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1521 Pinhook Road
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About the Mid-South Sociological Association

Purpose
The Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) is a nonprofit professional organization which promotes the study and understanding of sociological and related issues and problems. Professional interests include crime, aging, deviance, demography, environment, family, education, race and ethnic relations, religion, global and community development, occupations, health, inequality, gender, corrections, community, political economy, science and technology, urban/rural, law, ecology, and others.

Membership
The membership comprises sociologists and other social scientists who come from colleges and universities, various levels of government, and nonprofit social agencies. Membership policy imposes no geographical restrictions. All professionals with interests in sociological and social science topics are welcome as members.

Payment of the $40 annual dues for regular membership ($20 for students) includes subscriptions to the journal, *Sociological Spectrum*, and the *Forum* newsletter.

Meetings
Membership in the MSSA and participation in annual meetings offer advantages to sociologists, social scientists, related professionals, and students of sociology. These advantages include exposure to current research on various social topics with opportunities for interactions, networking, and engagement in dialogue on social research issues and problems of mutual interest. The meetings provide a medium for dialogue on research and professional development issues of concern to the discipline and the larger community. Meetings of the MSSA are held annually and are hosted by colleges and universities in different states in the mid-South region.

Publications
The scholarly, refereed journal, *Sociological Spectrum*, is publishes six times per year. Manuscripts are submitted to the editor and then enter the review process. Articles focusing on the sociological analysis of various social conditions, problems, issues, and solutions in the United States and abroad are welcome. *Forum*, the MSSA newsletter, is published twice each year and focuses on news events and affairs of the MSSA.
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Program Summary
2006 Mid-South Sociological Association Meetings

Wednesday, October 25

2:00-4:00 p.m.
1. Executive Council I .................. Oak Alley

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
2. Off-site Presentation ........ Vermilionville

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Registration .................................. Port Foyer

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
3. Sociological Spectrum Editorial Board Meeting .................. Oak Alley

7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Welcoming Reception ............. Vermilion

Thursday, October 26

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Registration .......................... Port Foyer

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.
Small and Community College
Breakfast .......................... Hotel Restaurant

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
4. Global Sociology I ............ Oaklawn
5. Centenarians and Supercentenarians
   in Rural Black Communities .... Cypress
6. Issues within Education .......... Magnolia
7. Undergraduate Paper Competition .... Willow
8. Sexualities and Genders in Crisis
9. Race, Class and Gender in Disaster
   Vulnerability ........................ Maple
10. Graduate Paper Competition I .... Cedar

9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
11. Executive Council II ............. Oak Alley
12. Sociology in the Twenty-First
   Century ........................ Oaklawn
13. Sociology of Culture .............. Cypress
14. Racial and Ethnic Issues .... Magnolia
15. Health Care and People of Color .... Willow
16. Institutional and Community Reconstruction in the
   Aftermath of Katrina ........ Maple

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Minority Caucus Luncheon ........ Hotel Restaurant

12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m.
17. Criminology .................. Oaklawn
18. Surviving Katrina .......... Cypress
19. Social Psychology &
   Networks .................. Magnolia
20. Bringing Sociology
   Back In I .................. Willow
21. Graduate Student Research
   Progress .................. Ashland

2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
22. Meet the Editors ............ Oaklawn
23. Sociology of the
   Future .................. Cypress
24. The National Science
   Foundation .................. Magnolia
25. Graduate Paper Competition II ...... Willow
26. Applied Sociology ........ Ashland
27. Bringing Sociology Back In II ... Maple
28. Gendered Terrorism ........ Cedar

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Cash Bar .......................... Salon A

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
MSSA Banquet .................. Salon D&E

9:00 p.m.-12 a.m.
Dance .......................... Salon A

Friday, October 27

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Registration

8:00-9:30
29. Gender Research in Progress I ... Rosedown
30. Global Sociology II ........ Oaklawn
31. Social Theory .................. Cypress
32. Undergraduate Paper Session ... Magnolia
Friday (cont.)

33. Community Impacts of Katrina..,„Ashland
34. Policy in the Middle East………..C Salon
35. Global Sociology III……………Oaklawn
36. Gender Research in Progress II…Rosedown
37. Educational Policy…………………Cypress
38. Deviance………………………..Rosedown
39. The Sociology of Alvin Bertrand….Willow
40. Making a Difference………………..Ashland
41. Study Abroad in Times of Crisis………Magnolia
42. Potpourri Session I…………………Cedar
43. Women, Religion, and Secularism in Turkey………………C Salon
44. Urban and Community Sociology…F Salon

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Women’s Caucus Luncheon…Hotel Restaurant

12:45-2:15
45. International Sociology……………Oaklawn
46. Sociology of Environment…………Cypress
47. Law & the Politics of Marriage……..Magnolia
48. Public Policy & Minorities…………Ashland
49. The War on Drugs…………………..Maple
50. The World as Classroom………….Cedar
51. Sociology of Education I…………C Salon
52. Spirituality and Healing…………….F Salon
53. The Significance of Race and Class in the Aftermath of Katrina………Rosedown

2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
54. Community Issues…………………Rosedown
55. Sociology of Education II………Oaklawn
56. Domestic Violence………………….Cypress
57. Marriage and Family…………………Magnolia
58. Disasters and the “Cajun Navy”…….Willow
59. Medical Sociology…………………..Ashland
60. Alcohol, Drugs, & Social Policy……..Maple
61. Death, Loss, & Coping…………….Cedar
62. Queer Sociologies………………….C Salon
63. Crime & Deviant Behavior…………F Salon

4:15-5:45
Plenary Address……………………..D Salon

5:45-7:30
President’s Reception……………Vermilion

Saturday, October 28

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Registration

8:00 a.m.-9:30 am.
64. Potpourri Session II………Rosedown
65. Social Research: Implications for HBCUs………………..Oaklawn
66. AAUP and Crises…………………Cedar

9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Executive Council III…………..Oak Alley

9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
67. Teaching Research Methods…Oaklawn
68. Sociology of Global Competence…………………Cypress
69. Impact of Katrina on African American Students…………Magnolia
70. Potpourri Session III……………Ashland
Program
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   Convener: Thomas Calhoun, Southern Illinois University.

