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“Sociology from the South:  
Assessing the Past,  
Examining the Present and  
Forecasting the Future of  
Southern Sociology”

Mobile, Alabama  
November 8 - 10, 2012  
Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

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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. Membership 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 published six times per year. Manuscripts are submitted to the editor and then the review process begins. 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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## *Welcome from the MSSA President*

Welcome to Mobile, Alabama and the 38<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Our Program Chair and President-Elect, Dr. Earl Wright II, has pulled together a wonderful program of cutting edge sociological research, advances in applied sociology, discussions about the state of higher education and a plenary address by one of the most important scholars on race and ethnicity, Dr. Eduardo Bonilla-Silva of Duke University.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our student members. The Mid-South Sociological Association is dedicated to student research and success, a fact attested to by the amazing research presented by our student members as well as the awards they have earned for their scholarship. As sociologists we believe in the sociological imagination and it is never more vivid than in the mind's eye of the student sociologist. I often think that we never stop being sociological students as there is so much to know and to understand about our social lives.

While you are in Mobile do not neglect the cultural activities offered by “The City of Six Flags” (think you can name all six without looking it up?). I only eat seafood when I visit a coastal town and the fresh-from-the-boat choices available in Mobile do not disappoint. Of course the local cuisine is influenced by Cajun, creole and southern cultural traditions and these influences are readily apparent from the modest local eateries to fine dining experiences. Delectable meals are available to fit anyone's budget or style. Some live music and fabulous libations will cap off your night, or the next morning, whichever you prefer. There are museums, art galleries and some very cool, very funky shops. “Keep Mobile Weird” should become the city motto because I wouldn't want it any other way.

If you need any information on cultural activities or simply with making copies, please do not hesitate to ask our wonderful hosts here at the newly renovated Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel. The restaurant serves a superb seafood gumbo and the outdoor patio off of the bar on the main floor is a great place to meet old friends and make new ones.

This is my fourth trip to Mobile and I look forward to it every time. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

Dr. Mark Konty  
President, MSSA



SAMUEL L. JONES  
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## CITY OF MOBILE

**Mid-South Sociological Association  
November 8 – 10, 2012**

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### WELCOME TO MOBILE!

As Mayor of the City of Mobile, and on behalf of the City Council and all our friendly citizens, we extend a warm welcome to all the attendees of the Mid-South Sociological Association.

Mobile is a beautiful and historic city noted for its southern charm and hospitality. We extend to you an invitation to visit our attractions and points of interest, including our beautiful Mobile Convention Center, the Exploreum/Imax Dome Theater, the famous Bellingrath Gardens, *Battleship USS Alabama*, the reconstructed French Fort Conde, Oakleigh antebellum home, as well as many other antebellum homes and historical sites.

I am sure you will find dining in Mobile a real pleasure as we have many fine restaurants serving a wide variety of foods, including our great Gulf Coast seafood. We also hope that you find time to enjoy our many recreational and cultural facilities, and you may even want to visit our nearby sandy, white beaches on the Gulf of Mexico.

Again, welcome to our City and I hope that you have an enjoyable time and that you will come again soon.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Jones  
Mayor

## *Message From 2012 Program Chairperson*

Since 1976 the Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) has been the nation's leader in promoting excellence in teaching, research and service among professional sociology organizations in the United States. With a rich history of active membership by many of the discipline's leading teachers and scholars, the annual meeting hosted by this organization has always been a welcoming and inviting space for active members, new sociologists and those currently in training. It was at my first MSSA meeting in Little Rock in 1996 that I met several well established and accomplished sociologists who would later play instrumental roles in advancing my career. I have also observed this practice with numerous other persons. As some of us know, such openness and a genuine desire to serve as a positive influence in the life of young and new scholars is not an experience one finds at most professional conferences. It is because of this unique feature of being a member of MSSA that I have been and will continue to be a strong supporter and promoter of this organization.

As the architect of the 2012 program, it is my sincere hope that you find this meeting to be the most informative, impactful and stimulating of any MSSA meeting that you have ever attended. It is also my sincere desire that you take a moment to encourage a future scholar (undergraduate and graduate student) who may be presenting a research paper, offer to mentor a junior colleague who may benefit from your wisdom and experience, or offer gratitude to those whose past and present efforts have enabled this organization to continue. Last, I ask that you embrace this moment, embrace this opportunity to (re)commit to the mission and purposes of this organization. It is only through the strict adherence to and understanding of the founding principles of this organization will we understand our point of departure from the many professional organizations in existence and the true reason why our beloved organization holds such a special place in the hearts and minds of its members and the nation.

