

# **Sociology and Globalization:**

**Exploring Diversity, Paradigmatic Shifts, and  
Critical Frameworks from a Social Context**



**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-South Sociological  
Association Conference  
November 5-8, 2014  
Mobile, AL**

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November 5, 2014

Greetings:

As Governor, I would like to welcome you to the 40th Annual Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Conference held on November 5 - 8, 2014 in Mobile, Alabama.

This special conference will feature a variety of workshops relevant to sociologists at all career levels. I am confident that you will be graced with invaluable knowledge and information at this year's conference.

While in Mobile, I hope you will take advantage of the many cultural, historical, and recreational activities that your host city has to offer. Upon completion of the conference, many of you will be returning to your homes and I wish you a safe and pleasant journey.

Again, welcome to the 40th Annual Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Conference and best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Bentley".

Robert Bentley  
Governor



THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



*Mid-South Sociological Association  
40<sup>th</sup> Annual MSSA Conference  
November 5 - 8, 2014*

***WELCOME TO MOBILE!***

As Mayor of the City of Mobile, it gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the members of the Mid-South Sociological Association attending the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. We are honored that you have chosen our great city to host your conference.

We extend to you an invitation to visit our many attractions, points of interest, and recreational and cultural facilities. Of course, you will find dining in Mobile a real pleasure as we have some of the finest restaurants serving a wide variety of foods, including our great Gulf Coast seafood.

Those of you who've visited Mobile before know all about our great quality of life and the famous "Southern hospitality" of our people. To our first-time guests, we know that once you get a taste of what Mobile has to offer, you will want to return time and time again.

Again, welcome to our city. I hope you have an enjoyable time and will visit again soon.

## Message from the President

Welcome to Mobile, Alabama, and the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-South Sociological Association Conference. This year's conference, as always, will provide a vast array of opportunities for scholarly exploration, consideration and debate. Through the efforts of Dr. Anita-Bledsoe-Gardner, President-Elect and Program Chair, and her team, the program will provide the exceptional quality of collegial interaction that we have come to expect. It never ceases to amaze me how energized I am following each year's conference and I consistently hear the same from other members. More so, I come away feeling a strengthened sense that I am working in solidarity with others who are committed to sociological engagement of the world around them. I expect no less from this year's conference, and I am certain it will not disappoint us.



It has been my singular pleasure to serve as the President of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Over the past two years our organization has seen a growth in both members and leaders, each of whom are committed to providing the best opportunities for sociologists to meet and share in their challenges and triumphs. Veteran members are finding the time to contribute their expertise, and newer members are stepping up to the plate to provide new ideas and invigorate development in areas they feel are important. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help.

This year has been especially important in our association's ongoing development. The tireless work of Secretary-Treasurer Ruth Chanie and Past President Earl Wright have reestablished our 501(c)3 status. We have set up an online system for people to join the MSSA; renew their membership; and register for our conferences. Both the Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award and the Stanford Lyman Memorial Scholarship have seen an uptick in submissions for consideration. The undergraduate and graduate paper competitions are seeing increased participation from young scholars around our region. We are networking with other sociology associations and keeping our organization up-to-date with important professional issues. Finally, our Past President Dr. Dennis Peck has helped us find exciting new venues for future conferences that we're sure will attract even more members and participation throughout the Mid-south. These efforts, along with those of many others, are what make this an incredible association.

I look forward to talking with all of you here at the conference, and, if I don't get a chance to say it, I wish everyone all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Timothy B. Gongaware". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Timothy B. Gongaware, Ph.D.  
*MSSA President*



### Message From the 2014 President-Elect and Program Chair




The Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) has a rich history of research, leadership, scholarship, and service throughout the continental United States and abroad. This year's conference commemorates the 40<sup>th</sup> year of this tradition. As an undergraduate student at Mississippi State in the early 1990s, I received my first orientation to the organization under the mentorship of Drs. Duane Gill and Phyllis Gray. The MSSA afforded me, as well as many undergraduates, graduates, practitioners and academicians, the opportunity to foster and sustain life-long professional and personal relationships.

