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Welcome to the 46th Annual Conference and Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association. This year also marks our first ever virtual conference, and I am excited to be a part of this new and exciting experience! It is an honor and privilege to serve an organization that has given so much to me over the years, and from the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you for making this year’s conference, as well as the MSSA in general, such a success. My personal gratitude also extends to Past Presidents Jason Ulsperger, Ruth Chananie, and Kevin Breault, all of whom eased my transition into the role of President and prepared me for quite an unprecedented year.

I would like to take a moment to give you all my personal history with the MSSA. I first attended the annual MSSA meeting in Biloxi, MS in 2004 when I was an undergraduate at the University of Tennessee at Martin. At that conference, I felt a camaraderie that I have seldom experienced since. I was welcomed and encouraged by other students, junior faculty, and senior faculty. Especially influential to my young aspirations was Dr. Thomas Calhoun, who would go on to instruct me at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Dr. Calhoun and others in the MSSA inspired my quest to discover my primary purpose in life: teaching and research. Since that moment so long ago, I have attended various other meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association and have served the organization in various roles. I hope you can find time in your busy schedule to serve the organization and continue attending these meetings—the organization has been integral to my career and I am certain it will be integral to yours!

Dr. Tina Hebert Deshotels’ conference theme, “Post-Fact Society: Sociological Solutions for the War on Truth” is absolutely perfect for the times in which we live. Given the incredibly consequential events happening this instant, it is more important than ever that sociologists are at the fore of our culture offering their expertise and analysis. I hope that you are able to attend sessions dedicated to the theme, and are especially able to attend Dr. James Loewen’s keynote address on October 16 at 4:00 pm.

I am happy to be a part of the MSSA’s very first virtual conference. It is exciting to be able to present and respond to enlightening research and to learn about innovative pedagogies in one’s own home or office. Though I am regretful of not being able to see you all in person, this regret is surpassed only by my satisfaction that you all are safer by tuning in virtually. In closing, I wish you all nothing but positive experiences and lasting relationships from attending this conference!

Sincerely,
Jessica Abbott, Ph.D.
2019-2020 MSSA President
Dixie State University
WELCOME
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PROGRAM CHAIR AND PRESIDENT-ELECT

Welcome to the 46th Mid-South Sociological Annual Conference and Meeting and our first ever virtual conference. I wish to heartily thank our session organizers, participants, officers, past officers, committee chairs, and contributors. You have given your time, support, thoughtfulness, and energy, during the middle of a pandemic, to make this conference a success. I am beyond humbled by your dedication and excited to be part of the team.

A word about the theme. I do not think, when we chose the theme, any of us could have imagined just how frightening the assault on truth would become. Each day seems to bring more and more examples. Interestingly, the critique of a one universal truth often spearheaded by sociologists and especially critical theorists, has been taken to the illogical extreme that there is no truth, no suffering, and by extension, no justice. The theme this year was meant to engage this debate in order to, as a discipline, an association, scholars, and citizens, explore how we can take the critique of knowledge from one supposed objective standpoint seriously and still lead the way in working to acknowledge and redress the social problems that yes, really do exist. Your work is more important than ever in efforts to dismantle the systemic and structural barriers that have allowed these horrors to persist. To that end, I encourage you to engage, during our virtual meetings, with these questions and take them back home to your classrooms/workplaces, families, and communities.

Our collection of paper sessions, scholarly panels, academic workshops, posters, mentoring/networking opportunities, and our plenary speaker, address wide ranging topics. In the spirit of good sociology, you will notice we are at once engaging the current issues we face and studying it as we go. I could not be prouder to be a sociologist and a member of this association than I am right now, and I thank each of you for how you contribute to making our world a better place.

In addition to the structured events, we have worked hard to continue the tradition of mentoring and networking through virtual mentoring/networking sessions sprinkled throughout the program. The MSSA has always been a welcoming space for undergraduate and graduate students, junior faculty, adjuncts, independent scholars, tenured faculty, emeritus faculty, and individuals from outside or near-outside academia. This open and welcoming atmosphere is the hallmark of MSSA, and what earns our loyalty and keeps us coming back.

My fervent wish for this meeting is that we will continue our traditions of support, mentoring, and excellent scholarship that each of us have come to know and expect, even, and maybe especially, when we must do so virtually. Please consider getting involved in our leadership structure and service to the organization in any capacity, whether you are new, been with us for a bit, or are coming back to the fold. We appreciate and welcome you all. The MSSA is for you, and I hope you enjoy and benefit from it as much as I have.

Sincerely,

Tina Hebert Deshotels
2020 MSSA Program Chair and President-Elect
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Dr. James Loewen is best known as the author of *Lies My Teacher Told Me*, which has sold more than 1,500,000 copies and continues to inspire students to challenge, rather than memorize their textbooks. Applying the sociological imagination to U.S. history as taught in high school can help us see why high school graduates misconstrue the past, cannot analyze the present, and don’t realize the power of social structure over our lives. Loewen will show some of the less plausible myths that many Americans still hold, some of which are hilarious, some tragic, and suggest that sociologists should take the lead – and also the pleasure – in debunking them.
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.

SCHOLARLY PANELS: Panels are typically organized and moderated by one or more individuals, who specify the topic of the panel and solicit experts or experienced persons on the topic, who take turns discussing it before opening up to general questions and discussion. All are welcome to attend.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS: These are typically organized and presided over by one or two individuals, who lead the audience in doing hands-on work related to their topic. Workshops are designed specifically to engage participants, and to further their practical knowledge and skills. All are welcome to attend.

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, plus the authors will present their work during the specified session. All are welcome! (Note: for the 2020 virtual conference, posters will be presented during a scheduled session on Zoom)

PLENARY: The plenary starts with a speech by one individual, on a topic very relevant to the theme of the conference. The plenary is the only offering in the allotted time, because it is intended for all or most of the conference attendees to join. The plenary speaker engages the audience, then opens up for questions and discussion at the end. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

CAUCUS BREAKFASTS OR LUNCHES: These focus on areas special to the MSSA’s success, such as the Committee on Small and Community Colleges, the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and the Committee on Women, Gender, and Sexualities. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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! (Note: for 2020 this is virtual)

MENTORING/NETWORKING: These opportunities are held during lunch and evening times. Most sessions are topical but some are general/open sessions. The purpose, in a virtual setting, is to recreate some of the informal networking and mentoring opportunities that occur during in-person conferences.

BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS: This is an 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!!
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MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
FULL SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS
October 14-17, 2020
Virtual

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
Registration required for session attendance: https://www.meetingsavvy.org/mssa/

9:00AM – 12:00PM  Executive Board Meeting I

11:30AM-12:45PM

Session 1  Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Introduction and Statement on Racism in America: Implementing Change*

Introduction: Bethany Titus, Executive Director, AKD
Presider: Dennis McSeveney, President AKD
*must pre-register, see schedule at a glance for link

1:00PM-2:15PM

Session 2  Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Editor’s Panel: Getting Published*

Presider: Jeffery Chin, Secretary AKD
Scott Carter and Cameron Lippard, Co-Editors, Sociological Inquiry
Michele Lee Kozimor, Editor; Barbara Prince, Deputy Editor, Teaching Sociology
Gabrielle Bauman, Editor, Routledge
*must pre-register, see schedule at a glance for link
2:30PM – 3:45PM  Breakout Sessions (Wednesday)

Session 3  Human Trafficking

Session Organizers and Presiders: Jessica Doucet, Francis Marion University
Lisa Eargle, Francis Marion University

*Multifarious Malevolence: A Typology of Virginia’s Sex Traffickers*
Timothy W. Clark, University of Texas at El Paso

*Investigating Human Trafficking Within the United States: A State-level Analysis of Prevalence and Correlates*
Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University
Jessica M. Doucet, Francis Marion University

*International Human Trafficking: An Exploration of Contributing Factors Among Nations*
Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University
Shyamal K. Das, Elizabeth City State University
Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University
Jessica M. Doucet, Francis Marion University

Session 4  Gerontology

Session Organizer and Presider: Ron Aday, Middle Tennessee State University

*South of the Border Down Mexico Way: Examining the Pursuit of Successful Aging among Older Retirees*
Sherri Marquez, Middle Tennessee State University

*Disengaged: Social Perspectives on Aging*
Jenny Bradford, New Mexico State University

*The Growing Challenge of Aging Sex Offenders*
Ron Aday, Middle Tennessee State University

*The Effects of Aging on Homelessness*
Kathryn Elbrink, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Nashville Campus
Session 5  Sociology of Disasters

Session Organizer and Presider: Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans

*Can Gender Equality Affect Climate Change-Related Disaster Risk Perceptions?*
Frederic Traylor, Rutgers University

*Disasters of the First Two Decades of the 21st Century*
Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans

Session 6  Competitive Poster Session

Session Organizers and Presiders: Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University
Demond Miller, Rowan University

*Considerations of the Impact of COVID-19 on Domestic Violence*
Christopher Burton, East Tennessee State University
Candace Forbes Bright, East Tennessee State University
Madison Kosky, East Tennessee State University

*Digital Path of Learning*
Emiia Charles, Dillard University

*Examining Representations of American Homelessness in Contemporary Cinema*
Pamela Hansen, Texas State University

*A Content Analysis of Symbolic Racism at American Institutions of Higher Education*
Madison Kosky, East Tennessee State University
Candace Forbes Bright, East Tennessee State University
Alexander Smith, East Tennessee State University
Alexandria Lyons, East Tennessee State University

*How the Intelligence Community’s Collection Methods Affect US Citizen’s Right*
Ariana Rhodes, Johnson C. Smith University

*Community Leaders Perceptions of Best Practices of Community Engagement*
Makena Nail, East Tennessee State University

Inside These White Walls: Black and Asian American Women's Experiences with Microaggressions in Predominantly White Households
Jasmine Gibbs, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Dresden Lackey, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Session 7  Sociology of Religion

Session Organizer and Presider: Shondrah Tarrezz Nash, Morehead State University

African American Apostasy: The Current Status
Kristie Perry, Southern University A&M College

Effects of a Variety of Factors on Strength of Religious Affiliation: A Deeper Analysis of the 2008 GSS Data Reveals an Interesting Split
Edward Breschel, Morehead State University
Casey Coomer, Morehead State University

A Little Bit Different Brand of Swedish: Community, the Church, and Texas Swedes
Hollie A. Teague, Texas Woman's University, Collin College

The Role of Researcher Religious Positionality in Qualitative Research with Religious Minority Participants
Nancy Seay, Simmons College of Kentucky

Session 8  Getting Undergraduates Involved in Research Outside of Coursework: Successes and Failures (panel)

Session Organizers and Presiders: Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University
Aaron Rowland, University of Tennessee at Martin
Cassidy Cooper, University of Mobile
Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University
Estye Fenton, University of West Alabama
Robert Oxley, Dixie State University
Melanie Turner-Harper, Georgia State University

4:00PM – 5:15PM  Breakout Sessions (Wednesday)

Session 9  Police & Citizen Brutality

Session Organizers: Lisa Eargle and Jessica Doucet, Francis Marion University
Session Presider: Lisa Eargle, Francis Marion University

Community Attitudes Towards Policing: Implications for Social Justice
Alma Thornton, Jackson State University
Daylan Dufelmeier, University of Illinois at Chicago
Session 10  **Sociologists around the Department: Practicing Sociology throughout the Institution** (panel)

Session Organizer and Presider: Nicole Carr, University of South Alabama

Troy Blanchard, Louisiana State University  
James Bridgeforth, Virginia Tech  
Mike Maume, University of North Carolina-Wilmington  
Mary Gautier, CARA Georgetown University  
Andrea Hunt, University of North Alabama  
John Kilburn, Texas A&M International University

Session 11  **COVID-19 and its Impact on Online Education: The Experiences of an Online Criminal Justice Program** (panel)

Session Organizer and Presider: Nicola Davis Bivens, Colorado State University - Global Campus

Ashraf Esmail, Colorado State University Global  
Michael Skiba, Colorado State University Global  
Gabriele Subocho, Colorado State University Global  
Dawn Richards Felton, Colorado State University Global  
Karen Lowther, Colorado State University Global

Session 12  **Interracial Solidarity with Black Activism for Racial Justice** (panel)

Session Organizer and Presider: Reshmi Chowdhury, New York University

Debarun Majumdar, Texas State University-San Marcos  
Zelma Oyarvide, Rice University  
Ruth A. Chananie, University of Tampa  
Chad J. Sloss, University of Cincinnati  
Stephen P. Davis, Arizona State University
Session 13  Medical Sociology: Relationships Among and Between Healthcare Workers and Patients

Session Organizer and Presider: Kirsten Ostergren Clark, University of Alabama Birmingham

Inter-Professional Collaboration Among Health Care Workers
Oluwaseun T. Emoruwa, Mississippi State University

The Power of Color: How Does Shared Decision Making Between Physicians and Patients Differ By Race?
Vernon Headley, University of Central Florida

An Examination of How Relationships Between Consumers and Prescribers of Psychotropic Medication Affect Goals of Medication Discontinuation
Tiffani A. Elliott, University of Central Florida

Session 14  COVID Research in Progress I

Session Organizer and Presider: Dana Greene, University of Michigan

Modelling Family life under COVID 19: Indian Scenario
Shruthi Dakey, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology
Sameer Deshkar, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology

Changes to Family Life During COVID-19 School Closures: Research in Progress
Shawna Bendeck, Colorado State University

The Uncertainty of Living During a Pandemic in Chile
Gonzalo Bacigalupe, University of Massachusetts

Session 15  The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: Research on Unpopular Topics

Session Organizer and Presider: Virginia Katherine D'Antonio, University of North Alabama

“Not Gun Shy”: The exhilarating lifestyle of female shooting leagues
Virginia Katherine D'Antonio, University of North Alabama

Can we talk [on social media without killing one another]?
Jessica Emami, Marymount University

“Ability or Advantage?” Three Models of the Development of Power Inequality in Dyad
May Takeuchi, University of North Alabama
Alexander Takeuchi, University of North Alabama
Louis Gray, Washington State University
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
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9:00AM – 10:15AM  Breakout Sessions (Thursday)

Session 16  Social Media, Entertainment Media, and Popular Culture

Session Organizer and Presider: Ruth Chananie, University of Tampa

Gentrifying the Gallagher's
Kristin Pitts, National Coalition of Independent Scholars (NCIS)

Arts Participation and the Use of New Social Media: An Expanded Definition and Renewed Understanding of Cultural Capital and Visual Culture Representation
Justin Martin, University of Tennessee at Martin
Sarah Haig, University of Tennessee at Martin

Urban Reanimation? Examining the Influence of The Walking Dead on a Small Southern City
Katie Cooper, University of Tampa
David Zeller, University of South Florida