On behalf of the Executive Council and 2012 Program Committee, I am extremely happy that you have joined us in Mobile, AL and I hope that you have a wonderful experience at the 38th meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association!

I am,

*Earl Wright II*

Earl Wright II  
President-Elect and Program Chair

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Executive Council Meeting

3:00PM-5:00PM

**GRAND BAY BALLROOM**

Sociological Spectrum Editorial Board Meeting

5:00PM-7:00PM

**CLIPPER**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30AM-10AM

- 1 SOCIOLOGY FROM THE SOUTH: ASSESSING THE PAST,  
EXAMINING THE PRESENT AND FORECASTING THE FUTURE  
Organizer and Moderator: Earl Wright II (University of Cincinnati)

**SCHOONER**

“The American Dream Goes South: The Psychosocial Effects of Home Foreclosure  
in Alabama”

Andy Musick (University of Alabama)

Bronwen Lichtenstein (University of Alabama)

“Southern Sociology at the Crossroads: Seizing the Reigns of the Future”  
Roger Guy (University of North Carolina at Pembroke)

“W. E. B. Du Bois, Howard W. Odum and Sociology of the South”

Earl Wright II (University of Cincinnati)

- 2 ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE IN THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY  
Organizer and Moderator: Shanta Sharma (Henderson State University)

**RIVERBOAT**

“Meditation and Self-Empowerment”

Carolin Westerhoff (Kaplan University)

“Impact of Religion and Spirituality on Health”

Farah Gilanshah (University of Minnesota)

“Medical Practice at Home: Cases of Japanese Alternative Medicine”

Kinko Ito (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

“Impact of Religion and Spirituality on Mental Health of Older Adults”

Shanta Sharma (Henderson State University)

- 3 SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION  
Organizer and Moderator: Andrew Whitehead (Baylor University)

**WINDJAMMER**

"Change is Possible...Or Is It? The Sexual Conversion Therapy Controversy"

Helena Alden (University of Wisconsin Stevens Point)

"The Least of These Brothers and Sisters of Mine: The Megachurch Phenomenon at the Intersection of  
Poverty, Politics and Income Inequality in Georgia"

Alana M. Berry (University of West Georgia)

- 4 TEACHING FROM A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE  
Organizer and Presider: Erin Rider (Jacksonville State University)

**CLIPPER**

Tina Deshotels (Jacksonville State University)

Meredith Dye (Middle Tennessee State University)

Jennifer Pemberton (Young Harris College)

Erin Rider (Jacksonville State University)

Richard Simon (Jacksonville State University)



- 10:15AM-10:30AM  
WELCOME  
Samuel L. Jones, Mayor of Mobile, AL **SCHOONER**
- 10:30-AM11:45AM  
5 OPENING PLENARY **SCHOONER**  
“The Real “Race Problem” in Sociology: The Power of While Rule in our Discipline”  
Eduardo Bonilla-Silva (Duke University)
- 1PM-2:30PM  
6 GENDER **SCHOONER**  
Organizer and Moderator: Rhonda D. Evans (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)
- “Gender Differences in Opposition to Nuclear Power”  
Richard Simon (Jacksonville State University)
- “A Content Analysis and Examination of Gender Differences in Expressions of Values within Facebook Interactions”  
Rhonda D. Evans (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)
- “Unheard and Unimaginable: Demystifying African American Women Religious Skepticism”  
Shondrah Tarrezz Nash (Morehead State University)
- “Battered and Bruised: The Castigation of Male IPV Victims”  
Kathryn E. Stanfill (Martin Methodist College)  
Kathy A. Smith (Martin Methodist College)
- 7 SOCIAL THEORY **RIVERBOAT**  
Organizer and Moderator: David Knottnerus (Oklahoma State University)
- “Sociology with Christianity: The Last Attempt of Charles A. Ellwood to Stop the Insanity”  
David G. LoConto (New Mexico State University)
- “From Family to Fort Hood: Extending the Application of Structural Ritualization Theory to a Variety of Mass Homicides”  
Jason S. Ulsperger (Arkansas Tech University)  
Kristen Ulsperger (Arkansas Tech University)  
Kari Green (Arkansas Tech University)
- “Claims, Power and Class Conflict”  
Peter Shrock (Southeastern Louisiana University)
- “Iberian Theory of Violence in South Texas”  
Bennie Green (Texas A&M - Kingsville)  
Stan H. Hodges (Texas A&M - Kingsville)
- 8 SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTER AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE SOUTH **CLIPPER**  
Organizer & Presider: Francis O. Adeola (University of New Orleans)
- “Fighting More than the Flooding: Houston Citizens Challenge Flood Relocation Plans”  
Kevin A. Lynn (University of Florida)
- “Dedicated Service in the Aftermath of the Alabama Tornadoes: Managing Disaster and Non-Disaster Services for Communities in Need”  
Erin Rider( Jacksonville State University)

