

**Forty-First Annual Conference
The Mid-South Sociological Association**

On the Edge of Theory and Practice: A Sociology Without Borders

October 21-24, 2015

Lafayette, Louisiana



THE COVER ARTWORK

Painting: Les Demoiselles d'Avignon 100 Years after Picasso.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Sotiris Chtouris is a Greek Sociologist and Painter. He lives in Athens and Mytilini, Greece.

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The Theme

The nature of the complex challenges we are now called upon to confront has to do with the extraordinary accelerated pace of social change that social scientists, sociology in particular, are equipped to address. The 2015 Mid-South Sociological Association's Annual Conference theme *On the Edge of Theory and Practice: A Sociology Without Borders*, speaks to our willingness to go forth intrepidly to analyze, explain and offer communities and individuals the knowledge and insight that can help stem the tide of fatalism and apathy by proposing real-world solutions to some of the major global issues of our time.

MSSA SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

Session Title	Room	Date	Time
Breakfast and Coffee Hour #	Willow	22-Oct	7:00 - 8:00 AM
Welcome	Maple	22-Oct	8:15 - 8:30 AM
Plenary Address	Maple	22-Oct	8:30 - 9:45 AM
Crime and Justice	Oaklawn	22-Oct	10:00 - 11:30 AM
Race, Class and the Criminal Justice System	Magnolia	22-Oct	10:00 - 11:30 AM
On the Edge of Theory & Practice: Critical Perspectives in Health & Illness	Maple	22-Oct	10:00 - 11:30 AM
The Lunch Hour		22-Oct	11:45 - 12:45 AM
The Sociology of Health, Illness and Aging	Rosedown	22-Oct	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Navigating PhD Career Paths Inside and Outside of Academia	Magnolia	22-Oct	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Deviance	Maple	22-Oct	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Secrets to a Long and Successful Career in Academia	Oaklawn	22-Oct	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Coffee Break	River Foyer	22-Oct	2:30 - 2:45 PM
Panel Session: 10 Year Retrospective on Hurricane Katrina	Rosedown	22-Oct	2:45 - 4:15 PM
Teaching Sociology	Oaklawn	22-Oct	2:45 - 4:15 PM
Desegregation in Higher Education: How Far Have We Come	Magnolia	22-Oct	2:45 - 4:15 PM
Gender Research In Progress	Maple	22-Oct	2:45 - 4:15 PM
Documentary Film Presentation	Maple	22-Oct	4:30 - 6:00 PM
Presidential Reception	Vermillion	22-Oct	6:15 - 8:00 PM
Social Mixer	Vermillion	22-Oct	8:00 - 10:00 PM
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Potpourri Session	Oaklawn	23-Oct	10:00 - 11:30 AM
Civility versus Incivility: The Academy and the Conception of "Being" the Academic Gangsta	Elmwood	23-Oct	10:00 - 11:30 AM
Undergraduate and Graduate Papers (Non-Competitive)	Maple	23-Oct	10:00 - 11:30 AM
Research Methods: Studies in Qualitative Research	Magnolia	23-Oct	10:00 - 11:30 AM
The Lunch Hour		23-Oct	11:45 - 12:45 PM
Professional Ethics in Academia: Challenges and Triumphs	Oaklawn	23-Oct	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Sociology of Community Engagement	Rosedown	23-Oct	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Environmental Sociology	Elmwood	23-Oct	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Race, Class and Gender	Maple	23-Oct	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Coffee Break	River Foyer	23-Oct	2:30 - 2:45 PM
Schools and Success: Risk and Resiliency Factors Affecting Student Achievement	Oaklawn	23-Oct	2:45 - 4:15 PM
Sociology Student Paper Competition	Rosedown	23-Oct	2:45 - 4:15 PM
New and Emerging Research	Elmwood	23-Oct	2:45 - 4:15 PM
Deviance in Social Institutions	Magnolia	23-Oct	2:45 - 4:15 PM
Workplace Inequality	Maple	23-Oct	2:45 - 4:15 PM
Science, Technology and Culture	Oaklawn	23-Oct	4:30 - 6:00 PM
Sociology of Racial & Ethnic Disparities	Rosedown	23-Oct	4:30 - 6:00 PM
Animals and Society: An Interdisciplinary Conversation	Elmwood	23-Oct	4:30 - 6:00 PM
Critical Pedagogical Approaches for the Collegiate Classroom: Teaching for Social Change	Maple	23-Oct	4:30 - 6:00 PM
Annual Business Meeting and Awards Banquet	Hilton Salon	23-Oct	7:00 - 9:30 PM
Breakfast and Coffee Hour #	Willow	24-Oct	7:00 - 8:00 AM
How Do HBCUs Shape the Way Black Lives Matter: A Panel Discussion	Elmwood	24-Oct	8:30 - 10:00 AM
Sociology of Place and Geography	Rosedown	24-Oct	8:30 - 10:00 AM
Women Faculty, the Academy and Systemic Change	Ashland	24-Oct	8:30 - 10:00 AM
Getting Involved in the MSSA	Willow	24-Oct	8:30 - 10:00 AM
Sociology of Disasters	Maple	24-Oct	8:30 - 10:00 AM
Studies of Current Environmental Issues	Oaklawn	24-Oct	8:30 - 10:00 AM
Homicide Studies	Elmwood	24-Oct	10:15 - 11:45 AM
Popular Culture Sociology	Rosedown	24-Oct	10:15 - 11:45 AM
Public Health Modeling: Its' Effect Upon 'Significant' Americans	Ashland	24-Oct	10:15 - 11:45 AM
Online learning in Sociology and Criminology: Perspectives of Learning, Teaching, and Academic Rigor	Willow	24-Oct	10:15 - 11:45 AM
African-American Men in American Society	Oaklawn	24-Oct	10:15 - 11:45 AM
Rural Sociology	Maple	24-Oct	10:15 - 11:45 AM

please arrive early, breakfast is only served for one hour on a first-come/first-served basis





October 22, 2015

Dear Friends,

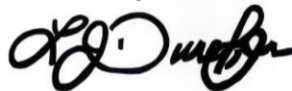
On behalf of Lafayette Consolidated Government, I welcome you to our city! We are thrilled to host the Mid-South Sociological Association as you celebrate your 41st annual meeting.

Lafayette is recognized for so many different accolades that I like to think of us as being a complete community—one that embraces technology, boasts a strong university, and celebrates the arts and culture. As the center of Cajun and Creole heritage, you find southern hospitality at its best. In fact, Lafayette residents were recently recognized as the happiest in the U.S. according to a study published by the National Bureau of Economic Research. One bite of our delicious local cuisine and you'll understand why we're so happy! In the last couple of years, *Southern Living* magazine and *Rand McNally/USA Today* have awarded us their "Best Food" titles. Lafayette residents are also happy to have one of the top three fastest internet service providers in the United States, thanks to our locally owned Fiber Gig connection.