Nymphet Femme Fatales: Lolita, Lana Del Rey, and the Construction of Postfeminities on Tumblr
Rachel Davis, University of Kentucky

Session 17  Critical Theory

Session Organizer and Presider: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Global Climate Change and Critical Theory
Alex Stoner, Northern Michigan University
Anxiety, Modern Society, and the Critical Method
Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

Critical Theory in the Periphery of Postcolonial Societies: Decolonial Struggles against Socioenvironmental Destruction
Nikhil Deb, Murray State University

Social Acceleration as Social Domination
Anthony J. Knowles, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Rackets, Administered World, Viticide: Critical Theory and the Destructive Dimension of Modernization
Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Session 18  COVID-19 and the New Normal

Session Organizer and Presider: Jason Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

The Construction of COVID-19 as an Occupational Safety and Health Issue in News Media
Peter Shrock, Southeastern Louisiana University
Nicole Youngman, Southeastern Louisiana University

COVID and Transformational Leadership within the University
Peter Pardo, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Stan Hodges, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

The Role of Trust and Fear of Mistrust in the Practice of Social Distancing and the Wearing of Masks Relative to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Richard Newston, Columbus State University
Amanda Boyer, Columbus State University

Session 19  International Migration: Through an Intersectional Lens

Session Organizer and Presider: Melanie Escue, University of South Florida

Documenting the Acculturation Experience and its Association with Perception of Happiness among Foreign-Born Immigrant Women from the Global South living in New York City
Reshmi Chowdhury, New York University

Transnational Marriage in China
Chengwei Chen, Duke University
Navigating Heteronormative Spaces: The Multi-identities of LGBTQ Undocumented Young Adults  
Melanie Escue, University of South Florida

Emerging Challenges: The Experiences of Turkish Women Immigrants in Saudi Arabia  
Sevsem Cicek-Okay, University of Cincinnati

Session 20  **State Violence: Pandemic of Racism**

Session Organizer and Presider: Keith D. Parker, Florida A&M University

*The Politics of Trump’s Pardon of Susan B. Anthony in the Wake of 19th Amendment Centennial*  
Komanduri S. Murty, Fort Valley State University

*Bigger than the Ballot: How Trump’s America May Violate the 15th Amendment and Reestablish the White Primaries*  
April Love, Alcorn State University

*The Youth Vote and How it Will Impact the 2020 Election*  
Noradine Thompson, Florida A&M University  
I’nia Barker, Florida A&M University

10:30AM – 11:45AM  **Breakout Sessions (Thursday)**

Session 21  **Intersectional Experiences and Marginalized Voices**

Co-hosted by Women, Gender, and Sexualities Committee and Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Session Organizers and Presiders: Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University  
Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

*Introduction to the Special Issue: Intersectional Experiences and Marginalized Voices*  
Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University  
Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

*Methods of Intersectional Research*  
Joya Misra, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Celeste Curington, North Carolina State University  
Venus Green, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*The Intersection of Class, Race, Gender and Generation in Shaping Latinas’ Sport Experiences*  
Jen McGovern, Monmouth University
Examining Case Outcomes in US Transgender Homicides: An Exploratory Investigation of the Intersectionality of Victim Characteristics
Rayna E. Momen, West Virginia University
Lisa M. Dilks, West Virginia University

A Changing Landscape? An Intersectional Analysis of Race and Gender Disparity in Access to Social Capital
Song Yang, University of Arkansas Fayetteville
Brandon Jackson, University of Arkansas Fayetteville
Anna, Zajicek, University of Arkansas Fayetteville

Session 22 Sociology of Teaching and Learning During COVID-19

Session Organizer and Presider: Melanie Escue, University of South Florida

Faculty as Non-Persons Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic
Roscoe Scarborough, College of Coastal Georgia

Crippling Virtual Pedagogy in a Pandemic
Paul Bones, Texas Woman's University
Aubree Evans, Texas Woman's University

Pamela Pitman Brown, Albany State University
Colleen R. Bennett, Albany State University

Session 23 Editor’s Panel: Meet the Editors

Session Organizer and Presider: Bruce K. Friesen, University of Tampa

Bruce Friesen, Journal of Applied Social Science
Kevin Breault, Sociological Spectrum
Brian Gran, Societies Without Borders
Linda Treiber, Journal of Public and Professional Sociology

Session 24 Social Movements, Social Problems, and Politics

Session Organizer and Presider: Ruth Chananie, University of Tampa

The Social and Political Origins of the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria: A Stateless Democracy
Naser Ahmadi, University of California
Considering Bitcoin as a Social Movement: Involvement, Knowledge, and Investment as Motivations
Jesse Lane, Oklahoma State University

An Exploratory Note on the Cut-up Method: Absurdity and Levity as Tools to Defeat Trumpism, Police Brutality, and Covid-19
Matthew Sheptoski, Grambling State University

What can I do? Supporting social change understanding and competencies on campus during times of historic social upheaval
Rebecca Watts Hull, Georgia Institute of Technology

Session 25  Medical Sociology: Factors Influencing Mental Health Treatment Options

Session Organizer and Presider: Kirsten Ostergren Clark, University of Alabama Birmingham

Does taking medication affect One's Decision to Use Alternative Mental Health Therapy usage and Psychotropic Mediation Usage the National Survey of Drug Use and Health 2014
Fiona Burke, Texas State University

Norms of ‘Health’ in Depressive Assessments
Shaun Respess, Virginia Tech

Suicidality, Stigma, and Online Help Seeking
Mercedes Tarasovich, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Thursday 11:45AM – 12:45PM
Women, Gender & Sexualities Lunch and Annual Committee Meeting (all welcome)

Thursday 11:45AM – 12:45PM
Join us for Lunch Link-up Mentoring/Networking Session
- Sociology in Interdisciplinary Fields with Reshmi Chowdhury
1:00PM – 2:15PM Breakout Sessions (Thursday)

Session 26  **Substance Abuse and Misuse**

Session Organizer and Discussant: Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

*Too much of a Good Thing: Behavioral Addiction and Quality of Life*
  Cole Smith, Missouri State University
  Sean Huss, Arkansas Tech University
  James Stobaugh, Arkansas Tech University

*Helping to Heal? Current Trends in Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Utilization Across Problem-Solving Courts*
  Fanni Farago, George Mason University
  Lindsay Smith, George Mason University

*Correlates of heroin and other opiate use among high school students*
  Craig J Forsyth, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
  Jing Chen, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
  Raymond Biggar, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Session 27  **Intersectionality in the Higher Education Context**

Session Organizer and Discussant: Courtney Heath Windhorn, Mississippi State University

*The Relationship Between African American Male Students’ Perceptions of Self-Efficacy, Student Engagement and Mentor Towards Their Retention*
  Derrick P. Brewster, Troy University

*Beyond Race, Class, and Gender: Integrating Intersectionality into Monopoly Simulations*
  Brianna Turgeon, Jacksonville State University
  Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

Session 28  **Digital Literacy Across Disciplines: The Value of Interdisciplinary Approaches to Evaluating Evidence in the Classroom (panel)**

Session Organizer and Presider: Nicole B. Oehmen, University of Iowa

Joseph Hendryx, Mount Mercy University
Laura Hayes, University of Iowa
Lisa Covington, University of Iowa
Candice Robinson, University of Pittsburgh
Melissa Zimdars, Merrimack College
Session 29  **Sociology and Criminology at Small and Community Colleges in the Midst of a Pandemic, Civil Unrest, and Navigating a New Normal (panel)**