“Perception of Environmental Injustice in the Aftermath of Katrina: Exploring the Demographic and Socioeconomic Predictors”

Francis O. Adeola (University of New Orleans)

J. Steven Picou (University of South Alabama)

9 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, SERVICE LEARNING AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT **WINDJAMMER**

Organizer and Moderator: Ann Marie Kinnell (University of Southern Mississippi)

“Increasing College Student Civic Engagement - Baseline Results”

Paul Namaste (High Point University)

Joe Blosser (High Point University)

Martin Kifer (High Point University)

Alixandra Yanus (High Point University)

“Community-based Research Study of the Aging Population in Stevens County, Minnesota”

Farah Gilanshah (University of Minnesota-Morris Morris)

“Student Commitment to Community Service: Where Does it Begin?”

Ann Marie Kinnell (University of Southern Mississippi)

2:45PM-4:15 PM

10 THE ROLE AND RELEVANCY OF HBCU's **RIVERBOAT**

Organizer and Moderator: Toni Sims-Muhammad (Livingstone College)

“The Top Producing Historically Black Colleges and Universities Baccalaureate Institutions of African American Doctoral Scientists and Engineers: Selective Years from 1990-Present”

Willie Pearson, Jr. (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Cheryl Leggon (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Jann Adams (Morehouse College)

“The Role and Relevancy of HBCU's to Black Progress and Empowerment in the 21st Century”

Toni Sims-Muhammad (Livingstone College)

11 UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS (NON-COMPETITION) **WINDJAMMER**

Organizers and Moderators: DeMond Miller (Rowan University) and Anita Bledsoe-Gardner (Johnson C. Smith University)

“Meaningful Cosplay: An Examination of Self Given Meaning in Cosplay”

Calab Greene (Jacksonville State University)

Faculty Mentor: Erin Rider

“Parental Involvement and Church Attendance as Motivations for Adolescent Volunteer Work”

Caroline Cooke (Samford University)

Faculty Mentor: Theresa Davidson

“Attitudes toward Undocumented Immigrant Access to Higher Education”

Liz Findley (Samford University)

Faculty Mentor: Theresa Davidson

“Honesty as a Desirable Friend Quality: A Study of Generalized Trust”

Meredith McDowell (Samford University)

Faculty Mentor: Theresa Davidson

“An Ethnographic Study of Court Proceedings”  
Heather Semmes (Highpoint University)  
Faculty Mentor : Terrell Hayes

“Betrayal to Ourselves”  
Charlie Coats (Mississippi Valley State University)  
Faculty Mentor: Chandra Persaud

- 12 GENDERED EXPERIENCES/GENDERED INSTITUTIONS: A VIEW FROM THE AMERICAN SOUTH, PART 1 **SCHOONER**  
Organizers and Moderators: Ruth Chananie-Hill (University of Northern Iowa) and Tina Deshotels (Jacksonville State University)

“Masculinity and Bar Fighting”  
Heith Copes (University of Alabama at Birmingham)  
Andy Hochstetler (Iowa State University)  
Craig J. Forsyth (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)

“No News is Good News: Gender Differences in News Source and Misinformation in the American South”  
Tina Deshotels (Jacksonville State University)  
Erin Rider (Jacksonville State University)  
Anthony Westbrook (Jacksonville State University)

“Birth Experiences: A View From the American South”  
Richard Simon (Jacksonville State University)  
Christine L. Casebeer (Jacksonville State University)  
Nicole Y. Easley (Jacksonville State University)  
Kelly W. Irwin (Jacksonville State University)  
Savannah A. Owen (Jacksonville State University)

