: THE NEW CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE WRITING OF SONIA SANCHEZ

Sandra Staton-Taiwo, Alabama State University

UNDERSTANDING BLACK SENTIMENT ACROSS TIME

Giselle C. Greenidge, University of North Texas; Bernard Hurtault, University of Southern Mississippi

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND ANTI-COLONIAL MOVEMENTS

Robert White, Alabama State University

Friday, October 26
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

South Meeting Room E

SESSION 40: CHALLENGES AROUND SEXUAL IDENTITY

Chair: Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, Utah State University

BROMANCES AND DEVIANCE NEUTRALIZATION AS A NEW SUBCULTURE ALTERNATIVE IN SEXUAL IDENTITY

Stan Hodges, Texas A&M University-Kingsville; Miguel Nuncio, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD: NEIGHBORHOOD COHESION AND MENTAL HEALTH AMONG LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL AMERICANS.

Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, Utah State University; Gabe Miller, Texas A&M University; Verna Keith, University of Alabama at Birmingham

WE ARE HERE: EXPLORING CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT IN THE BLACK QUEER COMMUNITY ON YOUTUBE.

Gabriela Snell, University of North Alabama

Friday, October 26
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

South Meeting Room G

SESSION 41:

STUDENT SESSION: HOW SHOULD WE REMEMBER REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING?

On February 4, 1968, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., preached The Drum Major Instinct from the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church. In this speech, two months before his assassination, Dr. King implored his congregation to remember his attempts to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort prisoners. This SESSION of students will share thoughts on Dr. King's Dream Five Decades after His Death.

Organizers: Keith Parker, Florida A&M University

Panelists: Marissa McFarlane, Florida A&M University; Bria Brooks, Florida A&M University; Anthony Rosario, Stillman College; Marquise Clark, Stillman College

Friday, October 26
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

South Meeting Room F

SESSION 42: UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SESSION III- IMMIGRATION, DISCRIMINATION, AND CIVIL RIGHTS

Organizer/Chair: Jason Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ITS AFFECTS ON AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD CONTEMPORARY IMMIGRANTS

Lathia Adams, University of West Alabama

THE BLACK POWER MOVEMENT AND ITS EFFECT ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Allison Baggett, University of Tennessee at Martin

HOW IMMIGRATION CHALLENGES WESTERN DEMOCRACY AND IDEAS OF MULTICULTURALISM HISTORICALLY AND TODAY: VARIATIONS IN ECONOMIC SUCCESS AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Victor Mishoe, Millsaps College

DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE DIFFERENT NAMES

Jihyun Shin, Mississippi State University

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Minorities Caucus Lunch
Atrium Cafe

Session 43: Friday, October 26- 1:00PM – 2:15 PM PLENARY SESSION

SOUTH MEETING ROOM MEETING AREA

The Role of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Advancing Civil Rights in the South

Plenary Speaker: Heidi Beirich, Southern Poverty Law Center



Friday, October 26
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

South Meeting Room C

SESSION 44: ISSUES IN SENTENCING AND CORRECTIONS

Chair: Makeela J. Wells, Tennessee Technological University

DOES IT WORK? THE IMPACT OF THE FAIR SENTENCING ACT OF 2010 ON
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Chair: Jalal Uddin, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

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**SESSION 51: ROUNDTABLE: MIDSOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
 HISTORY FOCUS GROUP PROJECT**

Organizer: Ruth Chananie, University of Northern Iowa

The purpose of this session is to gather oral remembrances focusing on the early years of the MSSA (names, happenings, etc). We invite all interested in contributing to a recorded focus-group type conversation as a means of gathering data that is missing from the records or unavailable. We also seek individuals who are interested in the possibility working with us to continue revising the manuscript Dr. Marc Matre began, with the ultimate purpose of publication of the MSSA History in Sociological Spectrum. All are welcome, whether to participate or listen. This session and any resulting publication are dedicated to Dr. Matre's memory.

