



Empowering Diversity Through World Systems

November 4-7, 2009—Lafayette, Louisiana

Call for Papers and Presentations

35th Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association

List of Paper Sessions:

- Impact of Recent Economic Recession in the U.S. on Violent & Property Crime Rate
- International Migration
- Global Perspectives on Crime
- Sociology of the South
- Transnational Crimes: Kidnapping
- Violence in the Religious Community
- Assessing the State of Black Mental Health in the Community
- Research Paradigms for African American Family Dynamics
- Homicide Studies
- Community, Sustainability & Environment
- GLBTQ Constructions: Locally & Globally
- Gender Research in Progress
- Community Recovery from Disaster
- Gender Research in the University: Problems & Perils
- Childhood Obesity among Minorities
- Health Disparities & Cardiovascular Disease Prevention
- Sociology of Religion
- Crime & Justice
- Sociology of Education
- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Service Learning in Sociology
- Social Movements
- Crime & Victimization in Global Context
- Workplace Violence & Safety: The Case of the Nursing Profession & Healthcare Providers
- International Development & Policy Issues in the Global South
- Impact of Diversity in Higher Education on the Mission of HBCUs
- Undergraduate Student Research
- Diversity in the Workplace: Challenges for the Criminal Justice System
- Global Perspectives on Crime
- Sociology of Education
- Social Theory
- Environmental Controversies & Conflicts in the South
- Contextual & Place Effects on Health
- Role of Diversity: Cultural Survival in a Global Society
- Exploring Qualitative Research Designs
- Human Sexuality
- Environmental Sociology
- Crime & Victimization in Global Context
- Environmental Sociology: New & Emerging Issues
- Global Sociology
- Teaching Sociology
- Teaching Sociology Online
- Teaching Family & Marriage
- Teaching Race & Ethnic Relations
- Sociological Methodology & Spatial Analysis
- Environmental Justice
- Is Racism Alive or Dead in the New Millennium?
- Social Psychology of Emotions
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- Bridging the Gap Between & Within Cultures on the College Campus
- Healthcare Systems & Health Disparities
- Sociology of Cyberspace
- Anti-Immigration Movements
- Empowering Diversity across the Health Care Delivery System in the United States
- Adherall Use & Abuse among College Students: What's Your Excuse?

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

ANNUAL MEETING PAPER SUBMISSIONS	May 15
STANFORD LYMAN BOOK AWARD	June 1
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION	June 30
STANFORD LYMAN SCHOLARSHIP	September 1
GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER OF DISTINCTION	September 15

(SEE INSIDE FOR COMPETITION DETAILS)

Workshops

- DiverSimilarity: A Shift in Paradigm
- Working the Presentation: A Workshop for Undergraduate & Graduate Students on the Development & Execution of a Conference Presentation

Panels

- Publishing in Scholarly Journals
- Presidential Session: The Current Status & Future of the MSSA
- Teaching From a Feminist Perspective
- How to Navigate the MSSA: Tips on Making the Most of the Meetings.
- Preparing for & Succeeding in Graduate School
- Preparing for the Job Market
- Development Issues in Economic Community of West African States – ECOWAS

Roundtables

- Legal Issues in Criminal Justice
- Working with Student Organizations
- Native American Communities & Culture
- Professional Development: Life in the Tenure Track
- Copology for the Criminal Justice Professionals

The list of session organizers for submitting your work is located in this issue or at:

www.midsouthsoc.org/call2009.htm

Student Paper Competitions

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Mid-South Sociological Association—Mobile, Alabama

The Mid-South Sociological Association invites the submission of student papers for its annual undergraduate student paper competition. The competition is open to students in the Mid-South Region and to other undergraduate students who are members of the Mid-South Sociological Association. A prize of \$50 will be awarded for the best paper. The authors of the papers selected will be presented with certificates of merit after presentations of papers at the 2009 MSSA Annual Meeting.

Rules for the 2009 Competition

- ◆ Each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting participation in the undergraduate competition session. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school affiliation, the email address and the telephone number of the author(s).
- ◆ The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 20 double-spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, references, tables, and figures.
- ◆ Papers may be co-authored with a maximum of three student authors, but not by graduate students or faculty.
- ◆ Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for this competition.

Each of the submissions will be evaluated by a committee of scholars based on (1) originality, (2) contribution or potential contribution to the discipline, (3) clarity of arguments, and (4) mechanics (i.e. neatness, use of an appropriate format, grammar, spelling, etc.). To receive full recognition for participation, submissions must meet deadlines and participants must present their papers at the 2009 meetings in Lafayette, LA (November 4-7, 2009).

Papers should be submitted as a Word document by email to Dr. Tim Gongaware at gongawar.timo@uwlax.edu by **June 30, 2009**. If you have any questions regarding the competition, please feel free to contact me at the email address above or by phone at (608)785-6772.