- 13 SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH, PART I **CLIPPER**  
Organizer and Moderator: Frédérique Van de Poel- Knottnerus (Oklahoma State University)

“Targeted Marketing of Charter Schools in North Carolina: Social Capital and the Politics of Language”  
Sherrie Cannoy (North Carolina A&T State University)

“Excluding the Rainbow: Heteronormative Policies in Higher Education Institutions and their Effects on Non-Heterosexual Students”  
Delilah Schmidt (Mississippi State University)

“Anglo Education Model vs. Nordic Education Model: Which Model Best Serves Early Childhood Education?”  
Kenneth Lee Powers (University of Houston)

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4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

14 HOW TO BECOME AN ASA PROGRAM REVIEWER **RIVERBOAT**  
Organizer and Presenter: Thomas C. Calhoun (Jackson State University)

15 POTPOURI **SCHOONER**  
Organizer: MSSA Program Committee  
Moderator: Vivian Carter (Tuskegee University)

“Study of Population of Canines and Felines in Publicly Funded Animal Shelters in Kentucky”  
Jennifer Sinski (University of Louisville)

“Leaving Salvation City: Experiences of Reentry Among a Cohort of Halfway House Residents”  
S.E. Costanza (University of South Alabama)  
John C. Kilburn Jr. (Texas A & M International University)

“Urbanization and the Emerging Non-Metropolitan Mortality Penalty: An Exploration of Social and Demographic Correlates”  
William Keith (Mississippi State University)

“Electronic Health Records Use in Black Belt Counties of Alabama”  
Vivian Carter (Tuskegee University)  
Roberta Troy (Tuskegee University)

16 HOMICIDE STUDIES **WINDJAMMER**  
Organizer and Moderator: John G. Boulahanis (Southeastern Louisiana University)

“Ethnic Segregation of Hispanics and Its Impact on Hispanic Homicide: An Examination of Ethically Aggregated and Disaggregated Hispanic Homicide”  
Michael Bisciglia (Southeastern Louisiana University)

“Mapping the Fear: A New Orleans Comparison of Fear of Crime Pre- and Post-Hurricane Katrina”  
John G. Boulahanis (Southeastern Louisiana University)  
Tracy Rathbun (Southeastern Louisiana University)

"Comparison of Factors Associated with Parricide in Chicago from 1965 to 1995"  
Ling He (Southeastern Louisiana University)

17 SOCIOLOGY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER IN THE **CLIPPER**  
SOUTH AND BEYOND  
Organizer: Francis O. Adeola (University of New Orleans)  
Discussant: J. Steven Picou (University of South Alabama)

“Escaping Disaster Together: An Agent Based Model of Evacuation for Family Units”  
Jessica Pardee (Rochester Institute of Technology)  
Michael Long (Rochester Institute of Technology)  
Shannon Trudeau (Rochester Institute of Technology)

“Long-term Consequences of Oil Spills in Renewable Resource Coastal Communities Following *Ixtoc I*, *Exxon Valdez* and the *Deepwater Horizon* Disasters”  
DeMond S. Miller (Rowan University)  
Brandon Fleming (Rowan University)

“Dimensions of Pro- and Anti-Environmentalism in the United States: Evidence from the 2010 International Social Survey Programme”  
Kyle Knight (University of Alabama at Huntsville)

“Representation of the Truly Disadvantaged Vulnerable Populations in Disaster Research: Perennial Obstacles and Potential Remedies”  
Francis O. Adeola (University of New Orleans)

6:00PM-10:00PM

**MSSA Past President’s Welcome Reception**

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:30AM-10:00AM

18 SOCIOLOGY OF LEISURE AND SPORTS

**WINDJAMMER**

Organizer and Moderator: Timothy Gongaware (University of Wisconsin at La Crosse)

“The Social Construction of Frivolity”  
Rodger Bates (Clayton State University)  
Emily Fortner (Jackson State Community College)

“Fifty Years of Photographs of Female Athletes: Sports Illustrated, 1960-2010”  
Gregory S. Kowalski (Auburn University)  
Angela Ware (Auburn University)

“Bookies and Bettors: A Social History”  
James H. Gadberry (Athens State University)

“It Depends on the Sport’: Lingerin Notions about Femininity and Athleticism”  
Angela Ware (Auburn University)