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2. Off-site Presentation………………………………………………………………………………..Vermilionville
   Presenter: Ray Brassieur, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
   Registration…………………………………………………………………………………………Port Foyer

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3. Sociological Spectrum Editorial Board Meeting………………………………………………Oak Alley
   Conveners: John Lynxwiler and David Gay, University of Central Florida

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   Welcoming Reception ……………………………………………………………………………Vermilion
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Thursday, October 26

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
   Registration…………………………………………………………………………………………Port Foyer

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.
   Small and Community College Breakfast………………………………………………Hotel Restaurant
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

4. Global Sociology I. .................................................................Oaklawn
Organizer and Presider: Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University
sadu-mireku@uncfsu.edu
“Ideology, Globalization and Educational Policy”
Dale R. Howard, Northwest Arkansas Community College
“War Against Terrorism: Sociological Implications at the Global Level”
Raghu N. Singh, Jiaming Sun, and Amir Abbassi,
Texas A&M University-Commerce
“College Students’ Experiences: A Ghana Case Study”
Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University

5. Centenarians and Supercentenarians in Rural Black Communities:
A Video and Poster Presentation.........................................................Cypress
Organizer and Presider: Frances Staten, Grambling State University
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6. Issues within Education.................................................................Magnolia
Organizer: Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University
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Presider and Discussant: Ashraf M. Esmail, Delgado Community College
“To Take or Not To Take Introductory Sociology: Assessing Performance in an Introductory Sociology Class.”
Maxwell N. Kwenda, Cameron University
“A Theoretical Model of Educational Assessment and Student Evaluation of Instruction”
Larry D. Hall, Spring Hill College
“Incorporating Peace Education Strategies in University Classrooms: Approaches Used in Sociology Courses”
Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University
Ashraf M. Esmail, Delgado Community College
Shyamal Das, Minot State University
“Old Times are Not Forgotten: The Institutionalization of White –Flight Segregationist Academies in the American South”
Jeremy R. Porter, Frank M. Powell, and Lynn M. Hempel, Mississippi State University
7. Undergraduate Paper Competition

Organizer and Presider: Kimberly Davies, Augusta State University
davies@aug.edu

“How the Internet Allows Marginalized Individuals to Connect to Hate”
Susan Loar, Middle Tennessee State University

“A Calling to Vocation: Undergraduate Teaching Assistants in Collaborative Learning”
Robert R. Maddox, Augusta State University

“Humanitarianism – Hurricane Katrina After the Storm”
Soneka Hych, Tennessee Technological University

“Community Building in Cyberspace: Social Interaction and the Presentation of Self”
Rachel K. Edmonds, Middle Tennessee State University

8. Sexualities and Genders in Crisis: New Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to Studying Gender and Sexuality

Organizers and Presiders: Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo, UC, Santa Barbara
daniellehidalgo@mac.com

Discussant: Kristen Barber, University of Southern California

“Analysis of the Right Choices Abstinence-Only Education Program”
Christina Stow, Nicole Guidry, and Marc Matre, University of South Alabama

“Gay and Lesbian Parenting and the Inclusion of an Intersectional Approach: Toward a Dialog”
Courtney Sharpe and Anna M. Zajicek, University of Arkansas

“Mapping Space, Place, and Shifting Gender Identities: Embodying Sexualities and Genders in Bangkok, Thailand”
Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Doing Gendered Hair: The Creation of Gender Inequality”
Tina M. Deshotels and Erin Higgs, Jacksonville State University

“A Symbolic Interactionist Perspective of ‘Surprise’ Parties”
Erica M. Burnett, Western Kentucky University

9. Race, Class and Gender in Disaster Vulnerability

Organizer and Presider: Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans
fadeola@uno.edu

“Situating Natural Disasters in the African American Experience”
Jason David Rivera, Rowan University

“Transporting Poverty: The Impact of Abrupt Migration and Resettlement on Social Mobility of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees”
Cheryl Mills, University of Georgia, Athens

“Social Control and Resilient Behavior Among High School Students”
Natasha M. Davenport, Georgia State University

“Survey of Katrina Victims: Some Preliminary Results”
Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans
10. Graduate Paper Competition I .......................................................... Cedar  
Organizer and Presider: Keith Durkin, Ohio Northern University  
k-durkin@onu.edu  
“Gender and Violence in Downloaded Music”  
Chastity Blankenship, University of Central Florida  
“In the Lord’s Army: Enlistment Vocabularies of Motive and Religiosity in the U.S. Military”  
Stacia J. Creek, Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
“Lies, Damn Lies, and Rumors: An Analysis of Fear, Rumors, and Collective Efficiency in the Wake of Katrina”  
Shaun A. Thomas, Louisiana State University  
“College Drinking, Greek Affiliation, and the Need to Fit In: An Analysis of Social Norms Associated with Fraternity and Sorority Binge Drinking”  
Chantel M. Dufrene, University of Central Florida  
Jessica Abbott and Shelly A. McGrath, Southern Illinois University  