Discussants:

Ruth Chananie, University of Northern Iowa

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Chair: Brett Lehman, Auburn University Montgomery

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*Rachel Giardina, Mississippi State University; Jessie W. Davis, Mississippi
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Chair: Jessica L. Burke, Francis Marion University

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Chair: Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina Pembroke

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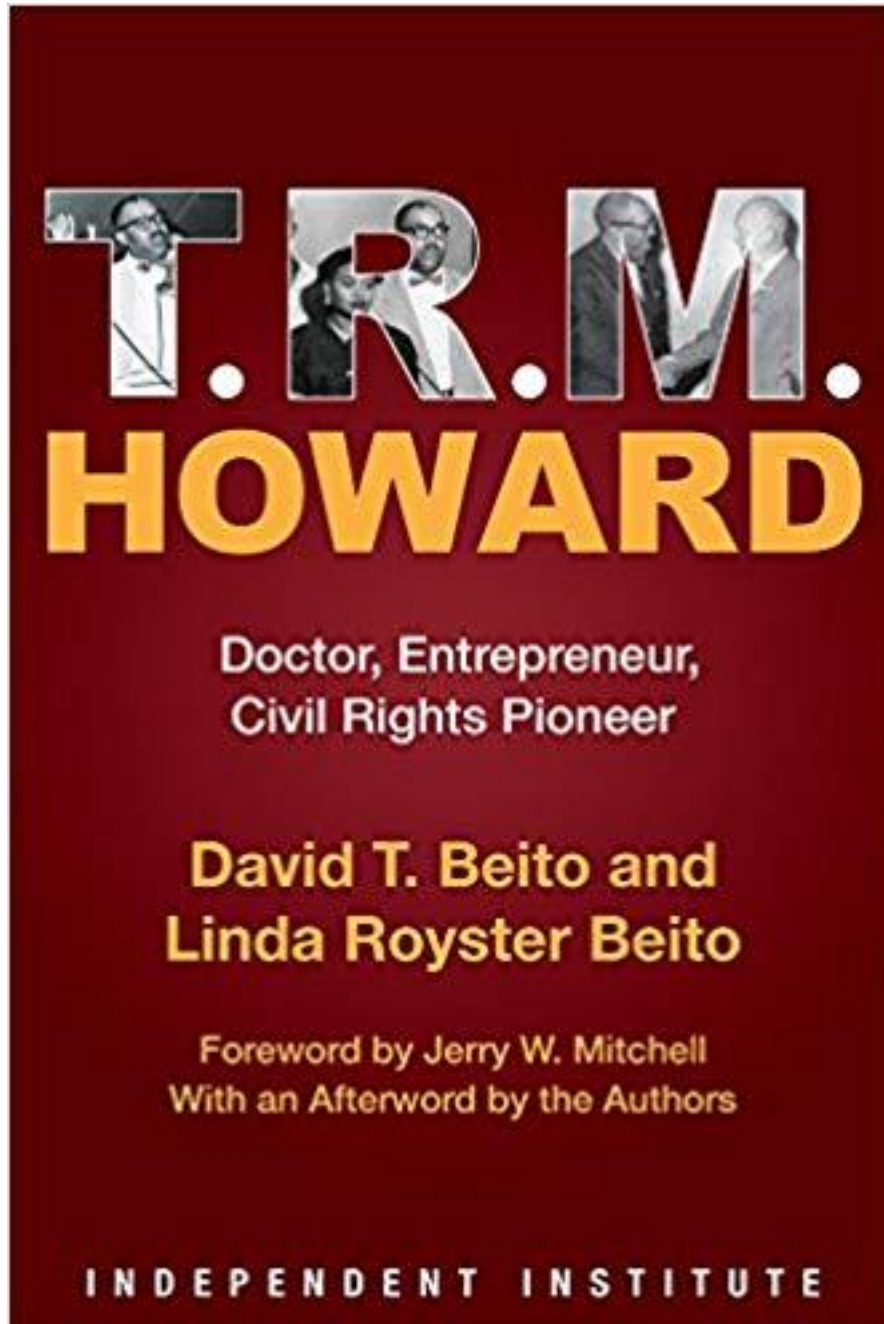
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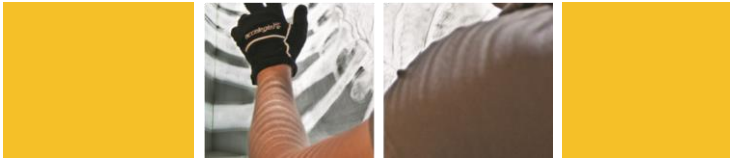
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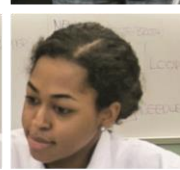
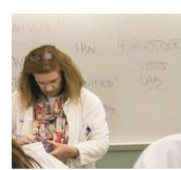
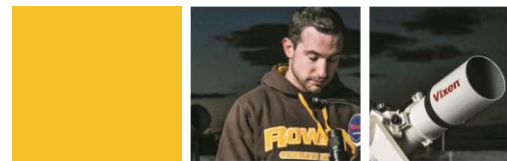
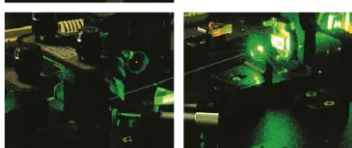
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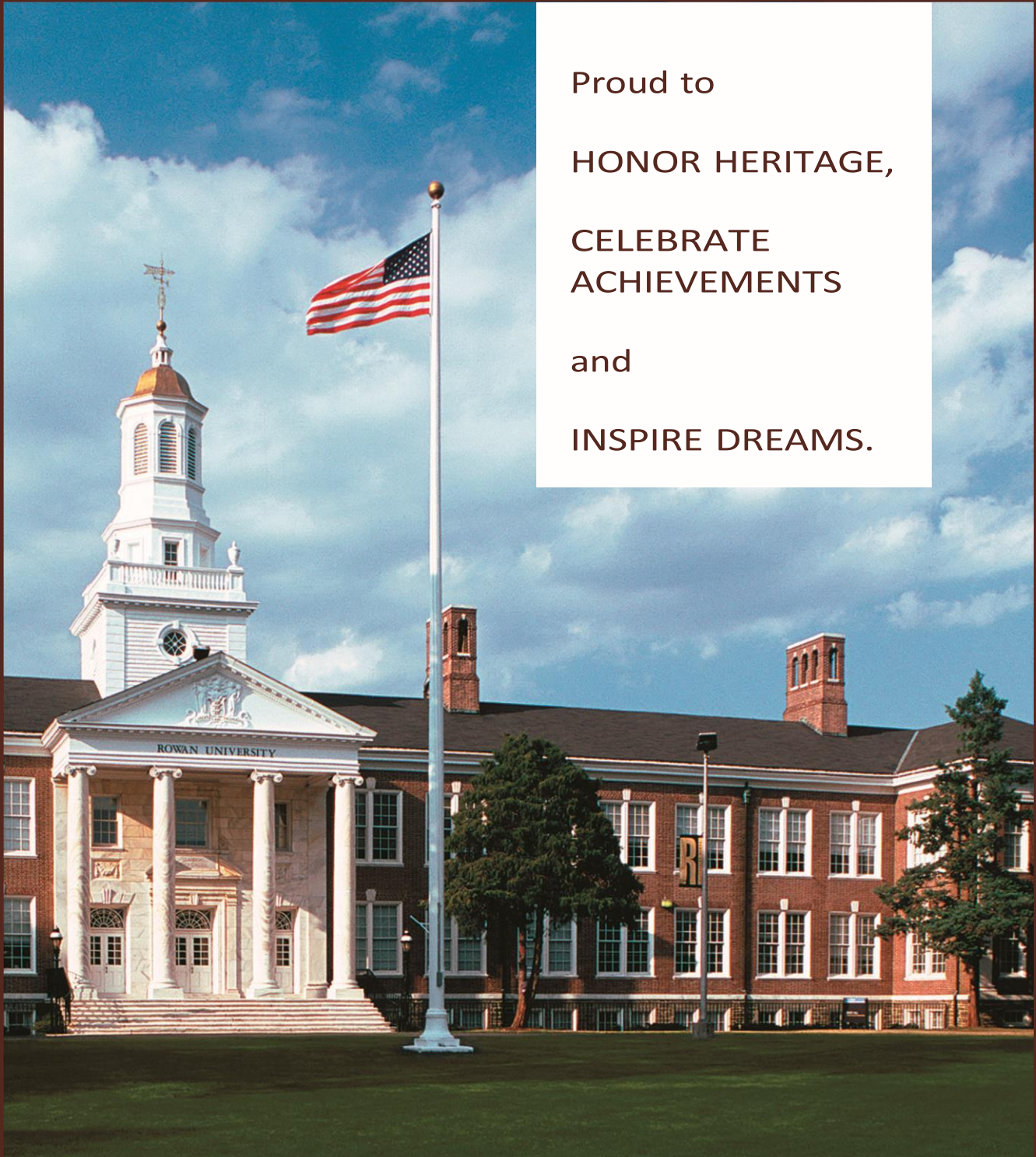
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