The Mid-South Sociological Association continues to serve as a conduit producing some of the best nationally and internationally scholars in sociology. This years' conference theme "Exploring Diversity, Paradigmatic Shifts and Critical Frameworks from a Social Context" was specifically chosen to reflect MSSA's growth and sustainability in an ever changing global world over the past 40 years. Ubiquitous to MSSA is our sense of diversity and commitment to creating the next generation of scholars through mentorship and fostering their active engagement in research and their introduction to the academy.

On behalf of the Executive Council and 2014 Program Committee, I am overwhelmed with enthusiasm to welcome you to Mobile, AL and I am confident that you will have a magnificent experience at the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association! Finally, to scholars and practitioners, in the cherished words of Buckminster Fuller, "[y]ou never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."

Respectfully,

  
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Ph.D.  
President-Elect and Program Chair

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# OPENING PLENARY ADDRESS



**J. Steven Picou, PhD**  
**Bio Sketch**

Dr. J. Steven Picou is the Director of the Coastal Resource & Resiliency Center (CRRC) and Professor of Sociology at the University of South Alabama. Dr. Picou has published over 150 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and research monographs in the areas of environmental sociology, disasters, and applied sociology. Over his career, he has received \$8.4 million in extramural funding from agencies such as the National Science Foundation, U.S. Office of Education, The Rockefeller Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, and the BP Medical Claims Settlement. In 2001, Dr. Picou received the “Distinguished Contribution Award” from the Environment & Technology section of the *American Sociological Association (ASA)*. In 2008 he was the recipient of the “William Foote Whyte Distinguished Career Award” given by the ASA section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology. That same year, Dr. Picou was named the “Olivia Rambo McGlothren Outstanding Scholar” by the USA National Alumni Association. Dr. Picou’s publications have appeared in a wide variety of interdisciplinary and social science journals, such as *Social Forces*, *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Ecology and Society*, *Journal of Hazardous Materials*, *Human Ecology Review*, *Natural Hazards*, *Law and Society*, *Environment and Behavior*, *Journal of Applied Social Science*, *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, and *Sociological Spectrum*, among others. His public sociology activities have included the preparation of an *Amicus Brief* for the U.S. Supreme Court (2008) and he has co-edited and contributed to two books, *The Exxon Valdez Disaster* (1997) and *The Sociology of Katrina* (2010). On June 22, 2010, he was named CNN’s Intriguing Person for the day for his work on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Dr. Picou continues his development of applied sociology interventions for fostering community recovery from both Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill as Director of CRRC. He currently is implementing and monitoring training projects that involve building social capital in areas impacted by these catastrophes.

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2014 Program  
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Executive Committee Meeting	2:00PM-4:00PM	<b>BAYPOINTE SUITE</b>
Sociological Spectrum Editorial Board Meeting	4:00PM-6:00PM	<b>BAYPOINTE SUITE</b>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

BREAKFAST BUFFET **GRAND BAY BALLROOM**  
6:30 – 8:00 \*\* First come, first serve – limited availability

8:00AM-8:30AM BREAK

8:30AM - 10AM

1 **RACE, CLASS, AND GENDER** **RIVERBOAT**

*Organizer/Moderator: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner (Johnson C. Smith University)*

“Ritualized Ethnic Identity Formation: An Analysis of First-generation Asian Indian Immigrants in the Southern Plains Region of the United States.” Basudhara Sen and J. David Knottnerus (Oklahoma State University)

“The Overtaking of Undertaking: Feminization and the Changing Gender Type of Funeral” Sarah Donley (Jacksonville State University)

“Invisible Minority: Discrimination against Middle Eastern Americans” Shaida Kalbasi (Texas A & M University)

“The Influence of Physician Gender and Parental Status in Clinical Communication: The Case of Pediatric End-of-Life Care” Lori Bateman (University of Alabama Birmingham)

2 **HUMAN/ANIMAL STUDIES: THE DIVERSITY OF THE WORLDS WE LIVE  
IN** **CLIPPER**

*Organizer/Moderator: James H. Gadberry (Athens State University)*

“Examining Bestiality Law: Applying the Integrated Conflict Model to the Enumclaw Case” Jason Ulsperger (Arkansas Tech University)