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11. Executive Council II ................................................................. Oak Alley  
Convener: Tom Calhoun, Southern Illinois University  

12. Sociology in the Twenty-First Century ........................................ Oaklawn  
Organizer and Presider: Dennis L. Peck, University of Alabama  
dpeck@bama.ua.edu  
“An Intersectionality Perspective in Introductory Textbooks: A Case Study”  
Nathasha Norris, Yvette Murphy, Anna Zaire, and Ingrid Rains, University of Arkansas  
“The Prospects for the Application of Quality of Life Measures in the 21st Century”  
Abbott Ferriss, Emory University  
“Intersectionality Matters: A Rationale for and a Guide to Integrating Intersectional Analysis in Sociology”  
Yvette Murphy, NaTasha Norris, Anna Zacicek, Babita Shrestha, Larry Andrews, and Suzie Dumberville, University of Arkansas  
“Public Sociology & Intersectionality: A Case Study of Women as Victims of Human Trafficking”  
Liliana Dumitru, Sireteanu and Anna Zacicek, University of Arkansas
13. Sociology of Culture
Organizer and Presider: Lillian Daughaday, Murray State University
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“The Current Political Wars Over ‘Values’: The Underbelly of Moral Lack in American Society”
Charles Daughaday, Murray State University
“America: An Adolescent Culture”
Lillian Daughaday, Murray State University
“An Analysis of Norbert Elias and the Civilizing Process”
Frank Elwell, Rogers State University
“Gender Ideology in Romance Novels”
Joan M. Morris and Debra J. Marshall, University of Central Florida

14. Racial and Ethnic Issues
Organizers: Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University
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“Correlates of Social Distance from Immigrant and Ethnic Groups In 1990s Spain”
Marcel Ionescu, Tulane University
“The Diaspora of West Africa: The Influence of West African Cultures On Marching Cadences in the United States Military”
David G. LoConto and Patrice N. Ware, Jacksonville State University
Tim Clark, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
“The Unified Model of Stratification: Organizing the Evidence on Merit And Discrimination”
George Wooddell, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

15. Health Care and People of Color I
Organizer: Ollie Christian, Southern University
ogchristian@yahoo.com
“African Americans and the Charity Hospital System of Louisiana”
Ollie Christian, Southern University, and Thomas Durant, Louisiana State University
“The Effects of Race and Household Income on Tooth Decay among School Aged Children and Adolescents in the United States”
Mark Scarbecz, University of Tennessee Health Science Center
“Mental Health Care of African Americans: The Legacy of Service Barriers”
Tony Lowe and Kareema Gray, University of Georgia
“The Legacy of Mental Health Barriers for African American Families and Children”
June Hopps and Kareema Gray, University of Georgia
16. Panel: Institutional and Community Reconstruction in the Aftermath of Katrina
Organizer and Presider: Duane A. Gill, Mississippi State University
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Panelists: Bob Gramling, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Anthony E. Ladd, Loyola University
Brent Marshall, University of Central Florida
Dennis R. McSeveney, University of New Orleans

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17. Criminology
Organizer and Presider: Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
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Discussant: Carol Y. Thompson, Texas Christian University
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“Covering The Bases: Components Of Diversion Programs For Adjudicated Youths Tina H. Deshotels, Jacksonville State University
“The Occupational Turf of the Border Patrol Agent”
Scott M. Mire, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
C. Eddie Palmer, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
“Labor Force Structure and Violence in Rural America”
Matthew R. Lee, Louisiana State University
Timonthy Slack, Louisiana State University
"Runaway Explanations"
Jessica Simpson, Louisiana State University
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
“Sociological Exploration of American Policing Paradigms”
Wesley Abercrombie, Midlands Technical College
18. Surviving Hurricane Katrina: Roundtable
Organizer and Presider: Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans, fadeola@o.edu
Panelists: Dennis R. McSeveney, University of New Orleans
Sheryl Mills, University of Georgia, Athens
Diane Keithly, Southern University, Baton Rouge
Demond S. Miller, Rowan University
“Sociologist Returns Home After Hurricane Katrina: A Brief Reflection.”
Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans

19. Social Psychology and Networks
Organizer and Presider: Mark Konty, Auburn University
kontyma@auburn.edu
“Being Active, Making Friends: a test of Feld’s foci theory”
W. Craig Carter and Andrea Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
“Engagement, Trust, and Reciprocity: Exploring the Relation Between and Participation in Non-Profit Organizations”
Rebecca Feiler, University of Central Florida
“The Social Side of Diabetes: The Influence of Social Support on Dietary Regimen of People with Diabetes”
Roger Klomegah, Fayetteville State University

20. Bringing Sociology Back In
Organizer and Presider: Dennis L. Peck, University of Alabama
dpeck@bama.ua.edu
Panelists: R. Scott Frey; The University of Tennessee
R. A. Sydie; The University of Alberta
Elise Lake; The University of Mississippi
Abbott Ferris; Professor Emeritus, Emory University

21. Graduate Student Research in Progress
Organizer and Presider: Vicky M. MacLean, Middle Tennessee State University
vmaclean@mtsu.edu
Jessica Lendon, Middle Tennessee State University
“The Effects of Wildland Fire on a Community: A Study of Bell County, Kentucky”
Mary Moneta, Western Kentucky University
“Mountain Top Removal Coal-Mining: Observations from a Summer Listening Project”
Sara Malley, Middle Tennessee State University
“Framing the Ban: A Case Study of South Dakota's Abortion Ban”
Katie Ross, Middle Tennessee State University
“A Graduate Student Odyssey: Developing Authorial Identity”
Heather K. Olson Beal, Louisiana State University
2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