Students are strongly encouraged to seek faculty advice prior to submission of papers.

GRADUATE STUDENT "PAPER OF DISTINCTION" AWARD

The Mid-South Sociological Association

The Mid-South Sociological Association invites the submission of student papers for the annual Graduate Student Paper Session and "Paper of Distinction" Award. The award process is open to graduate students who are members, or become members, of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Among the papers submitted, an award will be presented to any paper that is reviewed and evaluated as possessing a high level of originality and significant potential for contribution to the discipline. If such a paper is so identified, the author(s) will be presented with a "Paper of Distinction" award at the MSSA Banquet. The award will also include editorial review assistance from suitable persons so identified by the Vice President in coordination with the Editors of Sociological Spectrum.

Rules for the 2009 Award Process

Papers may be submitted by the graduate student or nominated by faculty, but in any case, each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting consideration for the Graduate Student "Paper of Distinction" Award. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school affiliation, telephone number, and email address (if available) of the author(s). The author's name and title of the paper should be included on the title page only. The title of the paper must be repeated at the top of the first page of the text. Additionally:

- ◆ The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 25 double spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, reference, tables, and figures.
- ◆ Papers may be co-authored with a maximum of three student authors, but no faculty.
- ◆ Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for award consideration.
- ◆ Papers are evaluated upon (1) originality, (2) contribution or potential contribution to the discipline, (3) clarity of arguments, and (4) mechanics (i.e. neatness, use of an appropriate format, grammar, spelling, etc.).
- ◆ **Four copies of each paper must be received by September 15, 2009.** Send papers by "First Class" mail to: Dr. Larry Hall, Department of Sociology, Spring Hill College, 4000 Dauphin St., Mobile AL: 36608.. (Email hall@shc.edu for questions.)
- ◆ To receive full recognition for participation, submission must meet deadlines and participants must present their papers to the 2009 Annual Meeting in Lafayette.

Students are strongly encouraged to seek faculty advice prior to submission of papers.

The Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award

It is with great pleasure that we open nominations for the 2009 Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award. This award was established in memory of Stan Lyman in order to honor MSSA members whose recently published work makes a significant contribution to the field of sociology. Please consider nominating one of your colleagues for this prestigious award. Keep in mind the following:

- ◆ The book must be an original work (and can be sole authored or co-authored)
- ◆ The work must have been published within the last three years (thus a book published between 2006 and 2009 is eligible)
- ◆ Textbooks and edited editions are not eligible
- ◆ The author must be a current member in the Mid-South Sociological Association, and must have been a member for at least three years.

Be sure to include the following in your nomination:

- ◆ The complete citation for the book (author/s, date published, title, publisher)
- ◆ Author/s contact information (email, affiliation, phone number if possible).
- ◆ Publisher contact information (e.g., contact person, phone number, and ISBN)
- ◆ A brief description of the book and why you believe it should be nominated.

Nominations should be sent (via email) to:

Dr. Carl Bankston

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Nominations may also be faxed (504-865-5544).

The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2009.

Stanford Lyman Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000.00)

Eligibility requirements:

- ◆ Ph.D. candidate working on a dissertation in sociological theory, symbolic interaction, race relations, law, or ethics.
- ◆ Applicant must be receiving the degree from an institution within the MSSA member states (see <http://www.midsouthsoc.org/> for more information) or from an institution which has active MSSA student/faculty memberships.

Submission information: Each applicant is to submit the following:

- ◆ Letter of introduction which includes a brief discussion of how the applicant's work reflects Stanford Lyman's tradition within sociology
- ◆ Description of dissertation research project, such as a research proposal – approx 5 pages,
- ◆ Letter of support from the applicant's dissertation committee chair which evaluates the dissertation project,
- ◆ Timetable for completion of the dissertation and degree, and
- ◆ Current vitae.

Deadline September 1, 2009.

The scholarship will be announced at the fall MSSA conference banquet, but the committee does reserve the right not to award the scholarship in any given year.

Applications may be sent by mail or email (jaeller@mtsu.edu – WORD only) to the following address:

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For more information contact Professor Eller by email or phone (615-898-2509.)

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Submit the abstract of your paper(s) to session organizer(s).

The abstract of your paper(s) should be submitted electronically in Microsoft word.

Be sure to include the following information:

Name

E-mail address

Institutional Affiliation

Phone Number

Title of Paper

Important Dates

May 15, 2009:

Deadline for submitting the abstract of your paper(s) to session organizer(s)

JUNE 30, 2009:

Deadline for session organizers to submit names, e-mail addresses, institutional affiliations, phone numbers, and title of the abstract of paper(s) to program chair, Ollie Christian, @ OCMSSA@yahoo.com

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Assessing the State of Black Mental Health in the Community II

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Bridging the Gap Between and Within Cultures on the College Campus

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Empowering Diversity across the Health Care Delivery System in the United States

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