Session Organizer and Discussant: Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University

Laytifia R. Williams, Johnson C. Smith University
Deborah Brown Quick, Johnson C. Smith University
Matthew West, Lawson State Community College
Romney Norwood, Georgia State University - Perimeter College

Session 30  **COVID-19's Sociological Impact**

Session Organizer and Discussant: Jason Ulsperger, Arkansas Technical University

*Everyday Life Management Under Covid-19 Pandemic*
Ying Ma, Austin Peay State University

*Prevalent Pandemic Pains: The Phenomenon of Anomie and Suicidal Ideation Amongst High School and College Graduates amidst the Coronavirus Outbreak*
Ciara Peeble, University of Central Florida

*COVID-19 and Gerontology: Sociological Issues and the Need for Research*
Jason Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

Session 31  **Graduate Student Paper Competition**

Session Organizer and Presider: Patricia Gleich, University of West Florida

*From Donald Trump to 'The Most Diverse Square Mile in America': Migration, Animality, and Neglected Intersectionalities*
Garrett Bunyak, Georgia Tech

*Can Gender Equality Affect Climate Change-Related Disaster Risk Perceptions?*
Frederic Traylor, Rutgers University

*Understanding the Healthcare Experiences of Transgender and Non-Binary Young Adults*
Nik M. Lampe, University of South Carolina

*Exploring the Transnational Meaning of Home Amid Insecure, Hazardous Housing*
Deborah Fessenden, University of North Texas
2:30PM – 3:45PM Breakout Sessions (Thursday)

Session 32  An Analysis of the Outdoor Leadership Academy (OLA) for Underrepresented Groups

  Session Organizer and Discussant: Pamela Holiday, Dixie State University Institute for Social Research

  Social, Emotional, and Intellectual Benefits of Outdoor Recreation
  Cormani-Denney, Dixie State University Institute for Social Research

  Gender Discrimination and Sexual Orientation Issues in Outdoor Recreation Programs
  Alena Walker, Dixie State University Institute for Social Research

  Intersectionality and Outdoor Leadership Programs
  Luther Knudsen, Dixie State University Institute for Social Research

  How Intersectionality, Lack of Diversity and Inclusion Affects Outdoor Recreation Use: An Examination of Outdoor Leadership Academy (OLA) and Underrepresented Social Groups
  Pamela Holiday, Dixie State University Institute for Social Research

  Differing Benefits of Outdoor Recreation for Underrepresented Youth
  Mackenzie Davis, Dixie State University Institute for Social Research

Session 33  Family

  Session Organizer: Brianna Turgeon, Jacksonville State University

  Acculturation Identities in the American Public Education System: Domain-Specific 'Separation' Strategies Among High-Skill Immigrants in the United States
  Cristina S. Stephens, Kennesaw State University

  What A Difference a (Pay)day Makes: Family Outcomes in Laos vs. Afghanistan Where Women Do vs. Don’t Earn and Control Income
  Rae Lesser Blumberg, University of Virginia

  The Talk: Driving While Black Conversations of Life vs Death within the Black Family
  Deborah C. Griffith, University of Central Florida

  Understanding Family Roles through Autoethnography: Death with Dignity and Terminal Cancer
  Adam Rafalovich, Pacific University

  A Cross-Cultural Approach and Current Issues in Teaching Sociology of Families
  Orsolya Kolozsvari, College of Coastal Georgia
Session 34  **Qualitative Methods**

Session Organizer and Presider: Jason Ulsperger, Arkansas Technical University

*I Wouldn't Trust the Parents to ‘Do No Harm’ to a Queer Kid: Rethinking Parental Permission Requirements for Youth Participation in Social Science Research*
Cassandra Nolen, University of Alabama Huntsville
Jennifer Patrice Sims, University of Alabama Huntsville

*Qualitative Methods and the Postmodern Future*
Stan Hodges, Texas A&M University - Kingsville

*Making the Case for Long-term Grief: Considering the Legitimacy of Autoethnography*
Jason Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University
Kristen Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

Session 35  **Shaping Perceptions of the Immigrant Community**

Session Organizer and Presider: Sandrine Zerbib, Saint Cloud State University

*Lip Service for Military Service: The Payout for Immigrant Veterans*
Christie Burton, Clayton State University

*“Down by the border” of the Law: A Content Analysis of Operation Stonegarden*
Jesus Ayala-Candia, Texas Tech University

*The undesirable immigrant in Minnesota: Is it about religion?*
Sandrine Zerbib, St. Cloud State University

Session 36  **Undergraduate Student Paper Competition**

Session Organizer and Presider: Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

*Civilian Perceptions and Veteran Reintegration*
Michaela Terry, Mount Saint Joseph University

*“You Throw Like a Girl!”: A Theoretical Exploration of Media Representation and Viewership of Women’s Sports*
Tiffany Maziarz, The University of Tampa
Ladies, Do Not Pass Go: Changing Cultural Gender Beliefs through a Gender
Katelynn Shadoan, Jacksonville State University
Faith Myers, Jacksonville State University

Predictors of Sexual Assault
Audrey Smith, Samford University

The Relationship Between Homelessness and Crime Among LGBT Youth
Aimee Waggoner, University of South Carolina Aiken

Thursday 4:00PM – 5:30PM
Dr. Tom Calhoun Memorial – Celebration of Life
Organizers: Earl Wright II, Willie Pearson, Jr., Roger Guy, and DeMond Miller
followed by
Presidents Welcome Reception (5:30PM – 7:00PM)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
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Friday 8:00AM – 9:00AM
Small & Community Colleges Breakfast and Annual Committee Meeting
(all welcome)

9:00AM – 10:15AM  Breakout Sessions (Friday)

Session 37  LGBTQ+ Studies

Session Organizer and Discussant: Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

Creating Safe Spaces: Opportunities, Resources, and LGBTQ Student Groups at U.S. Colleges and Universities
Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State University
Dhruba Das, Oklahoma State University
LGBTQ Acceptance in the Western Church
Sydney Bishop, University of Mobile

“PREA is a joke”: A case study of how trans PREA standards are(n’t) enforced
April Carrillo, Old Dominion University

Queer Spaces in the Community
Rachael Miller, University of Delaware

Session 38  Undergraduate Research

Session Organizer and Presider: Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

The Social Theory of Sex-tech Strangealization: How Technology, Media, and Capitalism have Shifted into a Culture of Casual Sex, Hook-ups, Sleeping Together, or Whatever the Kids are Calling It
Zelda Peach, University of Mobile

Attitudes towards Islam as a Violent Religion: How the War on Terror has Affected views on Muslim Americans
Mariah Spaid, Samford University

From Then to Now: Firsthand Accounts of How LGBTQ Tolerance Has Changed in the Deep South
Cody Boykin, University of West Alabama

Linked Through Empathy: Examining the Opinions of School Closures Among Black People in the Chicago Metropolitan Area
Jamaya Robinson, Dillard University

Session 39  Navigating Graduate School: From Application to Degree Conferral (panel)

Session Organizer and Discussant: Tyler Gay, Georgia State University
Sam Hammer, Georgia State University
Dresden Lackey, Georgia State University
Melanie Escue, University of South Florida
Session 40  Digital Sociology

Session Organizer and Presider: Marcus Brooks, University of Cincinnati

Sisterhood, Safe Spaces & Self-Affirmations: How Black Women Cope with Discrimination Online
Taylor Jackson, Florida State University