22. Meet the Editors: New Editors for Sociological Spectrum
Panelists: John Lynxwiler and David Gay, University of Central Florida
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23. Sociology of the Future
Organizer: Mark Konty, Auburn University
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“Exploring Components and Occupational Forecasts for 2002-2012”
Arthur S. Wilke and Raj P. Mohan, Auburn University
“Pragmatism and the Future of Ethnicity.”
David G. LoConto, Jacksonville State University
“Oil Depletion, Global Warming and 21st Century Society.”
Richard Hutchinson, Louisiana Tech
“Legitimate Authority and the United States Next Civil War”
Mark Konty, Auburn University

24. The National Science Foundation and Sociology
Panelist: Kevin F. Gotham, National Science Foundation
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25. Graduate Paper Competition II
Organizer and Presider: Keith Durkin, Ohio Northern University
k-durkin@onu.edu
“A Multiple Capital Explanation for the Persistence of the AIDS Dissident Movement”
Kristina Dzara, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
“A Cross-National Analysis of Economic Prosperity as a Predictor of Carbon Dioxide
and Methane Emissions Intensity, 1995 and 2000.”
Laura McKinney, North Carolina State University
“The Significance of Gender: A Comparative Analysis of Religion and Gender Ideology”
Christi Flatt, Mississippi State University

26. Applied Sociology
Organizer and Presider: Nicole T. Flynn, University of South Alabama
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“Indexing Public Opinion in Baton Rouge after Hurricane Katrina”
Matthew R. Lee, Frederick D. Weil, Edward S. Shihadeh, Louisiana State University
“Navigating the Politics of Homelessness in the Small City”
John C. Kilburn, Texas A&M International University
“Social Dimensions of a Foodborne Illness”
Toby A. Ten Eyck, Michigan State University
“Examining Outcomes Over Program Lifecourse: Does Intensive Aftercare Make a Difference?”
Nicole T. Flynn, C. Kenneth Hudson, and Roma Hanks, University of South Alabama
27. Bringing Sociology Back In II..........................................................Maple
Organizer: Dennis L. Peck, University of Alabama
dpeck@bama.ua.edu
Presider: Steven Seiler, University of Tennessee
Panelists: Tim Dowd, Emory University
J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University
Minjoo Oh, The University of Mississippi
Carl Bankston, Tulane University
Jane Sell, Texas A & M University

28. Gendered Terrorism: Re-thinking Tyranny and Oppression.....................Cedar
Organizer and Presider: Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
jaeller@mtsu.edu
“A Brief Consideration of Gendered Terrorism”
Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
“Twin Tyrannies: Authoritarian Politics and Oppressive Gender Relations”
Andrew Austin, University of Wisconsin, Green-Bay
“Revolutionary Afghan Women”
Shirlee Owens, University of Louisiana at Monroe

7:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Cash Bar..................................................................................................................Salon A

7:00 p.m.-9:00 pm.
MSSA Banquet, Awards Ceremony, Business Meeting,
and Presidential Address................................................................................Salon D & E
“The Quest for Inclusion: A Sociological Mandate”
Thomas Calhoun, Southern Illinois University

9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.
Dance...................................................................................................................Salon A

Friday, October 27

8:00 a.m.-4:00 pm
Registration .........................................................................................................Port Foyer
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Women’s Caucus Luncheon.................................................................................Hotel Restaurant

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

29.  Gender Research in Progress .................................................................Rosedown
    Organizer and Presider: Kim Davies, Augusta State University
    “Circumvention and Social Change: ICTs and the Discourse of Empowerment”
    Meredith Anderson, Louisiana State University
    “We Just Know Too Much These Days: Changes in Women Experiences with Pregnancy and
    Birth in Mississippi, 1965-2005”
    Amy Chasteen Miller, University of Southern Mississippi
    “Advancing an Insectional Analysis of Gender and Social Capital: A Case
    Study of Women and Men in Nepal”
    Babita Shrestha, Ramu Bishwakarma, Anna Zajicek, University of Arkansas
    “Foucault, Feminism and Christianity”
    Lisa Lepard, University of West Georgia

30.  Global Sociology II......................................................................................Oaklawn
    Organizer and Presider: Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University
    “Advancing an Intersectional Analysis of Development Policies: A Case Study of
    the Nepal’s 10th Development Plans”
    Ramu Bishwakarma, Valerie Hunt, Babita Shrestha, and Anna Zajicek, University
    of Arkansas
    “Spain 1995: Correlates of Negative Attitudes to Immigrants from Developing
    Nations”
    Marcel Ionescu, Tulane University
    “Beyond Weber: Assessing the Impact of Emerging Capitalism on Islamic
    Societies”
    Vicki V. ElZarrad, University of South Alabama
31. Social Theory ..........................................................Cypress
Organizer and Presider: J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University
David G. LoConto and Candace C. Gibson, Jacksonville State University
“The Postmodern Attenuation of Being: The Search for New Foundations of Consciousness”
Garrison Thompson, The University of Mobile
Lacie M. Michel, Louisiana State University
Daniel Sarabia, Roanoke College and J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