“High Grief/Low Grief: Non-Human Deaths” James H. Gadberry (Athens State University)

“Victims of Masculinity: The Emotional Rite of Passage for Male Hunters in the South” Thomas Hochschild (Valdosta State University)

“Fido or Fertility: Companion Animals as a Factor in Cost-Benefit Compromises to Children in the United States” Andrea Laurent-Simpson (Texas Women University)

3 **WORKSHOP: THE SOCIOLOGY OF BLACK AND WHITE IN AMERICA**  
**SCHOONER**

*Workshop Facilitator: Bobby Mills (Texas Southern University)*

4 **SOCIOLOGY OF LEISURE** **MOBILE BAY I**

*Organizer/Moderator: Timothy Gongaware (University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse)*

“Gun Shows: The Social Construction of an Armed Event” Rodger Bates (Clayton State University)

“Diminishing Returns: Class, Community, and Interaction at an Urban Trap Range” Roger Guy (University of North Carolina at Pembroke)

“The Influence of Environmental Perceptions on Walking Behaviors in a Northern Mississippi Area” Andrew Tatch (Mississippi State University)

“Only Half the Members Can Sail, but they all wear the shirts”: Collective Identity at Inland Lake Sailing Clubs” Timothy Gongaware (University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse)

5 **SEX, SEXUALITY AND DEVIANCE**

**WINDJAMMER**

*Organizer: Jackie Eller (Middle Tennessee State University)*

*Moderator: Meredith Huey Dye (Middle Tennessee State University)*

“Online Identity Management: Goffman and the Virtual Presentation of Self” Amanda Brown (Middle Tennessee State University)

“Depictions of Same Sex Couple Violence” Michelle Estes (Middle Tennessee State University)

“Sexual Fluidity in Women: A Review of the Literature” Felicia Brown (Middle Tennessee State University)

“Fitness Aficionado or Sexy Kitten: The Creation of Meaning in Pole Fitness Classes” Dana Fennell (University of Southern Mississippi)

10:00AM -10:15AM BREAK

10:15AM - 11:45AM

6 **QUALITATIVE METHODS**

**RIVERBOAT**

*Organizer/Moderator: Jennifer A. Schlosser (Tennessee Tech University)*

“Fundamentals of the Grounded Theory Approach” Sherrie Drye Cannoy (NC A& T State University)

“Gender Swapping in Role-Playing Games: Interviews vs. Anonymous Message Boards” Joshua R. Hunter (Tennessee Tech University)

“Birth Stories and Social Construction of Paternity at Birth” Richard Simon (University of Alabama in Huntsville)

“Doing Qualitative Sociology: A Case Study on Low Income Mothers and Caregivers” (Sharon Lindhorst Everhardt (Troy University)

7 **ROUNDTABLE: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: IT'S INFLUENCE ON CULTURE**

**SCHOONER**

*Roundtable Co-Organizer: Dennis Peck (University of Alabama) and Co-Organizer Douglas Oeser (University of Tennessee)*

8      **WORKSHOP: PREZI FOR BEGINNERS: AN INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP FOR PRESENTATION SOFTWARE**      **CLIPPER**

*Workshop Facilitator: Nicola Davis Bivens (Johnson C. Smith University/Excelsior College)*

\*\*Educators, with a “.edu” email address can use Prezi Edu Enjoy at no charge. **Workshop participants should sign up for their account in advance** at [https://prezi.com/profile/registration/edu/?license\\_type=EDUENJOY](https://prezi.com/profile/registration/edu/?license_type=EDUENJOY) and bring their laptop, iPad, Macbook, etc. to the workshop.