Beyond our awards and titles, Lafayette is most proud of its friendly people and joie de vivre. On behalf of all Lafayette residents, thank you for coming to Lafayette. I hope you enjoy your stay and while you are here, I hope you are able to experience some of the many amenities that make this a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Best wishes to all of you!

Sincerely,



L.J. "Joey" Durel, Jr.
City-Parish President
Lafayette Consolidated Government



WELCOME

From the Office of the President



On behalf of the 2015 Executive Council, it is my honor to extend a heartfelt welcome to you. It has truly been an honor serving as your President for the last year. The Mid-South Sociological Association has been promoting excellence in teaching, research, and service for over four decades. The 41st Annual Conference, *On the Edge of Theory and Practice: A Sociology Without Borders* is no exception to our standard. The 41st conference provides a distinct and eclectic blend from scholars across the southern region of the United States. However, our scholarship is not limited to the southern region. Many renowned scholars, who gained their origin from the Mid-South Sociological Association as either undergraduate/graduate students or newly minted professors/practitioners, continue to build on the strong foundation the MSSA has cemented for them in their academic careers regionally, nationally, and internationally. Simply stated, the Mid-South Sociological Association is a place where conversation circles begin and are infused with theory and practice that allows us to embrace and navigate our ever evolving world. Thus, when I extend my welcome to you, I do so with sincerity that you will find the Mid-South Sociological Association *to be a space* where you too can initiate or join a conversation circle, be an active practitioner of change, and continue to embrace and promote excellence in teaching, research, and service. Again, welcome to the 41st Mid-South Sociological Association annual meeting.

Kind Regards,

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, PhD
Johnson C. Smith University
President, Mid-South Sociological Association



WELCOME

From the Office of the Vice President

& Co-Program Chair



Let me start by saying that it has been my pleasure to serve this organization in the role of Vice-President Elect and Vice-President for the past two years. I welcome you to Lafayette, LA, for the Mid-South Sociological Association's 41st annual conference and hope that you enjoy your time at the conference. I would like to thank the entire Executive Council that has worked tirelessly to organize this conference while facing several challenges. Through their efforts, and the efforts, of all session organizers, this conference is sure to be an amazing one for all participants. This year's conference has many exciting research and teaching sessions as well as service focused sessions. I encourage all to attend as many sessions as possible to hear about the new and exciting research and teaching that is taking place among your colleagues.

I urge you to make the most of your experience here, especially those who are students, or early in their careers. I started attending these conferences when I was a Ph.D. student in 2005, and along the way I have met many extraordinary individuals who have helped me in my career. The members of the MSSA are very open and inviting to young scholars and teachers, which has kept me coming back for several years. It is my hope that you will find that the conference and members are welcoming, and continue your support and participation for years to come.

On behalf of the Executive Council, I am very excited that you have decided to join, and hope that you have a wonderful experience at the 41st Annual Conference.

Thank you,

Shelly A. McGrath, PhD
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Vice President, Mid-South Sociological Association



WELCOME

From the Office of the Co-Program Chair



The 41st annual meeting of the MSSA brings together an exciting schedule of events. As sociologists, we delve deeply into the challenges that confront our society such as poverty, racial/ethnic and gender discrimination, social injustice, and disasters/disaster recovery. This meeting is the place to discuss a wide range of sociological topics as well as a place to meet new colleagues and friends. Even though we contribute to society with our specialties, we come together to learn from our colleagues and friends the knowledge and skills needed to advance specific research agendas as we seek to analyze, explain and offer communities innovative strategies to address complex social problems that confront or region. It is in our times that we must be willing to break down the disciplinary silos and interdisciplinary distinctions such as applied *vis-à-vis* pure or qualitative *vis-à-vis* quantitative to forge a new discussion without disciplinary borders to address the issues at hand. The 41st Annual Conference's theme, *On the Edge of Theory and Practice: A Sociology Without Borders*, offers us a way to focus our collaborative efforts to work toward a common goal.

Also, I wish to thank all of the session organizers and discussants who eagerly engaged in the formation of this program. It was a pleasure to meet and work with so many wonderful colleagues from the Mid-South.

Finally, I join our President and Vice President in extending a hearty welcome. If this is your first or your forty-first meeting, we encourage you to participate and enjoy each other's camaraderie and fellowship. Again, welcome to the 41st Mid-South Sociological Association's annual meeting.

Respectfully,

DeMond S. Miller, PhD, LCADC
Rowan University
Program Co-Chair
Nominations Chair, Mid-South Sociological Association



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THURSDAY PLENARY ADDRESS



THOMAS J. DURANT, JR. Ph.D.

A native of Mansfield, Louisiana, earned his bachelor's degree in animal science at Grambling State University, his master's degree in agricultural education at Tuskegee University, and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in St. Lucia (WI), 1963-65 and has traveled extensively in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, and the Caribbean. His professional career includes Professor of Sociology at Virginia State University and Professor of Sociology at Louisiana State University. He is a former Director of African and African American Studies at Louisiana State University. His teaching and research interests include southern culture, social inequality, criminology, gerontology, and international studies. He is the author of *"A View from the Inside...Thirty-Six Years of Desegregation"* (DPC Publishing Company & Aventine Press, 2015), *Our Roots Run Deep: A History of The River Road African American Museum* (Donning Company Publishers, 2002), and co-author of *A History of the Charity Hospitals of Louisiana: A Study of Poverty, Politics, Public Health and the Public Interest* (Mellen Press, 2010), and *Plantation Society and Race Relations: The Origins of Inequality* (Praeger, 1999). He has published numerous articles in scholarly journals and received numerous academic and community service awards. His latest research deals with factors influencing the persistence of students enrolled in STEM programs at Historically Black Community Colleges (*Journal of Contemporary Issues in Higher Education*, Spring 2015), and desegregation in higher education (DPC/Aventine Press, 2015). He served as a Research Fellow for the LSU Crime and Policy Evaluation Research Group (CAPER), a fellow of the Oxford University Roundtable, and held the positions of Program Chair and President of the Mid-South Sociological Association, where he has been a member since 1978. He is currently Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Louisiana State University and Professor of Urban Higher Education at Jackson State University.

FRIDAY PLENARY ADDRESS



DENNIS R. McSEVENEY, Ph.D.

Dennis R. McSeveney earned his B.S in Mathematics from John Carroll University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Emory University. After an almost four decade career at the University of New Orleans, he is now Professor of Sociology Emeritus, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Emeritus, and Associate Provost Emeritus at UNO and President Emeritus of the Association of College Honor Societies. Over his career, Dr. McSeveney has been a scholar-teacher-administrator. His published works have appeared in a variety of sociology journals including *Sociological Spectrum*, *Adolescence*, *Journal of Communications*, and *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* and include a co-authored monograph, *The Role of the Department Chair*, published by the American Sociological Association.