Organizer and Presider: Dr. Vicky M. MacLean, Middle Tennessee State University
“What’s in a Car? Constructs of Social Identification through Modes of Transportation”
Susan Loar, Middle Tennessee State University
“Hate Groups in the United States: The Contemporary Construction of White Supremacy”
Lauren Stewart, Middle Tennessee State University
“Flaming Asceticism: The Oppressive Construction of Homosexuality”
Joshua Fryer, Middle Tennessee State University
“The Struggle Between Deafness, Family, and Culture”
Tandala Lowe, University of Louisiana at Monroe

33. Community Impacts of Hurricane Katrina..........................Ashland
Organizer: Duane A. Gill, Mississippi State University
“Blaming Katrina: The New Orleans College Student Diaspora and Perceptions of the Disaster as a Na-Tech Event”
Anthony E. Ladd, Loyola University New Orleans, Duane A. Gill, Mississippi State University, John Marszalek, Xavier University, and Liesel A. Ritchie, Western Michigan University
“The Texture of Local Disaster Response: Documenting the Experiences, Needs, and Recommendations of Service Providers Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita”
John J. Green, Delta State University, Anna M. Kleiner, Southeastern Louisiana, JoLynn P. Montgomery, University of Michigan, Irene S. Bayer, University of Michigan
“The Stigma of Disaster Displacement: Attitudes Toward FEMA Trailer Park Residents in a Receiving Community”
Matthew R. Lee, Frederick D. Weil, and Edward S. Shihadeh, Louisiana State University
34. U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East
Organizer and Presider: Riad Yehya, Southern University
“U.S. Support for Israel: Walking a Tight Rope”
Kingsley Esedo, Department of Political Science, Southern University
“U.S. Foreign Policy toward Lebanon”
Leila Sarieddine, Southern University
“U.S. Foreign Policy toward Iraq”
Revathi Hines, Southern University
“Historical Antecedents and Implications of U.S. Foreign Policy toward the Middle East”
Anthony Igiede, Southern University

9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

35. Global Sociology III
Organizer and Presider: Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University
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“Internet Regency: The Implications of a Global Scheme for Collaboration, Productivity, and Gender Inequity in Developing Areas”
B. Paige Miller, Marcus Ynalvez, Ricardo Duque, Meredith Anderson, Wesley Shrum, Louisiana State University, R. Sooryamoorthy, University of Natal, South Africa, Antony Palackal, Loyola College of Social Sciences, India, Dan-Bright Dzorgbo, University of Ghana, Paul Mbatia, University of Nairobi
“GIS Investigation of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Subsahara Africa”
Lionel D. Wiles and Fulbert Namwamba, Southern University
“HIV Testing Among High-Risk African Americans: Does Gender Matter?”
Antonio L. Jackson, Robeson Community College, Samuel Adu-Mireku, Ella T. Keller, Annie M. Chavis, Fayetteville State University

36. Gender Research in Progress II
Organizer and Presider: Kim Davies, Augusta State University
“Political and Moral Intolerance Toward Homosexuality Across Religious Denominations”
John Lynxwiler and David Gay, University of Central Florida, and James Adams, Mississippi State University
“Exploring the Relationship Between Incivility and Fear of Crime Among Males and Females through Structural Equation Models”
Chris Bounds, Mississippi State University
“You Can’t Play Drums in a Dress! Female Musicians Navigate the ‘Body Politics’ of the Music Industry”
Meggan Jordan, University of Central Florida

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37. Educational Policy ................................................................. Cypress
Organizer: Stephen J. Caldas, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
“Redesigning Teaching and Leadership Programs: Are African American Males Included in the Plan?”
Roslin Growe, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
“Desegregation, Magnet Programs, and Foreign Language Immersion Education: A Case Study of South Boulevard Elementary School”
Heather K. Olson Beal, Louisiana State University
“Intelligent Design and Other Code for Pseudoscience: Battling the Power of Theocracy in the Classroom”
Kimberly L. Davis and Susan M. Pfiffner, University of Tennessee

38. Deviance ................................................................. Magnolia
Organizer and Presider: Mark Konty, Auburn University
“Stories, Struggles and Success in a Juvenile Prison”
Marianne Fry, Louisiana State University
“Toward a Synthetic Model for Accounting Processes”
Steven J. Seiler, University of Tennessee
“Immune to the ‘Baby Rabies’: Stigma Management among the Child Free”
Anne Strickland, Auburn University

39. Panel: The Sociology of Alvin Bertrand ................................................... Willow
Organizer and Presider: Thomas J. Durant, Louisiana State University
socdua@lsu.edu
Panelists: Herman “Doc” Gibson, Henderson State University
Alma Thornton, Southern University
Ollie Christian, Southern University
Quentin Jenkins, Louisiana State University
Clifton Bryant, Virginia Tech.
William Bankston, Louisiana State University

40. Making a Difference: Applied Sociology in Action .................................................. Ashland
Organizer and Presider: Cheryl Lynn Brown, Greensboro College
“Applying Sociological Knowledge to Sexual Violence Prevention”
Kathryn Schmidt, Guilford College
“Applied Sociology at Work: Connecting Classroom Teaching with Field Research”
Yanyi K. Djamba, Southeastern Louisiana University
“The Healing Effect of a Self Help Program for at Risk High School Students” Monica K. Varner, Rogers State University
41. Panel: Study Abroad in Times of Crisis
Organizers: Lachelle Norris, lnorris@tntech.edu and Patricia Campion, pcampion@tntech.edu
Panelists: Colleen Miller, Director of Enrollment, Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA)
             Holly R. Carter
             Robin D. Rash, Lambuth University
             Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
             Danilo Levi, Southeastern Louisiana University
             Patricia Campion, Tennessee Tech University