9      **ECLECTIC SOCIOLOGY**      **WINDJAMMER**

*Organizer and Moderator: Thomas P. Dunn (Troy University)*

“Homeless within the Discipline: The Amazing Absence of the Sociology of Housing”  
Jessica W. Pardee (Rochester Institute of Technology)

“Moving and Shacking: Attitudes Toward Cohabitation” Kensington Shields-Dutton  
(University of Central Florida) and David Gay (University of Central Florida)

“The Southern Grassroots Biofuels Project: A Participatory Study of Conservationists and Stakeholders from Two Upper Cumberland Counties” Jessica Murillo (Tennessee Tech University), Lachelle Norris (Tennessee Tech University) and Joseph Biernakcki (Tennessee Tech University)

“The Concept of Online Course Design: A First-Hand Inventory of Academic Concerns and Administrative Issues” Thomas P. Dunn (Troy State University) and Manfred F. Meine (Troy State University)



12:00PM – 1:00PM

LUNCH OWN YOUR OWN  
*Minority Caucus Luncheon Meeting*

**GRAND BAY BALLROOM**

1:00PM - 2:30PM

10 **WORKSHOP: SERVICE LEARNING**

**RIVERBOAT**

*Workshop Facilitators: Thomas Hochschild (Valdosta State University) & Francis Staten (Grambling State University)*

“Service-Learning with the Homeless on a Study Abroad Trip to Russia” (Thomas R. Hochschild (Valdosta State University) and Irina McClellan (Valdosta State University))

“Creative Teaching, Research and Service in a Rural Cemetery” Frances Staten (Grambling State University) and Rory Bedford (Grambling State University)

11 **CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY**

**SCHOONER**

*Organizer/Moderator: Jennifer A. Schlosser (Tennessee Tech University)*

“Fragmented Thoughts: Reflections on a Critical Theory Research Agenda” Joel Crombez (University of Tennessee-Knoxville)

“Democratic Theory Critically Reappraised” Steven Panageotou (University of Tennessee Knoxville)

“Critical Sociological Theory: Addressing the Challenges in Application” Jennifer A. Schlosser (Tennessee Tech University)

12 **“FUN, FUNFARE, AND MAYBE A FREE LUNCH: GETTING UNDERGRADUATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESEARCH WRITING PROCESS”**

**CLIPPER**

*Organizer/Moderator: Theresa Davidson (Samford University)*

“Inspiring Participation in Research and Writing through Interprofessional Collaboration” Jodi L. Myers (University of South Alabama), Ciara E. Johnson (University of South Alabama), Brittany L. Preyer (University of South Alabama) and Valerie Bryan (University of Alabama)

“Some Insights from Two Decades of Teaching “Writing Intensive” Undergraduate Theory Courses” Yesenia Altamirano (University of North Texas at Dallas)

13 **“FOOD SYSTEMS: FROM GLOBAL TO LOCAL AND BACK AGAIN”** **WINDJAMMER**  
*Organizer/Moderator: Christopher R. Freed (University of South Alabama)*

“Dietary Acculturation among African Students in U.S. Colleges and Universities: A Comparison with other International Students” Boniface Noyongoyo (University of Central Florida)

“Growing It My Way: A Qualitative Analysis of Rural Organic Growers” David Adam Sizemore (University of Louisville)

"Content Analysis of Food Insecurity Intervention Programs in Winston-Salem, North Carolina" Tangela Towns (Winston-Salem State University)

"Seed of the Supply Line: The Social Anatomy of a Wholesale Produce Market"  
Christopher R. Freed (University of South Alabama)



14 **SOCIOLOGY AND RELIGION** **MOBILE BALLROOM BAY I**

*Organizer/Moderator: David Gay (University of Central Florida)*

“Religiosity and Attitudes Towards Same-Sex Relations: Analysis Among African Americans” Edwanna Andrews (University of Central Florida) and David Gay (University of Central Florida)

“From Neighbors to Relatives to Friends: Informal Lending of Money by Social Networks, Race, and Religiosity” Chelsea Nordham (University of Central Florida) and David Gay (University of Central Florida)

“Belief in GOD and Perceptions of Happiness” Duane Smith (Saint Leo University)

2:30 -2:45 BREAK

2:45PM - 4:15PM

15     **WANNA GET PUBLISHED? TIPS FROM THE INSIDERS**     **RIVERBOAT**

*Organizers: Earl Wright II (University of Cincinnati) & Thomas C. Calhoun (Jackson State University)*