“Accounting for Adventure: The Symbolic Work of Serious Leisure”  
Timothy Gongaware (University of Wisconsin at La Crosse)

19 SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS IN THE SOUTH, PART 1

**CLIPPER**

Organizer and Moderator: Christopher R. Freed (University of South Alabama)

“Empowering Health Ministry Leaders”  
Judy F. Burnham (University of South Alabama)

“Our Neighborhood Healthcare Clinics Experience: Building Therapeutic Relationships with Vulnerable and Underserved Patient Populations”  
Margaret Moore-Nadler (University of South Alabama)  
Linda Roussel (University of South Alabama)  
Clista Clanton (University of South Alabama)

“Heart Transplantation: A Gender Comparison of African American Lived Experiences: A Qualitative Study”  
Erma Lawson (University of North Texas)

“The Revised Medical College Admission Test: A Sociological Interpretation”  
Christopher R. Freed (University of South Alabama)

- 20 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN GENDER **SCHOONER**  
 Organizer and Moderator: Jackie Eller (Middle Tennessee State University)
- “Stereotypical Perceptions of Homosexuality as a Factor Triggering Hostility Toward Members of a LGBTQ Community in an Urban Environment in the Ukraine”  
 Alla Chernenko (Middle Tennessee State University)
- “Changing Perception of Gender: Decreasing Inequalities Faced by Gender Variant Individuals”  
 Christina Gaza (Middle Tennessee State University)
- “The Hidden Dimensions of Sexual Fantasy and Behavior among College Students”  
 Samantha Morton (Jacksonville State University)
- “Supporting Rape: Gender and Rape Myth Acceptance”  
 Tina Deshotels (Jacksonville State University)  
 Kim Wingard (University of Florida)
- 21 UNDERGRADUATE PAPER COMPETITION **RIVERBOAT**  
 Organizer and Presider: DeMond Miller (Rowan University)
- “Sex Toys, Child-raisers, and Home-makers: Hegemonic Gender Norms and College Women’s Sexual Experiences”  
 Mary Wygle (Centenary College of Louisiana)  
 Faculty Sponsor: Michelle Wolkomir (Centenary College of Louisiana)
- “Political Machines and Robert Merton: Merton’s Personal and Professional Connection to George Plunkitt’s System and ‘Gangs of New York’”  
 Nathan Runnels (Copiah-Lincoln Community College)  
 Faculty Sponsor: Keith R. Stovall (Copiah-Lincoln Community College)
- “The Loss of Significant Meaning in Religious Fundamentalism”  
 Tim Edgemon (Middle Tennessee State University)  
 Faculty Sponsor: Meredith Dye (Middle Tennessee State University)
- 10:15AM-11:45 AM
- 22 SOCIOLOGY OF RACE **SCHOONER**  
 Organizer and Moderator: Ray Von Robertson (Lamar University)
- “Bad Rap: Examining the Role of African American Males in Popular Music”  
 Eryn Gruzca Viscarra (Georgia State University)
- “Push Her Against the Wall”  
 Jelisa Clark (University of Louisville)
- “Latino/a American College Students, Racial Micro-Aggressions and Academic Success at a Predominately White College in the South”  
 Ray Von Robertson (Lamar University)  
 Alma Bravo (Lamar University)
- "An Interview with Mr. K, an Elderly Ainu Man in Hokkaido, Japan"  
 Kinko Ito (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
- “Revisiting the Concepts of ‘Race’ and ‘Ethnicity’ in Park and Burgess’s *Introduction to the Science of Sociology*”  
 David Michael Orenstein (Wright State University)