42. Potpourri Session I
Moderator: Kathy A. Smith, Martin Methodist College, ksmith@vallnet.com
“Routine Activities and On-Line Victimization of Young People”
Keith F. Durkin, Mike Barga, and Katherine Mominee, Ohio Northern University
“The Power of Words”
Clark Hudspeth, Jacksonville (AL) State University
“This Will Look Terrible—A Phenomenological Interview”
Jeremy Ross, Middle Tennessee State University
“Fear of Crime Among College Students in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina”
Rhonda D. Evans and Tanya St. Julien, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
“Interaction of Gender and Ethnicity in the Lives of Chicanos”
Christie B. Ginther, University of Arkansas

43. Panel: Women, Religion and Secularism in Turkey
Organizer and Presider: Sue Abraham, Grambling State University

44. Urban and Community Sociology
Organizer: Mark Austin, University of Louisville, austin@louisville.edu
“The Role of the Academy in Community Development”
Kay Decker, Northwest Oklahoma State University
“Dr. Pete Hollis and Progressive Education:
Welfare Schooling in a Southern Cotton Mill Town”
Bart Dredge, Austin College
“Environmental Concern and Behavior in an Urban Social Structural Context”
Tobin Walton, University of Louisville
“Perceptions of Safety and Urban Graffiti”
Mark Austin, University of Louisville

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Women’s Caucus Luncheon
45. International Sociology
Organizer and Presider: Shirlee Owens, University of Louisiana at Monroe, sowens@ulm.edu
“Dying for Dignity: Honor Killings in the Middle East”
Marsha McGee, Department of Gerontology and Sociology, University of Louisiana at Monroe
“Islamic Diversity in Turkey”
Carolyn Pevey, Department of Sociology, Auburn University
“Wit and Wisdom in Cultural Tricksters”
C. Turner Steckline, Department of Communications, University of Louisiana at Monroe

46. Sociology of Environment
Organizer: Duane A. Gill, Mississippi State University, Duane.Gill@ssrc.msstate.edu
Presider: Danny Winbush, Mainstreet Publishing, Inc., drdanny@charter.net
“Sprawl and Attachment to Place: What Contribution Do They Make to Environmental Concern?”
Christopher W. Podeschi, Eric Howington, and Crystal McWhirter, Coastal Carolina University
“Fueling the Climate Crisis: Making Sociological Connections in the Classroom between Energy “Use, Geopolitics, and Global Warming”
Anthony E. Ladd, Loyola University New Orleans
“Environmentalism in the Middle East: Preliminary Results from Kuwait University Students”

47. Law and the Politics of Marriage: Race, Sexuality, and Gender
Organizer: Ruth A. Chananie, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois, chananie@siu.edu
“Marriage is Between One Man and One Woman: Debunking a Claim Against Same-Sex Marriage”
Lew Hendrix, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University
“Saying ‘I Do’: The Social Construction and Maintenance of Lesbian Union in Rural Areas”
Margaret Cooper, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University
“Framing and Collective Identity in the Legal Setting: Comparing Interracial Marriage and Same-Sex Marriage”
Ruth A. Chananie, Southern Illinois University

48. Public Policy Issues and Minorities
Organizers: Diane Keithly, Southern University,
Shirley Rombough, University of Texas-Pan American, and Alma Thornton, Southern University
Discussants: Christopher N. Hunte and Riad Yehya, Southern University
“Meeting the Needs of Disadvantaged Populations: An Organizational Case Study of CDC’s in Arkansas Delta”
Valerie Hunte, University of Arkansas
“An Analysis of Affirmative Action Policies in Nigeria”
Anthony Igiede, Southern University
“The Historical Impact and Significance of Political Action Committees (PAC) in the Election of Black Elected Officials in Baton Rouge, Louisiana”
Betty Davis, Southern University
“‘It Don’t Bother Me None’: A Re-Examination of the Concept of Stigma among Public Assistance Recipients”
Deborah Harris, Mississippi State University

“Only in America: The Impact of a Darwinist Public Health Policy or Lack of Policy on Minorities”
Riad Yehya, Southern University

49. Panel: The War on Drugs
Session Organizer and Presider: Mitchell Mackinem, Claflin University
TBA

50. The World as Classroom: Taking Students Abroad
Session Organizer: Cheryl Lynn Brown
Holly Carter, Augusta State University
“Taking Students Abroad: The VPAA’s Strategy”
Dr. Paul Leslie, Greensboro College
“Exotic People, Place and Digital Camera Overload: When the Teacher becomes the Student in International Travel”
Dr. Donald Gregory, Reinhardt College

51. Sociology of Education I
Session Organizer: Frederique Knottnerus
Allen Scarboro, Augusta State University
“Adolescent Fertility and Subsequent Educational Attainment”
Christina Baker Myers, Emporia State University
“Capital and First Generation College Success”
Susan A. Dumais, Hagi Bradley, Jensen Jeung, and Aaryn Ward, Louisiana State University