Panelists:

Thomas C. Calhoun (Jackson State University)

Jay Corzine (University of Central Florida)

Brian Hinote (Middle Tennessee State University)



16     **CHILDREN AND YOUTH: DISPARITIES OF HEALTH RISKS AND TREATMENT**     **SCHOONER**

*Organizer/Moderator: Floyd Hugh (Samford University)*

“Differences in Weight Status and Cardiovascular Fitness Among Alabama Students in a Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Alabama Study” Kelley Devane Hart (University of Alabama Birmingham)

“Bullying as Social Control: Applying Pure Sociology to Youth Conflict” Micah E. Johnson (University of Florida) and Marian J. Borg (University of Florida)

“Siblings, Parents or Friends? Their Effects on Life Satisfaction Among Early Adolescents” Deniz Yucel (William Paterson University of New Jersey)

“Changing Attitudes toward Aggression: Support Evidence for a Programmatic Approach to Reducing Bullying.” Adrienne Duke (Auburn University) and Hugh Floyd (Samford University)



17 **SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTER**

**CLIPPER**

*Organizer/Discussant: DeMond Miller (Rowan University)*

“The Impact of Hurricane Katrina and BP Oil Spill on Occupations” Randall DuPont (University of Mobile)

“Expanding the Role of Lay Health Workers to Enhance Community Resiliency” Joycelyn Curtis (University of South Alabama), Keith Nicholls (University of South Alabama), J. Steven Picou (University of South Alabama), and Janel Lowman (University of South Alabama)

“Health Disparities in the Deep South: The Role of Economics in Disaster Resilience and Recovery in Vulnerable Communities”

Candace Forbes Bright (The University of Southern Mississippi), David Butler (The University of Southern Mississippi), Roma Hanks (University of South Alabama), and Michelle Martin (University of Alabama at Birmingham)

18 **SOCIAL THEORY**

**MOBILE BALLROOM BAY 1**

*Organizer/Moderator: J. David Knottnerus (Oklahoma State University)*

“An Examination of Witchcraft Epistemologies: And Their Formation Through an Integrative Conflict Model” Stan H. Hodges (Texas A&M University-Kingsville) and Bennie Green (Texas A&M University-Kingsville)

“Techniques of Neutralization in the Illegal Downloading of Media: Cyber Crime Among Generation Y” Jamie Herrera (Texas A&M University-Kingsville)

“Bullshit as a Problem of Social Epistemology” Joshua Wakeham (University of Alabama)

“Irrationality Factor” Frank W. Elwell (Rogers State University)

19 **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**WINDJAMMER**

*Organizer: Nicola Davis-Bivens (Johnson C. Smith University)*

“Racial Differences in Values and Coping Styles in College Students” Lewis McKeliver (Johnson C. Smith University)

“How Religion Affects Punishment Severity in Turkey and the USA” Gunseli Ayca Yildirim (Mississippi State University)

“You Are What You Eat: The Relationship Between Sense of Belonging and Healthy Choices in College Students” Laytiffia Williams (Johnson C. Smith University)

4:15PM – 4:30PM BREAK

4:30PM - 6:00 PM

**OPENING PLENARY**

**MOBILE BAY BALLROOM I**

J. Steven Picou (University of Southern Alabama)

6:30PM-8:30PM

MSSA Past President's Welcome Reception

**MOBILE BAY BALLROOM**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

6:30AM – 8:00AM BREAKFAST BUFFET

**MOBILE BAY BALLROOM 3**

\*\* First come, first serve – limited availability

7:00AM – 8:00AM

Small and Community College Breakfast

**MOBILE BAY BALLROOM 3**

8:15AM – 8:30AM BREAK

8:30AM - 10:00AM

20 **MENTORING IN THE NEW MILLENIUM: DIVERSITY, TECHNOLOGY AND  
EMPOWERING FACULTY TO SERVE TODAY'S POST-SECONDARY  
STUDENT**