A Queer Silence: How Queer Men Navigate Harassment in Online Video Games?
Jeremy Brenner-Levoy, University of Cincinnati

“It's Okay to be White”: Laundering White Supremacy through a Colorblind Victimized White Race-Consciousness Raising Campaign
Marcus Brooks, University of Cincinnati

Session 41  Contemporary Penology: Thinking About Transformation of Systems and Persons

Session Organizer and Presider: Andrew Austin, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Rehabilitation in the Norwegian Correctional System
Andrew Austin, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

A Comparative Look at Social Work in Prisons: The Cases of Norway and the United States
Doreen Higgins, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Session 42  Potpourri I

Session Organizer and Presider: Tim Gongaware, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

“I think that’s the Norma Rae in me“: Teachers’ Perceived Satisfaction of the 2018 Oklahoma Teacher Walkout
Jessica Schachle, Oklahoma State University

Star Trek Fandom at a Crossroads: Authenticity and Star Trek: Picard
David G. LoConto, New Mexico State University
Rachel L. Coulthard, New Mexico State University
Santana N. Andazola, New Mexico State University

Camaraderie by Land and by Water: The Netdoms Comprising Collective Identity at Inland Lake Sailing Clubs
Tim Gongaware, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
Session 43  **Gendered Violence (panel)**

Session Organizer and Discussant: Ashleigh McKinzie, Middle Tennessee State University
La Wanza Lett-Brewington, Old Dominion University
Sendy Guerrier Alcidonis, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Ashleigh McKinzie, Middle Tennessee State University
Meredith Dye, Middle Tennessee State University
Sonya Spence, University of Central Florida

Session 44  **Immigrant Identity and Communities**

Session Organizers and Presiders: Basudhara Sen, Navarro College
David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

*Doing Gender, Doing Culture: Gendered Work and Intersectional Identities in Diasporic Community Building*
Debadatta Chakraborty, University of Massachusetts Amherst

*Beyond Stereotypes, within Familiar Tropes of Representation: Interrogating Contradictions in “Never Have I Ever”*
Shreyosi Mukherjee

*Erosion of Mental Health and Socioeconomic Status of First-Generation Economic Immigrants in Canada*
Reshmi Chowdhury, New York University

*Gendered Ethnic Identity: Ritualized Behaviors of Indian Immigrants*
Basudhara Sen, Navarro College
David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

Session 45  **Teaching LGBTQ Health (panel)**

Session Organizers and Discussants: J. Erica Sumerau, University of Tampa
Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, Florida State University
J. Erica Sumerau, University of Tampa
Brittany Harder, University of Tampa
B. Ethan M. Coston, Virginia Commonwealth University
Pina Holway, University of Tampa
Session 46  From Campus to Canvas: Faculty and Staff Experiences at Small Colleges in the Wake of COVID-19 Campus Closures (panel)

Session Organizer: Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University

Deborah Brown Quick, Johnson C. Smith University
Zeritha W. McFadden, Johnson C. Smith University
Laytifia R. Williams, Johnson C. Smith University
DeJaria K. Benjamin, Johnson C. Smith University
Destinee E. Willis, Johnson C. Smith University
Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University
Emiia Charles, Dillard University
Yahnah Lighthall, Dillard University
Carlos Pollard, Dillard University
Jaylah Richie, Dillard University
Kyler Sims, Dillard University
Toiya Smith, Dillard University

Session 47  The 150th Anniversary of the 15th Amendment

Session Organizer and Presider: Keith D. Parker, Florida A&M University

Stony the Road We Trod: The 150th Anniversary of the 15th Amendment to the United States
Keith D. Parker, Florida A&M University

Not Your Granddaddy’s Vote: Perceived Racial Efficacy among African American voting-eligible men in Alabama
Noelle Hunter, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Walking with the Wind: The Continuing Struggle for Voting Rights in America
Whitney Wright, Florida State University

Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: Challenges to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 & Why We Must Continue to March
Tonya Perry, Alabama A&M University
Jessica Fortune Barker, AL New South Coalition, Madison County
Session 48  **Teaching Sociology**

Session Organizer and Presider: Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

* A Climate Change Module for Introduction to Sociology Classes
  Andrew Szasz, University of California, Santa Cruz

* Learning and Practicing Environmental Sociology in Zion National Park
  David Burley, Southeastern Louisiana University

* Drawing on the Calls for Diversity and Inclusion-Building Engaging Courses on Race and Intersectionality
  Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University
  Brianna Turgeon, Jacksonville State University

Session 49  **Technology and Human Rights**

Session Organizer and Presider: Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans

* Housing vulnerability & childhood: Is the Right to adequate housing fulfilled for the Children of Spain
  Irene Lebrusán Murillo, Institute for Global Law and Policy. Harvard University, Cambridge

* A New Era: Teaching and Accepting of Burnout in a Techno-Reliant Society
  Pamela Holiday, Dixie State University Institute for Social Research

* Modern Technology and Human Rights: An Exploration of Positive and Negative Nexus
  Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans

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**Friday 11:45AM – 12:45PM**

**Racial and Ethnic Minorities Lunch and Annual Committee Meeting**
*(all welcome)*

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**Friday 11:45AM – 12:45PM**

**Join us for Lunch Link-up Mentoring/Networking Exchange**

- **Open Topic with Mitch Mclvor**
1:00PM – 2:15PM Breakout Sessions (Friday)

Session 50 Immigration

Session Organizer and Presider: Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

Blind Justice? Sociolegal Effects of Immigration Legislation & Its Legislators
Jesus Ayala-Candia, Texas Tech University
Karen M. Douglas, Texas Tech University

Migration Policies and Practices at Job Market Participation: Thoughts, Feelings, and Experiences of Highly Educated Turks in the US, Canada, and Europe
Cihan Aydiner, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Worldwide

Only Detention? Exposure to CO2 Emissions Surrounding ICE Facilities
Jericho McElroy, Oklahoma State University
Maggie León-Corwin, Oklahoma State University
Michelle L. Estes, Oklahoma State University
Michael A. Long, Oklahoma State University

School Readiness affected by Disparity in Childcare Access among Immigrant Children
Ying Ma, Austin Peay State University

Session 51 Gender, Crime and Justice

Session Organizer and Presider: Meredith Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

Where did all the mothers go? An Inter-generational Approach to the Increasing Rate of Female Incarceration
Presley Powers, Middle Tennessee State University

Domestic Violence & Anticipatory Gaslighting
J. Erica Sumerau, University of Tampa
Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, Florida State University

Older Women’s Re-entry after a Life Sentence: Challenges and Successes
Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University
Ronald H. Aday, Middle Tennessee State University
Lori Farney, Middle Tennessee State University

“Will I ever have a life beyond these bars?” Examining Prison Adjustment of Older Life Sentenced Women
Nicole Cook, Tennessee Tech
Session 52  Sociology of Education

Session Organizer and Presider: Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery

Inequality in the Senior Year: Second-Generation Immigrants’ Narratives of the Transition Out of College
Blake R. Silver, George Mason University
Freddy Lopez, George Mason University
Fanni Farago, George Mason University
Tharuna Kalaivanan, George Mason University

Factors associated with carrying a gun to school
Craig J Forsyth, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Jing Chen, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Raymond Biggar, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Consequences of being bullied
Craig J Forsyth, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Jing Chen, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Raymond Biggar, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