His students have gone on to significant careers as sociologists (including a Past President of MSSA), attorneys (including judges and law school deans), and meaningful careers and fulfilling lives in many other fields. As a university administrator, Dr. McSeveney has been fortunate to be at the right place at the right time with the right people to have established highly regarded programs in Creative Writing and Jazz Studies. He was also part of the leadership team that brought the University of New Orleans through the ravages of the flooding following Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. McSeveney has served MSSA as Past President and Secretary-Treasurer. He continues utilizing his sociological perspective as a member of the Council of Alpha Kappa Delta: The International Sociological Honor Society, and as AKD's Representative to the Association of College Honor Societies on whose board he continues to serve. He is the Board Treasurer of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, President of the UNO Founders Club, and serves on the boards of several other organizations.

SOCIOLOGIST AND DOCUMENTARIAN

FEATURED PRESENTATION



KINKO ITO, Ph.D.

Kinko Ito earned a Ph.D. in sociology from The Ohio State University and is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Her research interests include Japanese popular culture and the Ainu, a racial and ethnic minority group of Japan. She has published in *Teaching Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *International Journal of Comic Art*, *Japan Studies Review*, *Journal of Popular Culture*, *Gurôbaru Kyôiku* (Global Education), *Asian Popular Culture*, *Japanese Visual Culture*, etc. She started her ethnographic research on the Ainu after her book *A Sociology of Japanese Ladies' Comics: Images of the Life, Loves, and Sexual Fantasies of Adult Japanese Women* (Edwin Mellen Press) was published in 2011. Dr. Ito has been publishing her e-books with Amazon since 2013, and her books are available at Amazon.com. (Her pen name is K.I. Peeler.) *Have You Heard About the Ainu? Elders of Japan's Indigenous People Speak* (2015) is Dr. Ito's first documentary film which she videotaped, directed, and produced.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN PORTICO FOYER 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

MEETING MAPLE CONFERENCE ROOM 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

*EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING I
 ANITA D. BLEDSOE-GARDNER, PRESIDENT*

MEETING MAPLE CONFERENCE ROOM 5:30 PM - 6:35 PM
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

*BOARD MEETING OF SOCIOLOGICAL SPECTRUM
 BRIAN PHILIP HINOTE, EDITOR
 KEVIN D. BREAUULT, EDITOR*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Registration Table Portico Foyer 7:30 AM – 4:15 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Breakfast and Coffee Hour Willow Room 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Come and Join with Colleagues and Friends

Breakfast Meeting of the Committee on Small and Community Colleges

(available while breakfast lasts)

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE Maple Room 8:15 AM - 8:30 AM
OPENING WELCOME THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

*L.J. "Joey" Durel, Jr., City-Parish President
Lafayette Consolidated Government*

Plenary Session Maple Room 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

*Desegregation in Higher Education: A Case Study of a Predominantly
White University in the South
Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University and Jackson State University*



*Gov. Wallace stands in the doorway in an attempt to block the desegregation of the University of Alabama. 1963.
(Photo: Lib. of Congress).*

Session 1

Oaklawn Room

**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**

Crime and Justice

Ray Von Robertson, Session Organizer and Chair

An Intersectional Analysis of an Alabama Offender Re-entry Program

Patricia A. Barr, Alabama A&M University

Adele N. Norris, University of Waikato

The Moderating Effects of School Climate and Cumulative Trauma on High School Completion Among Juvenile Offenders

Micah Johnson, University of Florida

Adverse Childhood Experiences: A Commentary on the Need for Trauma-Informed Batterer Intervention Programming

Natalie Hoskins, University of Kansas

Steve Halley, University of Kansas

Dorothy Stucky Halley, University of Kansas

Normal Deviance: Results of a Survey on College Students' Views on Cheating

Sherrie Drye Cannoy, North Carolina A&T State University

Ewuukgem Lomo-David, North Carolina A&T State University

Session 2

Magnolia Room

**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**

Race, Class, and the Criminal Justice System

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Session Organizer and Chair

Justice

George Wordell, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Complex Matters of Race, Society, Mind and the Law: The Critical Seven

Gregory J. Harris, Florida State University

An Analysis of Race: Perceptions and Realities in the Criminal Justice System

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University, Colorado State University- Global Campus

**THERE IS IN THIS WORLD NO SUCH FORCES AS THE FORCE
OF A PERSON DETERMINED TO RISE. THE HUMAN SOUL
CANNOT BE PERMAENTLY CHAINED.**

-W.E.B. DuBois

Session 3

Maple Room

**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**

***On the Edge of Theory & Practice: Critical Perspectives in Health & Illness.*
Brian Hinote, Session Organizer and Chair**

***Substance Abuse Treatment Services Utilization: An Examination of Associated
Individual Determinants***

Roger Klomegah, Fayetteville State University

***Exploring the Social and Cultural Meaning of Illness and Health
Among Indigenous Agikuyu of Murang'a in Kenya,***

Daniel Kirogo Wahungu, Kenyatta University

***Seeing Stigma: An Autoethnographic Exploration of Parent-Child Reactions to
Sight Disorder, and Recommended Applications for Self-Adjustment***

Jason S. Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

Child Health and School Outcomes

Boniface Noyongoyo, University of Central Florida

Trisha Whitmire, University of Central Florida

Mandi Barringer, University of Central Florida

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Melanie Hinojosa, University of Central Florida

Ramon Hinojosa, University of Central Florida

Lunch

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Conference participants are on their own for lunch
Committee on Women, Gender and Sexuality Luncheon

Session 4

Rosedown Room

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

The Sociology of Health, Illness and Aging
Ollie Christian, Session Organizer and Chair
Thomas Durant, Jr., Session Discussant

The Effects of the Affordable Care Act on Lower Income Residents of Louisiana
Thomas J. Durant Jr., Louisiana State University and Jackson State University

Mental Illness in the African American Community
Shirley Rainey-Brown, Fisk University

Alzheimers and Aging: Therapeutic Potential of Clinical Trials
Ollie Christian, Southern University and A& M College-Baton Rouge

Session 5
Conference Workshop

Magnolia Room

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Navigating PhD Career Paths Inside and Outside of Academia
Co-Organizers and Facilitators:
Jean H. Shin, American Sociological Association
Dana M. Greene, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Jessica Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology



Session 6

Maple Room

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Deviance

Craig J. Forsyth, Session Organizer and Chair

Social Norms and Prescription Drug Misuse: Does Reason for Misuse Matter?

