CALL FOR SESSION ORGANIZERS

As President-Elect, I am excited to invite you to become a session organizer for the Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association to be held October 13-17 in Nashville, Tennessee.

This year’s theme is:
Post-Fact Society: Sociological Solutions for the War on Truth
All topics are welcome. You may propose sociology, criminology, or interdisciplinary sessions. Additionally, I strongly encourage sessions focused on teaching and pedagogy. The 2020 MSSA meeting is welcoming of all scholars! Given this year’s theme, I specifically ask that you consider organizing a paper session, poster session, roundtable, workshop, or panel discussion[1] incorporating this year’s theme regarding how sociology in particular and science in general can navigate legitimate critiques of objectivity and still be useful in providing solutions to current social problems. Additionally, papers, posters, etc., discussing social media’s role in contributing to or undermining the war on truth are highly encouraged. Again, however, please feel free to propose any session of your choosing—all are welcome here!
Please send me your ideas for organizing a session (to: tdeshotels@jsu.edu), including a brief description (or working title if you have one), type of session desired, and your contact information no later than February 22, 2020. I look forward to working with you to create a successful and inspiring conference!

[1] Types of Sessions: Paper sessions are where 3-5 individuals take turns presenting their research with Q&A after. Roundtables are literally held at a round table; this is a space where people interested in a particular topic can discuss ideas, ongoing research, or ask questions (less formal). Workshops are directed sessions with the goal of participatory learning. Poster sessions are spaces where presenters can display a poster version of their research, and describe it briefly to viewers. Panels are led by a group of experts who lead discussion with attendees about a particular topic.