The Sociological Change of School Board Members’ Perceptions from 2007 to 2020: National Implications for Addressing the Achievement Gap
Albert Nylander, The University of Mississippi

Session 53  Research in Progress I

Session Organizer and Presider: DeMond Miller, Rowan University

One Pulse: Space and Material at the Interim Pulse Memorial
Bertha Ben Khallouq, University of Central Florida
Amanda Koontz, University of Central Florida

Many Shades of Play: Performance Anxiety in Table-top Gaming
Katy Brown, Texas Tech University

Combating Disaster: The Use of the War Metaphor
Connor Chapman, University of Pittsburgh
DeMond Miller, Rowan University
Session 54  Gender Research in Progress

Session Organizer and Presider: Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

Adventure Calls to Men, but Duty Summons Women: The Role of Motherhood and Womanhood in One Swedish Community in Texas
Hollie A. Teague, Texas Women's University

Gendering Black Millennial Christianity
Shaonta’ E. Allen, University of Cincinnati

Childlessness and Intimate Partner Violence among Women in Bangladesh
Nusrat Meharun, Texas Tech University

What is a "Good Mother"? Expectations of Parenting by Gender and Relationship Status Among College Students
Naeema Khatun, Texas Tech University
Martha Smithey, Texas Tech University

Session 55  Sociology of Film/Television

Session Organizer and Presider: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

I Came Here to Kick [Incel] Ass and Chew Bubblegum, and I’m All Out of Bubblegum: Marx, John Carpenter’s They Live, and the Men’s Rights Movement
Alex Pellegrino, University of Tennessee – Knoxville

The Battle of the Civilizing ‘Gods’: When All Hell Breaks Loose, or: Preacher and Norbert Elias
Sarah Castillo, University of Tennessee – Knoxville

Desolate Capitalism and The Wire: David Simon’s Depiction of the War on Drugs and the Future of American Society
Charles Walton, University of Tennessee – Knoxville

Authoritarian Rule in Science-Fiction Films: From Metropolis to Blade Runner 2049 and Beyond
Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
2:30PM – 3:45PM Breakout Sessions (Friday)

Session 56  Race/Ethnicity I

Session Organizer and Presider: Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

*What Do Americans Think Race Is?*
Raj Ghoshal, Elon University

*How we see race: Using eye tracking technology to explore racial perception*
Jennifer Patrice Sims, University of Alabama in Huntsville
Alex Haynes, University of Alabama in Huntsville

*The Ainu and the Japanese Laws*
Kinko Ito, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

*The “BJW” World View and Its Effect on Hate Crimes and other Attitudes Regarding Racially Charged Issues*
Karen Walker, Grambling State University
Mark Leeper, Centenary College

Session 57  Sexual Assault and Institutional Betrayal #MeTooPhD (panel)

Session Organizer and Presider: Dana Greene, University of Michigan

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Shantell Gabrieal Buggs, Florida State University
Dana Greene, University of Michigan

Session 58  How Can I Maintain a Research Agenda While at a Teaching-Oriented University or College? (panel)

Session Organizers and Discussants: Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University
Aaron Rowland, University of Tennessee at Martin

Virginia D’Antonio, University of North Alabama
Komanduri Murty, Fort Valley State University
Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University
Aaron Rowland, University of Tennessee at Martin
Session 59  Sociology of Emotions

Organizer and Presider: Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Organizational Support of the Compassionate Caregiver: Mediating Moral Identity through Collective Emotion Management
Carly Geiss, University of South Florida

Emotions in Crisis: The Consequences of Ceremonial Refugee Camp Visits
Kamryn Warren, University of Northern Iowa

Happily Ever After? Exploring U.S. College Women’s Understandings of Love as both Impermanent and Timeless in the Age of Capitalism and the Commodification of Romance
Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Session 60  Whither Marx?: Sociological Complicity in the War on Truth (panel)

Session Organizer and Presider: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State

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Alexander Stoner, Northern Michigan University
Anthony J. Knowles, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Grady Lowery, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Session 61  Student Presentations of Undergraduate Research

Session Organizer and Presider: Lachelle Norris, Tennessee Technical University

Women Should Be Sorry; Why Incels Demand More Than an Apology
Katie Norris, Mississippi State University
Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University

Magic the Gathering and the Formation and Presentation of Identity
Dylan Caudle, Tennessee Tech University

Examining Sexual Assault Victim Narratives in an Online Forum
Alexis Williams, Mississippi State University
Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University
**Friday 4:00PM – 5:15PM**

**PLENARY SPEAKER**

**DR. JAMES LOEWEN**

The Sociology of American History

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Dr. James Loewen is best known as the author of *Lies My Teacher Told Me*, which has sold more than 1,500,000 copies and continues to inspire students to challenge, rather than memorize their textbooks. Applying the sociological imagination to U.S. history as taught in high school can help us see why high school graduates misconstrue the past, cannot analyze the present, and don’t realize the power of social structure over our lives. Loewen will show some of the less plausible myths that many Americans still hold, some of which are hilarious, some tragic, and suggest that sociologists should take the lead – and also the pleasure – in debunking them.

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**Friday 5:30PM-6:15PM**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS**

*(ALL WELCOME)*

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**Friday 6:30PM-7:45PM**

Join us for Mentoring/Networking Evening Meet-Ups

- LGBTQ+ with Ruth Chananie
- Graduate Students and Junior Faculty with Jeffrey Chin (AKD)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
Registration required for session attendance: https://www.meetingsavvy.org/mssa/

9:00AM – 10:15AM  Breakout Sessions (Saturday)

Session 62  **Southern LGBTQ Experience (panel)**

Session Organizer and Presider: J. Erica Sumerau, University of Tampa

Shantel Gabrieal Buggs, Florida State University
Baker Rogers, Georgia Southern
TehQuin Forbes, Florida State University
Mandi Barringer, University of North Florida
Margaret Cooper, Independent Scholar

Session 63  **Race/Ethnicity II**

Session Organizer and Presenter: Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

*Why Can't Blacks Get One Moment? Why? Why?"*: Anti-Blackness and the Limits of Coalitional Race Politics at an Urban High School
Julio Alicea, University of California, Los Angeles

*Grass Roots Organizing and Colorblind Ideology in Association with the Maintenance of White Womanhood*
Emily Tingle, Mississippi State University

*Where Racism and Ageism Meet: Managing ‘Black Don't Crack’ in the Workplace*
Alicia Smith-Tran, Texas Christian University

Session 64  **Criminology I**

Session Organizer and Presider: Raymond Barranco, Mississippi State University

*Demonstrating Worthiness for Financial Assistance in Times of Need: A Qualitative Analysis of Crowdsourcing Narratives for Bail*
Monica Bixby Radu, Southeast Missouri State University
Kristen N. Sobba, Southeast Missouri State University
Breana Kruithoff, Southeast Missouri State University
The Institutional Maze: Youth Schools and Jails in Hawai‘i
Sanna King, Mississippi State University

Assessing the Relationship between Public Lands and Juvenile Arrest Rates: Does a Greater Proportion of Public Lands Yield Lower Delinquency Rates?
Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University
Korey Phelan, Dixie State University
Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama-Birmingham

Session 65  **Gender Topics and Identities**

Session Organizer and Presider: Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

“I just want a woman who likes me”: Emotional Support as a motivation for men’s participation in infidelity
Alicia Walker, Missouri State

*Gender Attitude Differences Among Christian vs. Non-Christian Parents*
Cindy Mays, Texas State University, San Marcos