Lauren Norman, University of Central Florida

Initial Impact of a Juvenile Assessment Center on the Juvenile Justice System

Holly Howat, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Raymond W. Biggar, Jr., University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Fantasies of Safety

Jeremy A. Ross, Jacksonville State University

Tina H. Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Action Research: Improving Court Appearance Rates

Holly Howat, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Raymond W. Biggar, Jr., University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Session 7
Scholarly Panel

Oaklawn Room

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Secrets to a Long and Successful Career in Academia

Earl Wright II, Session Organizer and Chair

Thomas C. Calhoun, Jackson State University

Timothy Gongaware, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

Coffee Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

River Foyer



Session 8

Rosedown Room

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Mid-South Sociological Association
Presidential Session

Panel Session: 10 Year Retrospective on Hurricane Katrina
Jessica Pardee, Session Co-Organizer and Co-Chair
Dana Greene, Session Co-Organizer and Co-Chair

Jean Shin, Session Discussant

Reflections on Ten Years of Hurricane Katrina Research

Dana Greene, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Community Activism in the 'new' New Orleans

Ruth Idakula, Community Activist

Urban Poverty, Disaster Recovery, and Hurricane Katrina

Jessica Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

Session 9

Oaklawn Room

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Teaching Sociology

Ree Wells-Lewis, Session Co-Organizer

Erin Rider, Session Co-Organizer

Ree Wells-Lewis, Session Presider

Are You Experienced? Issues and Strategies in Teaching Sociology Online

Matthew Sheptoski, Grambling State University

Integrating the Hunger Banquet Simulation Activity Into Sociology Classes

Holly Pottle, Texas Woman's University

It's Not Just About the Money: Uses of a Multiple Capitals Framework in Introductory Sociology Courses for Teaching About Social Inequality and Social Mobility

Deborah Lowrey, University of Montevallo

Service Learning, Student Identity Work and the Sociological Imagination

Steven L. Arxer, University of North Texas-Dallas

Maria Ciriza-Lope, University of North Texas-Dallas

Marco Shappeck, University of North Texas-Dallas

Kitzia Moreno, University of North Texas-Dallas

Eduardo Padilla, University of North Texas-Dallas



Session 10
Scholarly Panel

Magnolia Room

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Desegregation in Higher Education: How Far Have We Come
Ollie Christian, Session Organizer and Chair

Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University and Jackson State University
Ollie Christian, Southern University and A&M College
Shirley Rainey Brown, Fisk University
Kathleen Handy, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

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Maple Room

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM
THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2015

Gender Research In Progress
Tina Hebert Deshotels, Session Organizer and Chair
Tina Hebert Deshotels, Session Discussant

The Bitch of Buchenwald: An Exploration of Gender Among SS Guards
Jessica Abbott, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
Jordyn Roark, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

Sperm Cells: The Reproduction of Inequalities through Online Sperm Banking
Megan M. Tesene, Georgia State University

It Depends Where I am: Location and the Self-Identity of Perpetrators of Domestic Violence
C. Patrice Lockett, Jacksonville State University

Dancing With Power
Tina Hebert Deshotels, Jacksonville State University
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette



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As Part of the Presidential Session Series, the MSSA Presents:

Have You Heard About The Ainu? Elders of Japan's Indigenous People Speak



A Documentary Film by Dr. Kinko Ito

Professor of Sociology, University of Arkansas at Little Rock



Have You Heard About The Ainu? Elders of Japan's Indigenous People Speak is a documentary film directed and produced by Dr. Kinko Ito, Professor of Sociology at University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She has been a member of the MSSA for more than 25 years. This film is based on Dr. Ito's ethnographic research in Hokkaido, Japan, between 2011 and 2014.

The Ainu are an indigenous, ethnic, minority people of Japan who have their own language and unique culture. Their ancestors lived in the northern part of the Tohoku region, Hokkaido, the Kuril Islands, and Sakhalin. The Japanese government established the Hokkaido Colonial Board in the late 19th century, and the Ainu's homeland, which they called *Ainu Moshir*, became national land. The Ainu have been prejudiced and discriminated against, and they still need to cope with the problem at school, at work, and in marriage.

This film features several Ainu elders who frankly share their life stories. The videotaping of their stories prevented a loss of meaning that might occur when researchers transfer the medium from audio-visual to literary or linguistic form. Non-verbal communication such as facial expressions, tone of voice, silence, and eye movement all carry meanings.



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Session 12

Documentary Presentation

Maple Room

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Mid-South Sociological Association
Presidential Session

Timothy B. Gongaware, Session Organizer and Chair

*Have You Heard About The Ainu? Elders of Japan's
Indigenous People Speak*

Kinko Ito, University of Arkansas-Little Rock

Reception

Vermillion Ballroom

6:15 PM - 8:00 PM

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Sociology Student Networking Breakfast

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Anita D. Bledsoe-Gardner, President

Plenary Session **Maple Room** **8:30 AM - 9:45 AM**
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It's Not the Institutions, It's the People: American Higher Education in the 21st Century

Dennis McSeveney, University of New Orleans

Session 13

Oaklawn Room

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Potpourri Session

Deniz Yucel, Session Organizer and Chair

Deniz Yucel, Session Discussant

Sociological Theories as Qualitative Methods

Stan H. Hodges, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Bennie Green, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

GIS Analysis of Unemployment Rates in Mississippi Metropolitan Areas: The Role of Discrimination

Siddig Fageir, Jackson State University

The Operation of Color-Blindism Among Students of Color on Predominantly White Campuses

Erin Pyror, Belmont University

Shelby Longard, Belmont University

Characterization of Sexual Behavior in Mississippi's Health Education Curricula

Sarah E. Pellegrine, Mississippi State University

Session 14

Scholarly Panel

Elmwood Room

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
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Civility versus Incivility: The Academy and the Conception of "Being" the Academic Gangsta.

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Session Organizer and Chair

Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University and Colorado State University- Global Campus

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Gregory J. Harris, Florida State University

Undergraduate and Graduate Papers (Non-Competitive)
Ray Von Robertson, Session Organizer and Chair

Hispanic Adolescent Perceptions of the Role of Parental Monitoring on Their Sexual Risk Behaviors: An Exploratory Study

Marcela Perez, University of North Texas-Dallas

The Process of Adapting to American Higher Education

Giselle C. Greenidge, University of North Texas-Dallas

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Mindfulness

Melissa Brandt, University of North Texas-Dallas

Once Upon a Time or Happily Ever After? A Trend analysis of Gender Role Portrayals in Disney Animated Princess Films

Gisselle Saavedra, University of North Texas-Dallas

Won't you be My Neighbor?" Tolerance Level of People in Turkey

Ismail Hakki Yigit, Mississippi State University



Session 16

Magnolia Room

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Research Methods: Studies in Qualitative Research
Melissa Powell-Williams, Session Organizer and Chair