52. Panel: Spirituality and Healing
Session Organizer and Presider: Shanta Sharma, Henderson State University, sharma@hsu.edu
Farrah Gilanshah, University of Minnesota-Morris
“Healing Messages Inherent in Intuition and Channeling”
Carolin Westerhof, Florida Metropolitan University
“Spiritual Socialization As a Process of Healing”
Shanta Sharma, Henderson State University
“Spirituality and Healing Among African Americans”
Joyce Shepherd, Henderson State University
“Spirituality and Healing: A Zen Approach”
Kinko Ito, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
The Significance of Race and Class in the Aftermath of Katrina  
Organizers and Presiders: Frances Staten, Grambling State University,  
Alpha Morris, Alcorn State University, Alma Thornton, Southern University  
“Health Related Issues Pertaining to Hurricane Katrina”  
Dorothy Idleburg, Mississippi Valley State  
Raymond Hicks, Grambling State University  
Lemmy Akoma, Grambling State University  
“Fear of Living Near At-Risk Hurricane Coastal Cities: A Racial Comparison”  
Frances Staten, Alpha State University  
Alpha Morris, Alcorn State University  
Alma Thornton, Southern University  
“The Impact of Hurricane Katrina on a Black Middle Class Neighborhood”  
Farrah Gafford, Tulane University  
“Socio-Economic Impact of Hurricane Katrina”  
Alma Thornton, Southern University  
William Hawn, Grambling State University  
Frances Staten, Grambling State University  
Alpha Morris, Alcorn State University  

2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  

Community Issues  
Organizer: Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University, leargle@fmarion.edu  
Presider and Discussant: Ashraf M. Esmail, Delgado Community College  
“Working to Their Own Detriment: The Underclass and the American Dream”  
Melanie B. Norwood, Southeastern Louisiana University  
“K-12 Education: Montgomery Alabama’s Integration Fade”  
Annette Allen, Troy University at Montgomery  
“Domestic Pollution Havens In US Localities: Linking Spatial Clusters of Dirty Manufacturing, Local Political Culture, and Environmental Equity”  
Todd L. Matthews, La Grange College  
Frank M. Howell, Mississippi State University  
“Living the Legacy”  
Pam Gaiter, Collin County Community College  

Sociology of Education II  
Organizer: Frederique Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University, frederique.knottnerus@okstate.edu  
“Exploring Student Approaches for Academic Success in Higher Education”  
Andrea Hunt, North Carolina State University  
“To Take or Nor to Take Introductory Sociology: Assessing Performance In an Introductory Sociology Class”  
Maxwell N. Kwenda, Cameron University
56. Domestic Violence: New Pathways For Change………………………………………….Cypress
Presider: Kathy Smith, Martin Methodist University, ksmith@vallnet.com
“Domestic Violence and Student Academic Outcomes”
Ann Marie Kinnell, The University of Southern Mississippi
Dorthy Stucky Halley, Pittsburg State University
“Narratives of Violence: The Batterer Story” Kathy Smith, Martin Methodist University
Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
Ann Charvat, InService, Inc., Nashville, TN.

57. Marriage and Family……………………………………………………………………Magnolia
Presider: Robert S. Bausch, Cameron University, rbausch@cameron.edu
“Religious Sub-Cultural Variations in Remarriage Timing: Evidence from the
National Survey of Family Growth”
Susannah Brown, Mississippi State University
“Mentoring the Children of the Incarcerated: Reframing the problem”
Ann Charvat, InService, Inc.
“Advantages, Disadvantages, and Long Term effects of the Open Adoption Process”
Benjamin Granger, University of South Florida and Craig Forsyth, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
“The Use of Formal Child Care, Education and Racial Difference: the Choice of Non-Parental
Childcare among Working Mothers”
Makiko Hori and Yoshinori Kamo, Louisiana State University

58. Disasters and the “Cajun Navy”……………………………………………………………Willow
Presenter: Barry Jean Anelet, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

59. Medical Sociology …………………………………………………………………………Ashland
Organizer and Presider: Peter L. Heller, Middle Tennessee State University
“Perspectives on Preparing for Mega-disasters: Paramedics’ Views Post-Katrina”
C. Eddie Palmer and Sheryl M. Gonsoulin, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
“Social Change and the Growing Racial Disparities in Cardiovascular Health” Arthur G. Cosby, Tonya
Thornton-Neaves, Holli Hitt, Troy Blanchard, and Rober McMillen, Mississippi State University
“Socioeconomic Status, Access to Care and Perceived Health: A Multi-Year Study from the
Mississippi Delta”
John J. Green, Albert B. Nylander III, and Katie Kerstetter, Delta State University.
“The Interplay of Mexican-American Ethnicity and Socioeconomic Status on Cognitive Function,
Mood Disorder, Diabtes, and Overall Health”
Peter L. Heller, Middle Tennessee State University, David F. Briones, Randolph B. Schiffer, JamesA.
Wilcox and Elizabeth M. Ledger, Texas Tech University Health Science Center
Alcohol, Drugs, & Social Policy  ........................................................................................................Maple
Organizer and Presider: John Hall Tulane University, jhall@tulane.edu
“Drug Issues in the Classroom: Reconciling the Empirical with the Didactic”
Russell Castro, Southeastern Louisiana University
“The Initiation of Binged Drinking By First Year College Students: An Application of Social Bond Theory” Keith Durkin, Chad Horstman, Jacob Schuck, Ashley Knipp, Ohio Northern University,
“The Covariation of Alcohol and Drug Problems and Common Psychiatric Symptoms in University Students: Ten Year Findings”
Bill McCown, Chris Johnson, James Bulot, University of Louisiana at Monro

Death, Loss, and Coping......................................................................................................................Cedar
Organizer and Presider: Marsha McGee, University of Louisiana at Monroe, mcgee@ulm.edu
“The Deathscape: Loss, Grief, and Uncertainty in the Wake of Natural Disasters: In the Indian Ocean Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina”
DeMond Shondell Miller and Jason David Rivera, Rowan University
“Place Attachment and Environmental Degradation: Land Loss and Community of Coastal Louisiana”
David Burley, University of Louisiana at Monroe