*Health and Aging Beyond Gender and Sex Binaries: The Case of Transgender and Intersex Older Adults*
Nik M. Lampe, University of South Carolina

Session 66  **From Big Data to Small Data: Modeling Social Interactions More Effectively**

Session Organizer and Presider: Giselle Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

*What can Big Data tell us about Black Sentiment?*
Giselle Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

*Access to Flexible Working Arrangements, Job Pressure, and Health Outcomes*
Deniz Yucel, William Paterson University

*Users' engagement with mental health debate on social media in Pakistan*
Saman Nazir, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
Session 67  **Potpourri II**

Session Organizer and Presider: Justin A. Martin, University of Tennessee at Martin

Jericho R. McElroy, Oklahoma State University
Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State University

_Continued evidence for the use of experiential learning to grasp Sociology of Sport: Presenting findings from a live observation_
Mary Finn, University of Florida
Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University

_“Beauty and the Beast” The Ordinary City versus the Mediatised City: The Case of Cairo_
Mennatullah Hendawy, Ain shams University, Cairo, Egypt

_Pregnancy-related nutritional beliefs, knowledge and cultural practices among Kenyan immigrant women living in Tennessee_
Sarah Chebet, Middle Tennessee State University

Session 68  **McNair Scholars at a Small Private HBCU: Faculty and Student Perceptions and Experience (panel)**

Ruth Greene, Johnson C. Smith University
Johnathan Smalls, Johnson C. Smith University
Ryan Dillon, Johnson C. Smith University
Keneade Jackson, Johnson C. Smith University

10:30AM – 11:45AM  **Breakout Sessions (Saturday)**

Session 69  **COVID Research in Progress II**

Session Organizer and Presider: Dana Greene, University of Michigan

_Overcoming COVID: The Experience of Non-Profit Organizations_
Mitchell D. McIvor, University of West Georgia
Tomorrow Bowen, University of West Georgia

_COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focusing Event to Promote Out-of-Hospital Birth and Midwifery Policies_
Adelle Dora Monteblanco, Middle Tennessee State University
I'm in my damn garage: the personal and professional effects of a sudden shift to online learning
Austin Stubblefield, Texas Tech University

Understanding the Impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic on Social Work Field Placements: A Student’s Perspective
Jennifer Withrow, Mount St. Joseph University
Roxana S. Hawkins, Mount St. Joseph University
Richard Simon, Mount St. Joseph University

Session 70  Criminology II

Session Organizer and Presider: John Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

That’s a Whole Other Ballgame, the Whole Gun Thing”: A Qualitative Analysis of Kids’ Perceptions of School Shootings
Courtney Heath Windhorn, Mississippi State University
Nicole Rader, Mississippi State University

Differential Victimization Risks among “Nomads” and non-“Nomads”: Early Findings from New Data
Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University
Sarah Vidrine, Dixie State University

Residents’ Fear of Crime in High Crime Neighborhoods
Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama Birmingham
Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University

Has Covid-19 Changed Homicide Patterns? A Baton Rouge, Louisiana Comparison
John Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

Migratory Destination and Homicide among Latino’s: An Exploration of Old and New Migration Destinations
Michael Bisciglia, Southeastern Louisiana University

Session 71  Public Opinion

Session Organizer and Presider: Theresa Davidson, Samford University

The Politicization of COVID-19: The Impact of Political Leaning of Perceptions and Behaviors Related to the Virus
Candace Forbes Bright, East Tennessee State University
Kelly Foster, East Tennessee State University
Morgan Jones, East Tennessee State University
Death as the American Punishment: A Quantitative Analysis of Nationalistic Attitudes and Support of the Death Penalty
Brooke Perez-Bissell, Samford University

Social Media as a News Source and Attitudes toward those with COVID19
Lee Farquhar, Butler University
Theresa Davidson, Samford University

Ten Years of Environmental Justice in the USA: Using Sociological Lens to Explain Health Disparities
Jesse McKinnon, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Voting against self-interest. An analysis of the voting behavior of the poor
Álvaro Germán Torres Mora, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Session 72  Research in Progress II

Session Organizer: DeMond Miller, Rowan University
Presider: Jeremy Ross, Jacksonville State University

In the Midst of Trauma: The Daily Challenges following an Unexpected Major Disaster
Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

Do Black Lives Matter to U.S. Evangelicals?: A Qualitative Analysis of the Evangelical Response to the Murder of George Floyd
Todd Couch, Francis Marion University

Black Women, Cultural Aesthetics and Construction of Space
Shameika Daye, University of Central Florida

Covid-19 Kits: fantasy objects and the omission of power in risk discourse
Jeremy Ross, Jacksonville State University
Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

Session 73  Service Learning: Pandemic and Unrest (panel)

Session Organizer and Presider: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University
DeMond Miller, Rowan University
Earl Wright, Rhodes University
Session 74  **Community-University Engagement**

Session Organizer and Presider: Christi Mackey, Rogers State University

*Town + Gown = Everybody Wins!*
Lori O’Malley, Rogers State University

*Building a Sense of Community through Public Service*
Sonya Munsell, Rogers State University

*How Intersectionality, Lack of Diversity and Inclusion Affects Outdoor Recreation Use: An Examination of Outdoor Leadership Academy (OLA) and Underrepresented Social Groups*
Pamela Holiday, Dixie State University Institute for Social Research

*Resources to Riches: Meeting the Community Needs with Service-Learning*
Earlene Washburn, Rogers State University

Session 75  **“Big Little Lies”: Higher Education’s Evolving Commitment to Diversity**

Session Organizer and Presider: Roma Hanks, University of South Alabama

*Black or Gray? Complexities of Teaching Diversity*
Roma Hanks, University of South Alabama

*Implementing Strategic Diversity Plans - Promises Made and Roadblocks for Change*
Andrea Hunt, University of North Alabama

*Living within The Matrix of Domination: Obstacles & Opportunities for Social Justice*
Leo Mundy, University of South Alabama

*Nailing Down the Nebulous: Faculty Encounters with the Enterprise of Diversity in Higher Education*
Danielle Docka-Filipek, Christopher Newport University

Natalie Frampton, Christopher Newport University
Jakira Silas, Christopher Newport University

*Student Perspective on Diversity in Higher Education*
Jessica McCarty, University of South Alabama
**12:00PM–1:00PM (Saturday)**  
Executive Board Meeting II

Session 76  **HBCU Experiences: Cyber Intelligence (panel)**

Session Organizer and Presider: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University
Ariana Rhodes, Johnson C. Smith University
Ayliah Warden, Johnson C. Smith University

**1:30PM-2:45 PM (Saturday)**

Session 77  **Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD): What is Open Access Anyway?***

Presider: Gabrielle Bauman, Editor, Routledge
*must pre-register, see schedule at a glance for link

**3:30PM-4:15PM (Saturday)**

Session 78  **Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD): Preparing for the Job Market for Graduate Students and Junior Faculty**

Presider: Jeffery Chin, Secretary AKD
Valentina Cantori, Graduate Student Representative, AKD
Frankie Frank, Past-Graduate Student Representative, AKD
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APPENDIX A

Zoom Guide for MSSA Conference Attendees October 14-17, 2020

All 2020 MSSA Conference Sessions and Events will take place virtually using the Zoom Meeting platform. Joining a Zoom meeting online is free; follow the steps below:

1. **Obtain the link** to the session or event you wish to join. See schedule-at-a-glance in this program.