Cultivating the Illness Experience: How Stigma, Society, and Hegemonic Standards of Biomedicine Construct Illness

Kathryn Delgenio, Georgia Regents University

Navigating Mediated Identities: Law Enforcement Reflections on Body Worn Cameras

Melissa Powell-Williams, Georgia Regents University

Gender Roles and Inmate Personal Ads

Eric F. Bronson, Lamar University

Alejandro Guadian, Lamar University

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Jessie Garcia, Lamar University

Garrick Harden, Lamar University

Lunch

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Conference participants are on their own for lunch
Minority Caucus Luncheon

Session 17
Scholarly Panel

Oaklawn Room

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Professional Ethics in Academia: Challenges and Triumphs
Earl Wright II, Session Organizer and Chair

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Carla Brailey, Texas Southern University

Thomas C. Calhoun, Jackson State University

Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

Session 18

Rosedown Room

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Sociology of Community Engagement

Ann Marie Kinnell, University of Southern Mississippi

How to Communicate Effectively with State Legislators: Understanding the Norms and Culture of the Legislative Chamber

Paul Luebke, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Big Data, Big Business, and Big Money: The Socio-Digital Construction of Consumer's Social Identity

Sherrie Drye Cannoy, North Carolina A&T State University
Paul Luebke, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Baton Rouge Buddha: Cross-cultural, Inter-generational Community Building at Tam Bao Temple

Margot Hasha, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Analysis of Academic Engagement and Participation in Extracurricular Activities for Hearing and Visually Impaired Children

Sabrina Deaton, University of Central Florida
Marisa Lucca, University of Central Florida

Session 19

Elmwood Room

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Environmental Sociology

DeMond S. Miller, Session Organizer and Chair

Controversial Technologies and the Pursuit of Frame Resonance Within the Environmental Movement

David R. Zeller, Jr., University of South Florida

Eco-masculinity, Environmental Sociology and Disaster Recovery

DeMond S. Miller, Rowan University

Globalization and Spread of Human Rights: The Case of the Ebola Spread

Geoffrey Lemmy Akoma, Grambling State University
Frances Staten, Grambling State University
John Nwoha, Grambling State University
Fabian Nabagi, Grambling State University

Activists or Ecoterrorists? A Content Analysis of Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front Discourses

Kimberly Murray, Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Session 20

Maple Room

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Race, Class, and Gender

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Session Organizer and Chair

Nicola Davis Bivens, Session Discussant

The Acquisition and Maintenance of Their Mother Tongue among Second-Generation Immigrant Children

Ying Ma, Austin Peay State University

Do Black Lives Really Matter

Bobby Mills, B.E. Mills, Associates

Gender Differences in African American Denominational Mobility

Kristie Perry, Southern University and A&M College-Baton Rouge

The African American Student Perspective of Black Lives Matter

Acacia Wilson, Johnson C. Smith University

Coffee Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

River Foyer



coffee break

Session 21

Oaklawn Room

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Schools and Success: Risk and Resiliency Factors Affecting Student Achievement

Micah E. Johnson, Session Organizer and Chair

Operationalizing Good Schools in Kentucky

Tonya Lanphier, University of Louisville

The School-to-Prison Pipeline from a Classroom View: Examining the Relationship between School Climate and Student Achievement Across Race

Alana J. Peck, Xavier University of Louisiana

What Factors Contribute to the Academic Success of African American (AA) Male College Students' Attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)

Timothy Williams, Clark Atlanta University

Black Ambition, Resiliency, and Success: Analyzing Aspirations, Expectations, and Risk Among High Math Achievers

Micah E. Johnson, McKnight Fellow, University of Florida

Barbara A. Zsembik, University of Florida

Chuck W. Peek, University of Florida

Sociology Student Paper Competition*

Shelly A. McGrath, Co-Session Organizer and Co-Chair

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The Process of Adapting to American Higher Education

Giselle C. Greenidge, University of North Texas

Gentrification and Bourdieu's Theory of Distinction

Elizabeth Otwell, Georgia State University

***Missing the Mark: Mobile Banking in South Africa, Financial Inclusion and
Global Policy Diffusion***

Kentse Radebe, Mississippi State University

Legacies of Slavery: Racial Transition Points and Racial Wealth Inequality

Robert Reece, Duke University

Factors Associated with Willingness to Report Crime

Laytifa Williams, Johnson C. Smith University

*Winners of the student paper competition will be announced at the annual banquet.

Session 23

Elmwood Room

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

New and Emerging Research

Shondrah Tarrezz Nash, Session Organizer and Chair

Politics of Exclusion in Minorities: The Hetero Experience in Heteronormative Communities

Seirra Gary, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Normal Deviance: Results of a Survey on College Students' Views on Cheating

Sherrie Drye Cannoy, North Carolina A&T State University
Ewuukgem Lomo-David, North Carolina A&T State University

Piratical Movement as Group Competition and Resource War: A Case Study of Piratical Movements in East Asia during the Period of 1850s to 1945

Hua-Lun Huang, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Catching the Big Fish: Media Portrayal of MLB Stars Implicated with Performance Enhancing Drugs

Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University

Session 24

Magnolia Room

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Deviance in Social Institutions

Raymond W. Biggar, Jr., Session Organizer and Chair

Can I Trust my Co-worker?: Examining Correctional Officers' Perceptions of Staff-Inmate Inappropriate Relationships Within a Southern Penitentiary System

Robert Worley, Lamar University
Vidisha Barua Worley, Lamar University
Henda Y. Hsu, University of Houston-Clear Lake

Change in a Deviance Designation: The DSM and Asperger Syndrome

Jack S. Damico, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Karen Lynch, University of Louisiana

The Association between Poor General Health, Negative Emotions, and Deviant Coping Strategies: An Extension of General Strain Theory

Christopher W. Purser, University of North Alabama
Wesley L. James, University of Memphis

Pepper Wars

R. Troy Primeaux, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Session 25

Maple Room

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Workplace Inequality

Patrice Lockett, Co-Organizer and Co-Chair

Sarah Donley, Co-Organizer and Co-Chair

***Culture Change in the Military and Society Viewed through the Life Course of
a Select Group of Women Military Careerist Born Between 1940 and 1960***

Patricia K. Gleich, University of West Florida

***Sociologists Can Still Provide the 'Glue' for Commonality: Dismantling the
"Social Framework" Analysis Four Years After Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes***

Lisa L. Walker, University of Baltimore

It was My Calling: Gendered Pathways to Funeral Directing

Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

***Work-Family Balance and Marital Satisfaction: Exploring the Mediating
Effects of Mental and Physical Health***

Deniz Yucel, William Paterson University

Session 26
ROUNDTABLE

Oaklawn Room

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Science, Technology and Culture