- 23      **SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS IN THE SOUTH, PART 2**      **WINDJAMMER**  
 Organizer and Moderator: Christopher R. Freed (University of South Alabama)
- “Growing Popularity of Fast-Foods in a Low-Income Country: Why Do Urban Affluent Parents in Bangladesh Prefer Western-Style Foods for their Children?”  
 Syeda S. Jesmin (University of North Texas at Dallas)
- “Social Construction of Health Information Exchange Legislation in North Carolina”  
 Sherrie Drye Cannoy (North Carolina A&T State University)
- “Effects of Health Care Reform, and Drug Related Violence on the Future of International Retirement Migration Trend”  
 Iftekhar Amin (University of North Texas at Dallas)
- 24      **GENDERED NARRATIVES**      **CLIPPER**  
 Organizer and Moderator: Jackie Eller (Middle Tennessee State University)
- “Narrative Diversity and Sympathetic Patients in the Online Abortion Debate”  
 Mallary Allen (Southern Illinois University)
- “Raising Capital: Southern Straight and Gay Expressions of Idealized Masculinities on *Match.com*”  
 Lisa Walker (Middle Tennessee State University)
- “It’s All in Your Head: Endometriosis Patients’ Narratives of Pain and Infertility”  
 Jennifer Pemberton (Young Harris College)
- “Milking Masculinity: Evaluating Men’s Influence on Breastfeeding”  
 JaDee Carathers (Middle Tennessee State University)
- “Resolution and Revenge: Narrative Accounts of Cheating”  
 Jackie Eller (Middle Tennessee State University)
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 Christopher Burke (Virginia Commonwealth University)

1PM-2:30PM

26 SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH, PART 2 **CLIPPER**  
Organizer and Moderator: Frédérique Van de Poel-Knottnerus (Oklahoma State University)

“The Effect of Gender and Social Support on Graduate Student Professional Socialization”  
Paul Namaste (High Point University)

“Bullying: A Comparison of Adjudicated and Non-Adjudicated Youth”  
H. Hugh Floyd (Samford University)

“*What If I Think I Can?* Understanding the Impact of Positive Thinking on the Future Success of Children in Rural China”  
Jasmine Whiteside (University of Southern Mississippi)

“Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Juvenile Gang Involvement: A Discussion of Comorbidity”  
Rita Allyse Martin (University of Alabama)

27 MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY: THE HBCU IN THE SOUTH AND IN GLOBAL CONTEXT **RIVERBOAT**  
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Vivian Carter (Tuskegee University)  
Shirley Rainey-Brown (Fisk University)  
Carla Brailey (Texas Southern University)  
Janice Allen-Kelsey (Bethune Cookman University)  
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner (Johnson C. Smith University)

28 MICROSOCIOLOGY **WINDJAMMER**  
Organizer and Moderator: Steven Seiler (Tennessee Tech University)

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Jason “Jake” Milne (Longwood University)

“Communication Strategies Among Students: Effects, Implications, Consequences, and Misunderstandings”  
Elizabeth Powell (Tennessee Tech University)

“The Gift-Giver as Social Deviant: Interpreting an Act of Kindness”  
Terrell A. Hayes (High Point University)  
Clara Simmons (West Virginia University)

“‘Knowing’ and the Constructed Situation in Electronically Mediated Relationships”  
Steven J. Seiler (Tennessee Tech University)

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DEVIANCE

SCHOONER

Organizer and Moderator: Rhonda D. Evans (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)

“The Dark Side of the Vietnam Conflict: Organizational Evil or Just Good People doing Evil Things within an Organization”

Manfred F Meine (Troy University)

Thomas P. Dunn (Troy University)

“Examining the Infractions Causing Higher Rates of Suspensions and Expulsions: Racial and Ethnic Considerations”

Craig J. Forsyth (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)

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“A Swell of the Nasty: Waves of Sexual Behavior in the Back Places of the Internet”

Craig J. Forsyth (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)

James F. Quinn (University of North Texas)

“International Markets and Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs (OMCs): A Few Comparisons of Attraction and Resistance”

James F. Quinn (University of North Texas)

Craig J. Forsyth (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)

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21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY RACISM

CLIPPER

Organizer and Moderator: Ollie G. Christian (Southern University)

“New American Racism: A Micro-cosm Study of the African American Struggle in Clarksville, Tennessee”

Shirley Rainey-Brown (Fisk University)

“Gender Inequality in Higher Education”

Joyce Shepherd (Henderson State University)

“Experiencing Race Relations: Narratives of Early Encounters of College Students”

Thomas Durant (Louisiana State University)

“Racism and Justice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

Ollie G. Christian (Southern University)

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CRIME

SCHOONER

Organizer and Moderator: Rhonda D. Evans (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)

“Murder in Appalachia: An Analysis of the Investigation and Capture of Serial Killer Gary Michael Hilton”

Brent Paterline (North Georgia College & State University)

“Destinations Departed: Black Population Loss, ‘Reverse’ Migration, and Urban Crime in Former Destination Cities of the Great Migration”