2. **Take note of time zone** information listed for the specific session or event you wish to attend, as you may need to adjust for that depending on your location.

3. **What you need:** A computer, tablet, or smart phone with (reliable) internet connection. Note that instructions differ somewhat depending on what device you are using to attend (see instructions to participate by device type below).

4. **There are two ways to join on Zoom.** The first is to click the weblink provided, and the second is to join by opening the Zoom app and manually entering the meeting ID.
   - **Option 1:** Click the meeting link:
     a. If you are prompted to download the Zoom app, do so.
     b. Once the app is installed and open, you may be prompted to enter a passcode, so have that information handy. (see Appendix C)
     c. If prompted, type in your name.
     d. Click “join meeting” (with or without video).
   - **Option 2:** Join manually using the Zoom app:
     a. Open the Zoom app on your device.
     b. If you do not have the app, you can find it here [https://zoom.us/](https://zoom.us/) or in the app store on your phone or tablet.
     c. Once Zoom is open, click “join a meeting” and enter the meeting ID, then click “join.” On the next screen, you will be prompted to enter the passcode. (see Appendix C)
     d. If prompted, type in your name.
     e. Click “join meeting” (with or without video).

5. **Participating by Device Type** once you have joined the meeting:
   - **Computer:** When you are in the Zoom room, move your cursor to the bottom of the Zoom screen, and control options will pop up. (see screen shot)
     a. Mute/Unmute – depending on security settings set by host, you may not be able to unmute yourself, although you are always able to mute yourself. It is good protocol to remain muted unless you are talking, to minimize background noise.
     b. Start/Stop Video – Turns your camera on and off.
     c. Participants – click this to see a white screen on the right side that lists everyone in the room.
     d. Chat – click this to enable the chat box. This allows you to type messages to the host or other participants, depending on security settings.
     e. Speaker/Gallery view – up in the righthand corner, you will see a button called “speaker view.” Click that to see the current speaker’s screen enlarged. Click on the little square box next to it to return to Gallery view.
     f. To request to speak – click on the “raise hand” button in the bottom right corner of the white participants list. Alternatively, you can right click on your video box and select it...
there. A blue hand icon will appear next to your name. When the host unmutes you to speak, you may be prompted to allow the unmute.
g. To leave the meeting, click the red “leave” button on the bottom.

- **Smart Phone/Tablet**
  a. Once in, you may have to connect your audio manually. Select “Dial in“ and choose one of the numbers presented. Ignore requests to enter meeting ID etc. – just wait and you will be connected to the audio of the meeting. (read the fine print at the bottom of the number list, it tells you this)
b. Once you are all in and connected, to see the controls, touch or swipe the bottom of the screen and they should pop up. They work pretty much the same way as on the computer (see computer instructions above), except you won’t be able to see everything or everyone all at the same time.

c. To raise your hand, select “participants” and you will see the list of attendees and that option. The hand isn’t blue, but otherwise it works the same way. OR, you can click on the “... (more)” button and raise your hand that way (see photo on right).

d. **NOTE:** don’t confuse the “reaction” icons of thumbs up or applause with the “Raise Hand” feature.

6. **Technical Requirements and Support:**
   
   - **NOTE:** MSSA’s Technology Committee cannot provide direct technical support for your specific device or your internet connection. However, we have a few recommendations and some Zoom support links below.
   
   - General recommendations for optimal Zoom experience: The newer your device and operating system, the better. Generally, if it is more than 2 years old you are more likely to experience technical difficulties. On PC computers, we recommend using Chrome as your browser.
     
     a. If you are experiencing problems, we recommend that you reboot or restart your device, as that often helps.
   
   - Zoom support website: [https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697)
   
   
   - System Requirements for Phone/Tablet: [https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-System-requirements-for-Windows-macOS-and-Linux](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-System-requirements-for-Windows-macOS-and-Linux)
APPENDIX B

**Zoom Guide for Session Presiders and Presenters**

For best results, it is highly recommended that session presiders and presenters join using a computer rather than another device. You may not have easy access to all necessary functions on a phone or tablet.

See *Zoom Guide for MSSA Conference Attendees* for basic instructions on how to obtain and participate via the Zoom app (Appendix A). Designated meeting links will be provided to session organizers and listed in the conference program for each session and event (See Schedule-at-a-Glance).

Note: We will NOT be recording sessions due to legal restrictions.

**Session Presiders: Moderating the Session**

1. The role of session presider is essentially the same as it would be if we were meeting in person. The presider introduces the session and participants, times the presentations, and moderates a question and answer period either after each paper or after all presenters have finished (recommended). Of course, this role is slightly different for panel sessions or other event types.
2. Each session or event will have a tech support person in attendance on Zoom to provide background security and to assist with technical difficulties and general operations.
3. In addition, session presiders will be designated as a “co-host” by the tech person for the duration of their session, so they have more control over meeting functions such as muting, unmuting, and calling on people to speak.
4. For regular sessions and smaller events such as caucus meetings or networking happy hours, participants will be able to unmute themselves. However, designated host and co-hosts will be able to mute participants as needed.
5. For larger events with many in attendance, meeting controls will be set so that only the designated host or co-hosts will be able to unmute participants. Large events will have at least two designated tech support persons in attendance.
6. To mute or unmute participants, simply click on the microphone icon that appears on their video box, or beside their name on the participant list. To lower a raised hand icon, click on “lower hand.” Alternatively, the tech support person can assist with these functions.
7. Note: we recommend that if you are unfamiliar with other meeting controls and settings as co-host, that you refrain from trying them out during a live session without asking your tech support person first, as this could cause problems for participants.
8. Finally, the tech committee will offer live training sessions on Zoom prior to the conference for anyone interested (information will be sent to you).

**Presenters (see next pages)**
Presenters: Sharing Your Screen. If you wish to share a PowerPoint file, website, or other document, and/or play a video or podcast during your presentation, follow these steps:

1. Click on “Share Screen.” If you can’t see the controls, move your cursor over the bottom area of the screen and they will appear.

2. If you are NOT sharing a video or podcast with sound, just click “Share” and you’re all set to begin. Note: this will share whatever is currently showing on your desktop screen.
3. If you wish to play a video or podcast with audio, then you must also check both of the small boxes at the bottom of the popup box – “share computer sound” AND “optimize screen sharing for video clip.” This ensures that the audience will be able to hear the sound clearly. Otherwise, the audience may not be able to hear the sound from the video or audio clip at all or it may be very low.

4. This is an example of what you see when sharing your screen:
5. This is an example of what others see when you share your screen:

6. When you are finished sharing, click “End.”
APPENDIX C:

MSSA ZOOM CHANNEL GUIDE

**Zoom Channel 1:** Ruth Chananie, Host  
Meeting ID: 872 0077 5205  
Passcode: 410990  
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**Zoom Channel 2:** Sarah Donley, Host  
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**Zoom Channel 3:** Jessica Abbott, Host  
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**Zoom Channel 4:** Marcus Brooks, Host  
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**Zoom Channel 5:** Andrew Tatch, Host  
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**Zoom Channel 6:** Ruth Chananie, Host  
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**Zoom Channel 7:**  
**Wednesday Host:** Andrew Tatch  
**Thursday – Saturday Host:** Melencia Johnson  
Meeting ID: 659 945 5326  
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**Zoom Channel 8:** Tina Deshotels, Host (this channel ONLY for daily conference Q&A)  
Meeting ID: 951 0946 6305  
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