Dennis L. Peck, Roundtable Organizer, University of Alabama

Session 27

Rosedown Room

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Sociology of Racial & Ethnic Disparities
Theresa Davidson, Session Organizer and Chair

What Do The Roma Think: A Grounded Theory Approach
Sabrina Deaton, University of Central Florida

The Politics of Discrimination: Racial Discrimination, Health, and Political Involvement among African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans
Rachel Head, University of Texas-Tyler

Heart Transplantation and Health Disparities: African American Lived Experiences: A Qualitative Study
Erma Jean Lawson, University of North Texas

Legacies of Slavery: Racial Transition Points and Racial Wealth Inequality
Robert Reece, Duke University

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Elmwood Room

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

Animals and Society: An Interdisciplinary Conversation
Jackie Eller, Session Organizer and Chair

Ethnoprimateology and Social Science
Kerry M. Dore, Marist College

Too Big for One Field: "What Makes us Human?"
A.R. Eller, University of Oregon

Human Enough to be Deviant: Defining the Vervets
Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University

Session 29
Scholarly Panel

Maple Room

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
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*Critical Pedagogical Approaches for the Collegiate Classroom:
Teaching for Social Change*

Carla Brailey, Session Organizer and Chair

Carla Brailey, Texas Southern University
Brittany Slatton, Texas Southern University
DeMond S. Miller, Rowan University

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

*How Do HBCUs Shape the Way Black Lives Matter: A Panel Discussion on
Educating Black Students in Safe Spaces*
Carla Brailey, Session Organizer and Chair

Carla Brailey, Texas Southern University
Brittany Slatton, Texas Southern University
Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati
Thomas Calhoun, Jackson State University

Session 31 Rosedown Room 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Sociology of Place and Geography
Shelly A. McGrath, Session Co-Organizer and Chair
Deniz Yucel, Session Co-Organizer

Crime and Public Housing in Birmingham
Shelly A. McGrath, University of Alabama-Birmingham
Stephanie Cardwell, University of Texas-Dallas
Suzanne Perumean-Chaney, University of Alabama-Birmingham

*Place Space and Immigrant Landscapes: Greektopia, Heterotopia and
Atopia in Lesbos, Greece*
DeMond Shondell Miller, Rowan University
Sotiris Chtouris, University of the Aegean

Session 32
Scholarly Panel

Ashland Room

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Women Faculty, the Academy and Systemic Change
Jackie Eller, Session Organizer and Chair

Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University
Gretchen Webber, Middle Tennessee State University

Session 33
ROUNDTABLE

Willow Room

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Getting Involved in The MSSA
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Roundtable Organizer, Johnson C. Smith University

Session 34

Maple Room

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Sociology of Disasters

Jessica Pardee, Session Organizer and Chair
Jessica Pardee, Session Discussant

***Community Capital and Cohesiveness: Explaining the Lack of a Corrosive
Community Response in Rural Louisiana***

Kaily Bourg, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
JoAnne DeRouen, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

***Ritualization and Disaster: A Comparative Analysis of Two Communities
Impacted by Tornadoes***

Kevin Johnson, Oklahoma State University
J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University
Duane A. Gill, Oklahoma State University

***Social Capital and Disaster Recovery: The Role of Social Networks and
Community Involvement in Disaster Resilience and Recovery***

Candace Forbes Bright, The University of Southern Mississippi
Edward Sayre, The University of Southern Mississippi
Roma Hanks, PhD University of Southern Alabama
Michelle Martin, The University of Alabama-Birmingham

Session 35
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Oaklawn Room

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
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Studies of Current Environmental Issues

Frances Staten, *Session Co-Organizer*
John Nwoha, *Session Co-Organizer*
Sue Abraham, *Session Co-Organizer*
Clarence Williams, *Session Co-Organizer*
Frances Staten, *Session Chair and Discussant*

Cancer Alley: An Environmental Study

Candace Jeanpierre, Southern University and A&M College- Baton Rouge
Irlandra McCormick, Southern University and A&M College-Baton Rouge

**Social, Economic and Psychological Impact of Climate Change: An
Exploratory Study**

She'tisha Coleman, Grambling State University
Shaciarra Drake, Grambling State University
Breianna Heims, Grambling State University
Makesa Tavernier, Grambling State University
Kennedi Hildreth, Grambling State University
Kenisha Warrinton, Grambling State University
Nathan Ismael, Grambling State University
Jeanelle Hilaire, Grambling State University
Cameroon McGlothen, Grambling State University

Session 36

Elmwood Room

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Homicide Studies

John Boulahanis, Session Organizer and Chair

***Within Ethnicity Segregation: The Relationship between Interethnic
Segregation on Rates of Hispanic Homicide***

Michael Bisciglia, Southeastern Louisiana University

***Getting Away with Murder: A Comparison of Exceptionally Cleared
and Open Homicide Cases in Chicago***

John G. Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

Juvenile Homicide Hotspots in Birmingham

Shelly A. McGrath, University of Alabama-Birmingham



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Popular Culture Sociology

Pamela M. Hunt Kirk, Session Organizer and Chair

Funny Feminism: Audience Interpretations of Standup Comedy

Katherine Cooper, University of South Florida

Comparing Myself on FB: Predicting Life Satisfaction and Happiness

Theresa Davidson, Samford University
 Lee Farquhar, Samford University

The Sociology of Music: A History and Discussion of Key Sociological Aspects

Pamela M. Hunt Kirk, University of West Georgia

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Public Health Modeling: Its' Effect Upon 'Significant' Americans

Dennis L. Peck, Roundtable Organizer, University of Alabama

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*Online learning in Sociology and Criminology: Perspectives of Learning,
 Teaching, and Academic Rigor*

Nicola Davis Bivens, Session Organizer and Chair

Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University, Colorado State University- Global Campus
 Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University
 Howard Henderson, Texas Southern University

Session 40

Oaklawn Room

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

African-American Men in American Society
Ray Von Robinson, Session Organizer and Chair

Victimized and Institutionalized: Cumulative Disadvantage Among Black Boys in the Juvenile Justice System

Micah Johnson, McKnight Fellow, University of Florida

The Portrayal of Black Men as the Societal Embodiment of Evil

Ray Von Robertson, Florida A&M University,
Cassandra Chaney, Louisiana State University

Thuggin', Thuggin' and More Thuggin': The Packaging and Commodification of the Black Male Image

DeMond Miller, Rowan University

Black Boys, Health, and School Outcomes

Boniface Noyongoyo, University of Central Florida

Trisha Whitmire, University of Central Florida

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Rural Sociology

Lachelle Norris, Session Organizer and Chair

Adaptation and Transformation: Creating Resilience in Rural Coastal Communities

JoAnne DeRouen, Ph.D, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Kari Smith, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