Will Bryerton (Louisiana State University)

“Analysis of Sex Offender Specific Probation and Parole Officer and Sex Offender Coordinator Discourse on Sex Offender Specific Laws”

Rhonda D. Evans (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)

“Safety Concerns, Fear, and Precautionary Behavior among College Women: An Exploratory Examination of Two Measures of Residency”

Adam J. Pritchard (University of Central Florida)

Carol E. Jordan (University of Kentucky)

Pamela Wilcox (University of Cincinnati)

32 STRATIFICATION AND POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

**RIVERBOAT**

Organizer: MSSA Program Committee

Moderator: David Knottnerus (Oklahoma State University)

“Examining the Relationship between Environmental Behavior and Civic Engagement: An OSBG Critical Education Case Study”

Donovon Ceaser (Louisiana State University)

Don Asay (Louisiana State University)

“The Khmer Rouge: Ritual, Control and Genocide”

Daisha Delano (Oklahoma State University)

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“Has the American Dream Changed To The American Nightmare Due To Structured Patterns In Society?”

Santee Ezell (Delta State University)

“How Social Status & Political Orientation Influence Political Affiliation”

Tim Linthicum (University of South Alabama)

33 INTEGRATING NETWORKS IN HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH

**WINDJAMMER**

Organizers and Moderators: Dawood H. Sultan (University of South Florida) and

Claire M. Norris (Xavier University of Louisiana)

“Direct and Buffering Effects of Social Support on Cancer Survivorship”

Azeb A. Abera (University of South Florida)

“Changing Negative Attitudes about Prostate Cancer Screening among African-American Men through Spousal Support and Social Networks”

Cedric Harville (University of South Florida)

“Women's Experiences with Depressive Symptoms: Life Course Transition Across Race”

B. Paige Miller (Xavier University of Louisiana)

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- 34 **MSSA PRESIDENT'S PANEL** **SCHOONER**  
**TRIBULATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES**  
**FOR THE MSSA**  
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Moderator: Thomas C. Calhoun (Jackson State University)

“Titanic Deck-Chair Syndrome: Competing for Scarce Resources While On a Course For the Iceberg of Ecological Doom”

Richard Hutchinson (Independent Scholar)

“Democracy in (In)Action: The Death of Faculty Governance”

Ruth Chananie-Hill (University of Northern Iowa)

“Tenurism, Adjunct Abuse and the Decline of Regional Academic Associations”

Mark Konty (Public Scholar)

- 35 **CHALLENGES CONFRONTING HBCUs** **RIVERBOAT**

Organizer and Moderator: Ollie Christian (Southern University)

“HBCUs: New Challenges and Opportunities”

June Hopps (University of Georgia)

“A Review of Gambling Research: Recommendations for HBCU Administrators”

Leslie Ruth Herbert (University of Georgia)

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- 36 **GENDERED EXPERIENCES/GENDERED INSTITUTIONS: A VIEW** **SCHOONER**  
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Tina Deshotels (Jacksonville State University)

“Southern Hair: From Macro to Micro Hair Reconstructs Gender, Race and Class Inequality”

Tina Deshotels (Jacksonville State University)

Michael Ere Smith (Jacksonville State University)

“Maintaining Family Connections: Perspectives of Life Sentenced Women”

Ronald H. Aday (Middle Tennessee State University)

Meredith Huey Dye (Middle Tennessee State University)

"Victim and Offender Characteristics of Domestic Homicides"

Shelly McGrath (University of Alabama Birmingham)