Queer Sociologies..............................................................................................................................C Salon
Organizer and Presider: Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo, daniellehidalog@mac.com
“The Dyadic Imaginary: What Does Queer Love Have to Do With It?”
Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo, University of California at Santa Barbara
Kristen Barber, University of Southern California
Erica Hunter, University at Albany
“Queering Deviance: Combining Queer Theory with Theories of Deviance”
Skyler Lauderdale, Jacksonville State University
Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University
“The Dramaturgical Theory: How It Relates to Homosexual Men In Their Everyday Life”
Lola Houchins, Northeastern State University
“Strippers, Whores, and Advocates: Exploring Resiliency and Persistence in the Sex Worker Rights Movement”
Holly Pottle and Mindy Bradley, University of Arkansas
“Methodological Approaches to the Study of Gender and Cross-Dressing”
Larry Lance, UNC-Charlotte
Crime & Deviant Behavior

Organizer and Presider: Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
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Discussant: Carol Y. Thompson, Texas Christian University

“Crucial Themes in the Behavior of Outlaw Bikers and the Evolution of the 1% Culture”
James F. Quinn, University of North Texas

“An Examination of the Macro Level Crime Reducing Capabilities of Community Oriented Policing”
Shaun A. Thomas, Louisiana State University
Matthew R. Lee, Louisiana State University
Timonthy C. Brown, Louisiana State University

“The Scots-Irish and Southern Culture of Violence”
Emily Berthelot, Louisiana State University

“Crime and Oil Development”
Asha D. Luthra, Minerals Management Service
William B. Bankston, Louisiana State University
DeAnn M. Kalich, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana, Lafayette

“Sticking Together: How Exotic Dancing Encourages Female Solidarity and Consciousness Raising”
Bernadette Barton, Morehead State University

4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Plenary Address

William Freudenburg, University of California, Santa Barbara

5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

President’s Reception

Saturday, October 28

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Registration

Foyer

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
64. Potpourri Session II ................................................................. Rosedown
   Presider: Carol Y. Thompson, Texas Christian University
   “The Myth of Equality: Inequities Following Hurricane Katrina”
   Dana Greene, Appalachian State University
   “Identifying and Discrediting the Unfit in Dog Rescue”
   Carol Y. Thompson, Texas Christian University
   “Effect of Religious Factors on Male and Female Perpetration of Domestic Violence among Married Couples”
   Melencia Johnson, Southern Illinois University

65. Social Research: Implications for Applied Research at HBCUs ......................... Oaklawn
   Organizers and Presiders: Christopher N. Hunte, Southern University
   and Ollie Christian, Southern University
   Terrance Carter, Southern University
   Brandi Allen, Southern University
   Cynthia Tobias, Southern University
   Dominic Hunter, Southern University
   Kendrick Parker, Southern University
   Robyn Williams, Southern University
   Angela Davis, Southern University

66. AAUP and Crises Among the Professoriate: A Discussion .............................. Cedar
   Presider: Moderator: Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
   jaeller@mtsu.edu
   “Higher Education in the time of the Corporate University and the Case for Faculty Unionization”
   David Witt, University of Akron

9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

   Executive Council III ..................................................................................... Oak Alley
   Convener: Carl L. Bankston III, Tulane University

9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

67. Teaching Research Methods .............................................................................. Oaklawn
   Organizer and Presider: William E. Lovekamp, Eastern Illinois University,
welovekamp@eiu.edu
   John G. Boulahanis and Bonnie Lewis, Southeastern Louisiana University
   “An Interdisciplinary Approach to Teaching Research Methods and Statistics”
   Kurt Monroe, Southeast Missouri State University
   “When Disaster Strikes: Methodological Problems Encountered When Conducting Research in Hazardous Regions”
JoAnne D. Darlington, University of Louisiana, Lafayette
“What Do you Think Is Going On There (and Put it in a Crosstab): Taking Statistic and Methods Outside the Classroom”
Aleta Top Gustavson, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

68. Sociology of Global Competence of College .............................................................. Cypress
Organizer and Presider: Dawood H. Sultan, University of Tennessee at Martin
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“Undergraduate Travel Study: How Institution Type Affects Participation”
Jessica A. Abbott, Southern Illinois at Carbondale
“Using Foreign Travel to Enliven Classroom Learning”
Diane C. Keithly, Southern University at Baton Rouge
“Student Attitudes Toward Internationalizing The Undergraduate Curriculum”
Jayme D. Crawford, University of Tennessee at Martin
“Commonalities Among Campus Anti-Globalists”
Dawood Sultan, KeAuri K. Loftin, Misty L. Schrems, University of Tennessee at Martin

69. The Impact of Katrina on African American Students (Roundtable)........................... Magnolia
McNair Scholars/ Pi Gamma Mu International Society, Alcorn University
Grambling State and Southern University

70. Potpourri Session III ........................................................................................................ Ashland
Presider: Marianne Fisher-Giorlando, Grambling State University
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“Making a Difference in Fighting Obesity: The Roles of the Individual, Family, Medicine, Media, and Public Policy”
Riad Yehya, Southern University
“Inter-racial Interest Group Coalitions and Environmental Justice: Different Groups: Same Cause”
Revathi Hines, Southern University
Maria Bejacmar-Didier, District of Columbia Mental Health
“On the Construction of a Typology of Pre-World War II Sociologist-Eugenicists: Methodological Constructions of a Work in Progress”
David Michael Orenstein, Wright State University
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