The Coastal Community Resilience Studio

Kari Smith, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
JoAnne DeRouen, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Understanding Farmers' Decision Making Processes Concerning Surface Versus Groundwater Usage

JoAnne DeRouen, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

"If the Price is Right:" Attitudes and Concerns of Upper Cumberland Participants of the Southern Grassroots Biofuels Project (Tier 3)

Lachelle Norris, Tennessee Tech University-Cookeville
William W. Seagrave, Tennessee Tech University-Cookeville
Joseph J. Biernacki, Tennessee Tech University-Cookeville

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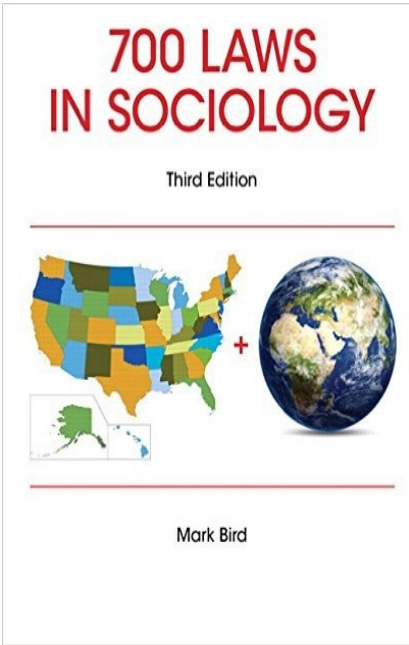
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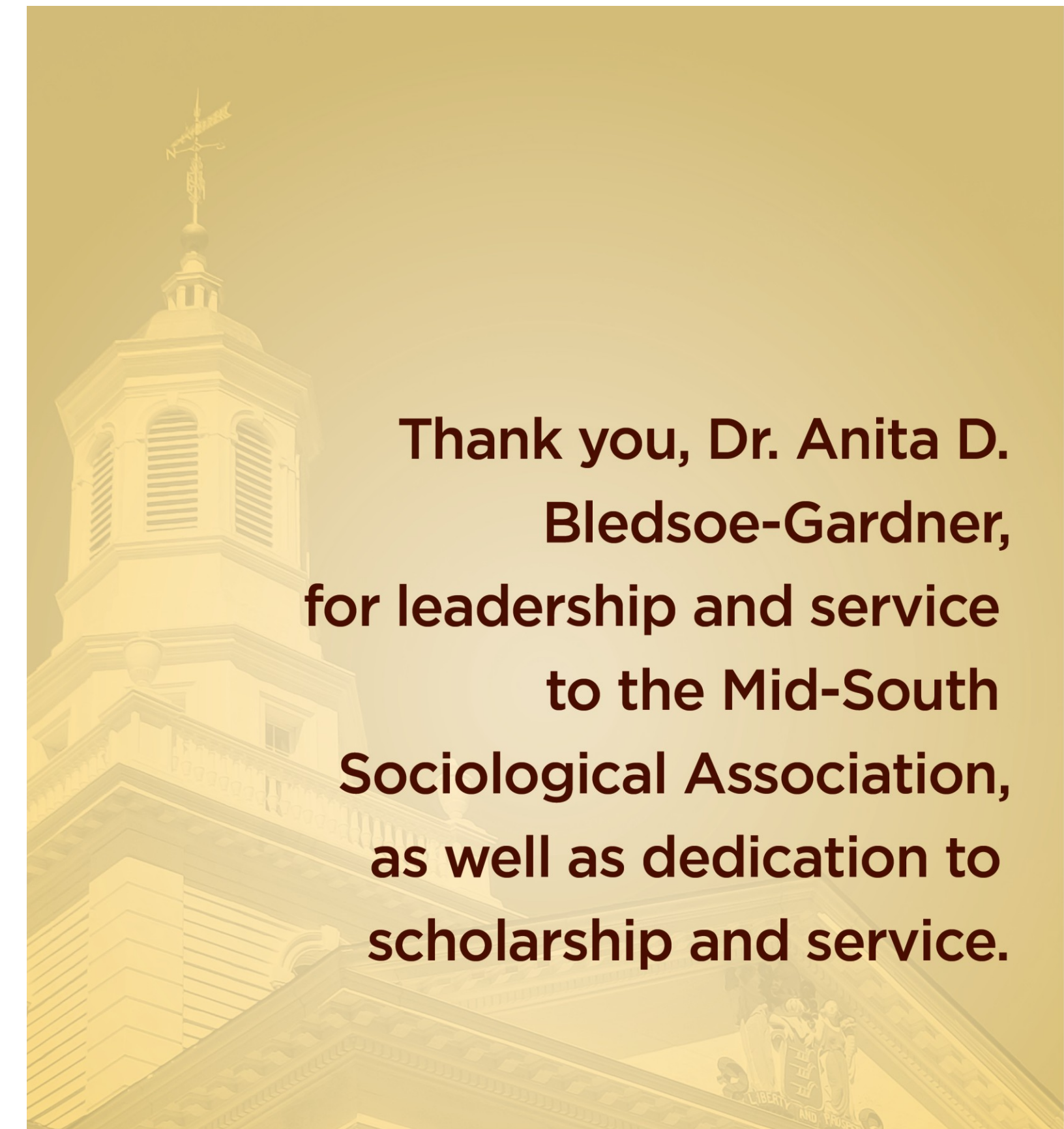


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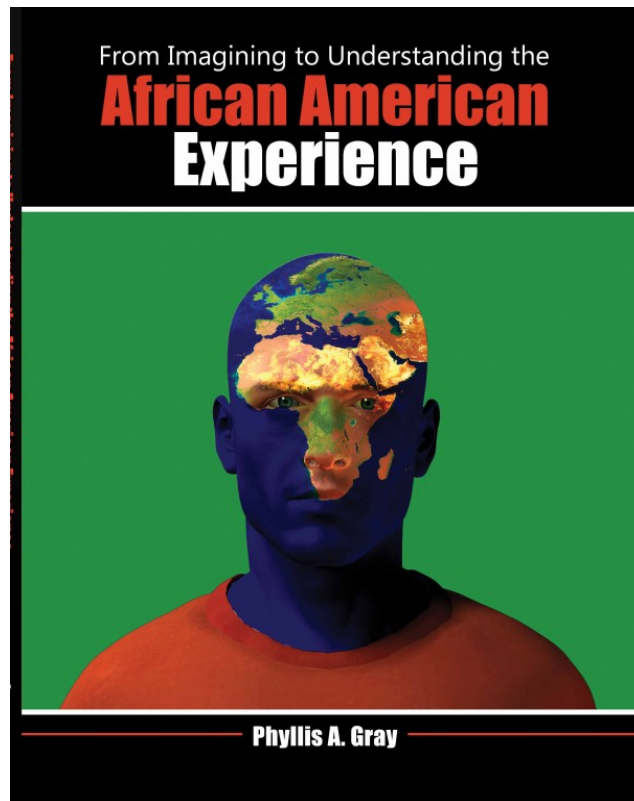
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1995

Community HealthCorps is formed by the National Association of Community Health Centers to leverage national service in expanding the mission and workforce of America's health centers!