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- 37 CRIME AND DEVIANCE **RIVERBOAT**  
 Organizer and Moderator: Lachelle Norris (Tennessee Tech University)
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 Felipe Mejia (Tennessee Tech University)
- “Intergenerational Transmission of Violence in a Representative Inmate Sample”  
 Brian Criswell (Middle Tennessee State University)
- “The Medicalization of Childhood: Challenges from and for Sociology”  
 Adam Rafalovich
- “Facebook Fears: Performance, Surveillance, and the Polyopticon”  
 Lee Farquhar (Samford University)  
 Theresa Davidson (Samford University)
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 Paul Luebke (University of North Carolina-Greensboro)
- “Why Do Some Americans Choose to Adopt Internationally?”  
 Julisa D. Theodore (University of South Alabama)
- “Choosing Children’s Names: An Expression of Self”  
 Madison Hinton Butler (Auburn University)
- “Traditional Sex Roles and Mothers’ Sexuality: Examples from The Simpsons, Family  
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 Arthur Wilke (Auburn University)
- “Preparation of Business Students for the Labor Force: the Importance of the Sociological Lens”  
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- “White Trash Stigma and the American Dream: Scripts, Caricatures and Symbols”  
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- Alpha Kappa Delta and the American Honor Society Movement  
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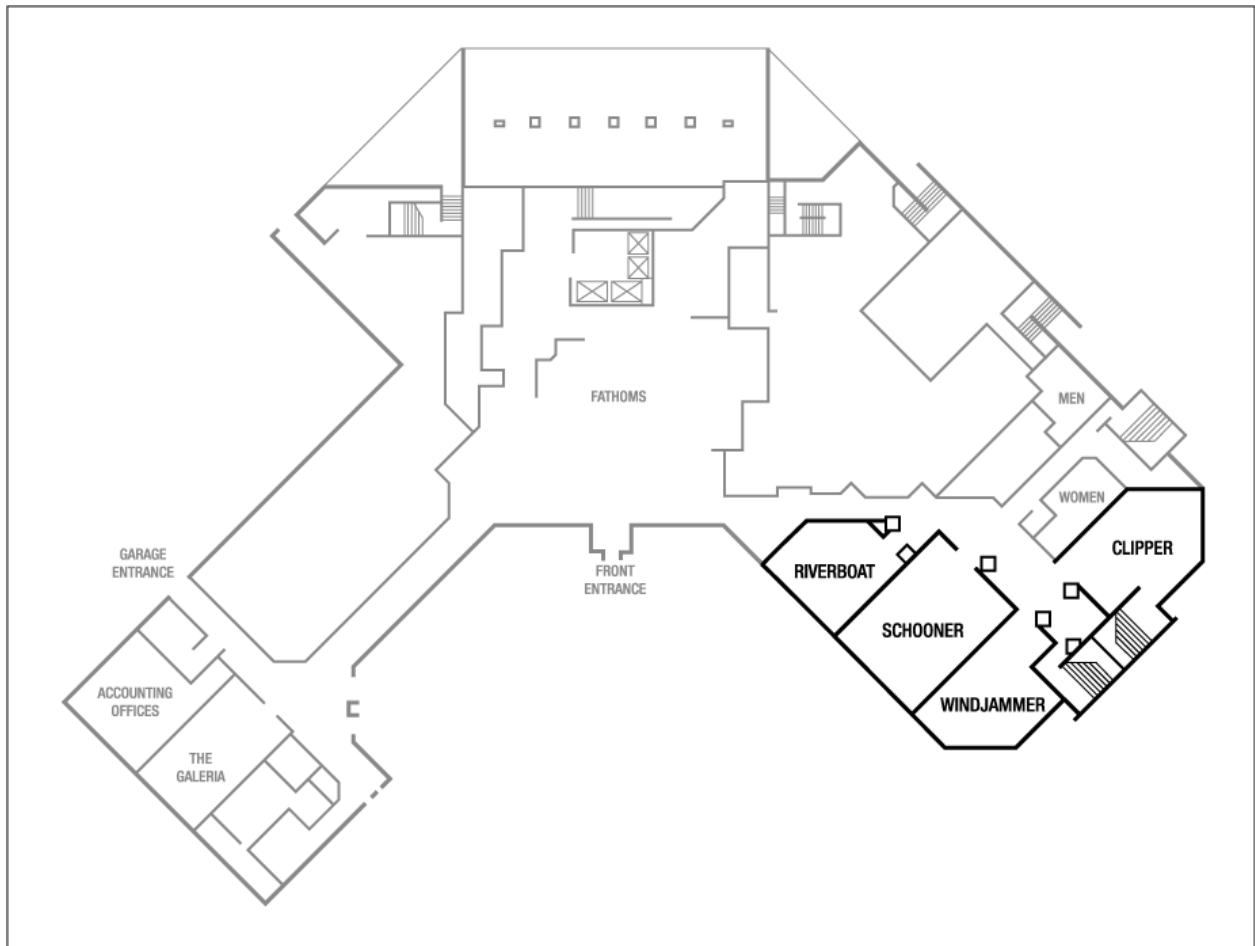
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