1,880 Community volunteers mobilized



2001

Community HealthCorps begins Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) programs in California and New York. Between 2001-2011, nearly 250 Community HealthCorps VISTAs served to build health center capacity.

2,205 New mothers provided doula services



2005

Community HealthCorps receives special funding to expand its programs in Louisiana and Mississippi to support health centers in serving patients devastated by Hurricane Katrina.



2015

Over 500 Community HealthCorps Members make Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service "a day on," and officially kick off the program's yearlong 20th anniversary celebration!

52,500 Newly enrolled into health insurance and services



2014

Community HealthCorps celebrates 20 years of AmeriCorps with a national swearing-in ceremony led by President Barack Obama. Maryland and DC-based teams attend the White House celebration!

2,500 At risk youth engaged in physical activity

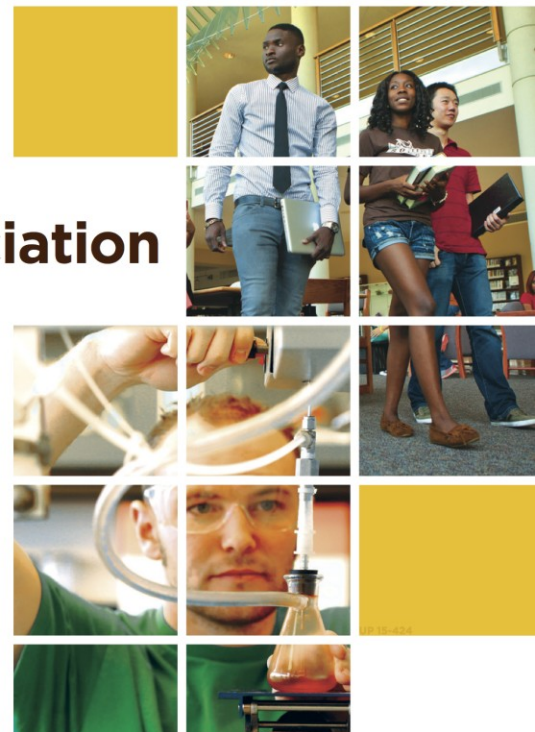


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Community HealthCorps narrows its focus of increasing access to care by engaging AmeriCorps members in health insurance and services enrollment, increasing health literacy and reducing childhood obesity.



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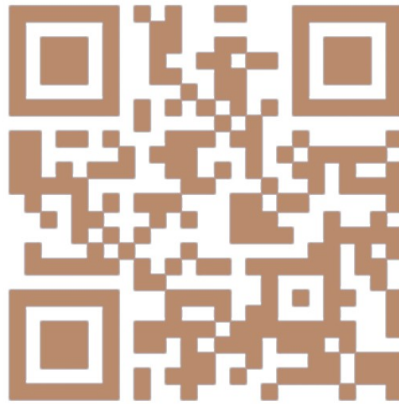


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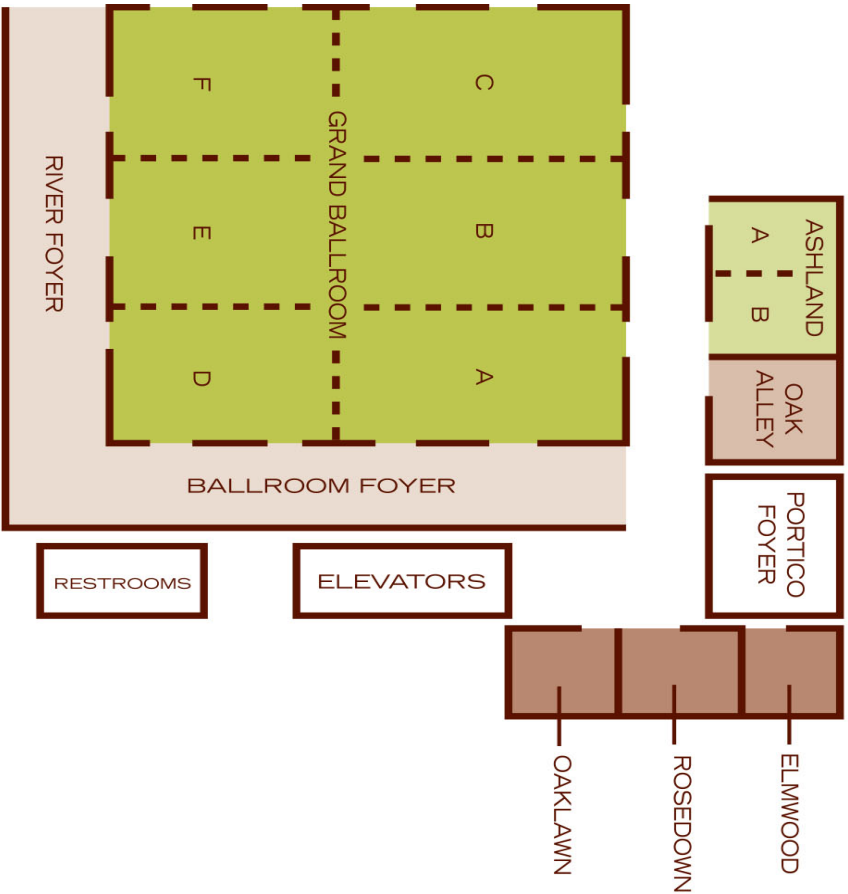
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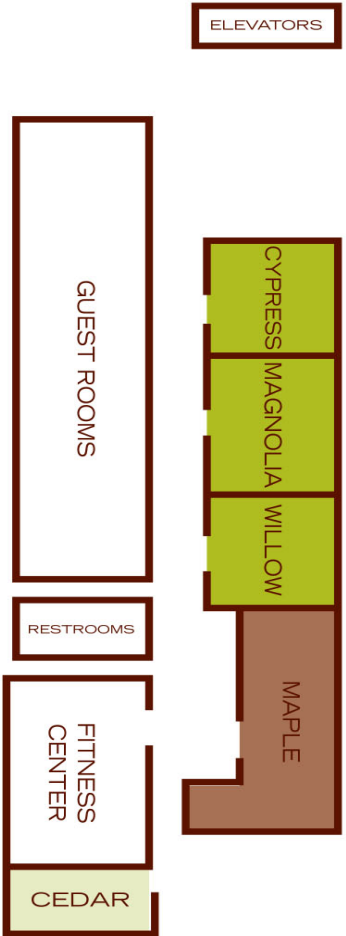


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