**RIVERBOAT**

*Organizer/Discussant: Brenda Beach (Athens Technical College/Kaplan University)*

“Mentoring in the New Millennium: Using Technology to Maximize Experience and Outcomes” Mary Laska (Calhoun Community College) and Brenda Beach (Athens Technical College/Kaplan University)

“Mentoring Across Disciplines: Benefits and Challenges of Guiding Students in Interdisciplinary Research” Aine Lorie (Kaplan University- Chicago)

“Using the tools of the Trade: Technology, Mentoring, and Modern Classroom Platforms” Adam Rafalavich (Pacific University)

“The Department Chair and New Instructor Mentoring: Balancing Expectations and Support” Matthew Emerson (Five Colleges, INC)

*Organizer/Discussant: Rodger Bates (Clayton State University)*

“The Re/integration Paradox: How the Context of Return Shapes Divergent Post Deportation Trajectories” Katie Dingman-Cerda” (University of California – Irvine)

“A Look at Homicide in Alabama and New York: A Social Disorganization Perspective” Julien Grayer (University of Alabama – Birmingham)

“Antiracist Allies or White Noise: Are White Working-class Women Racial Progressives?” Kasey Henricks (American Bar Association & Loyola University – Chicago), Leighton Kenji Vila (Virginia Polytechnic and State University) and Louise Seamster (Duke University)

“A Tale of Two Criminal Justice Applications: Puerto Rico and Singapore” Kim Fleming (University of Florida)

“State Demographic Characteristics” Amber Thompson (Texas Tech University)

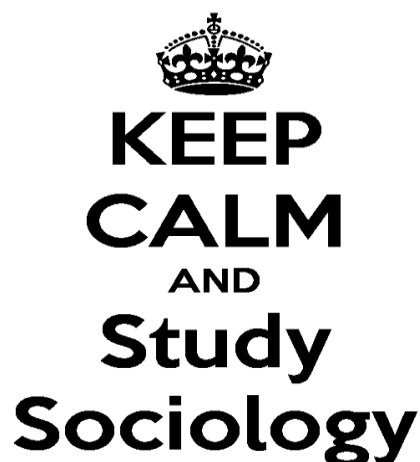
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WINDJAMMER

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24 **DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT**

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“The Individual and Disproportionate Minority Contact” Anita Bledsoe-Gardner (Johnson C. Smith University) and Acaia Wilson (Johnson C. Smith University)

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“The Neighborhood and Disproportionate Minority Contact” Huberta Jackson-Lowman (Florida A & M University) and Ufot Inamete (Florida A & M University)

“Education and Disproportionate Minority Contact” Kristen Bowen (Florida A & M University) and Rachel Thomas (Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice)

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“How Ideology has Hindered Sociological Insight” Chris Martin (Emory University)

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“Recidivism Rates in Juvenile Drug Offenders” Megan Webb (University of Alabama – Birmingham)

26 **FAMILY AND HEALTH**

**CLIPPER**

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“Violence Against Women: Have We Come a Long Way” Nya Ittai (University of Central Florida)

“A Study of Batterers’ Emotions Before and After Intervention Through the Application of Affect Control Theory” C. Patrice Lockett (Jacksonville State University)



27 **UNDERGRADUATE PAPER SESSION (SESSION I)** **WINDJAMMER**

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“The “F” Word: The Connection Between the Endorsement of Feminist Ideals and the Lack of Self-Identification as Feminist.” Morgan Mitchell (Samford University)

“Motherhood.” Megan Arnett (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)

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*Moderator: Thomas Durant, Jr. (Jackson State University)*

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“Adolescents’ use of Social Networking Sites: Does the Time Spent Affect Interaction with Family Members Who Live Together?” Yesenia Altamirano (University of North Texas at Dallas)

“Gender, Marital Status and Longevity: An Ethnographic Study in the Cemetery Service Learning Classes: Anthropology/Sociology/ The Family” Grambling Social Research Club (Grambling State University)

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Willie Edwards (Texas A&M University-Commerce)

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"Race, Religiosity and Women's Perception of Health" Sarah Okorie (University of Central Florida)

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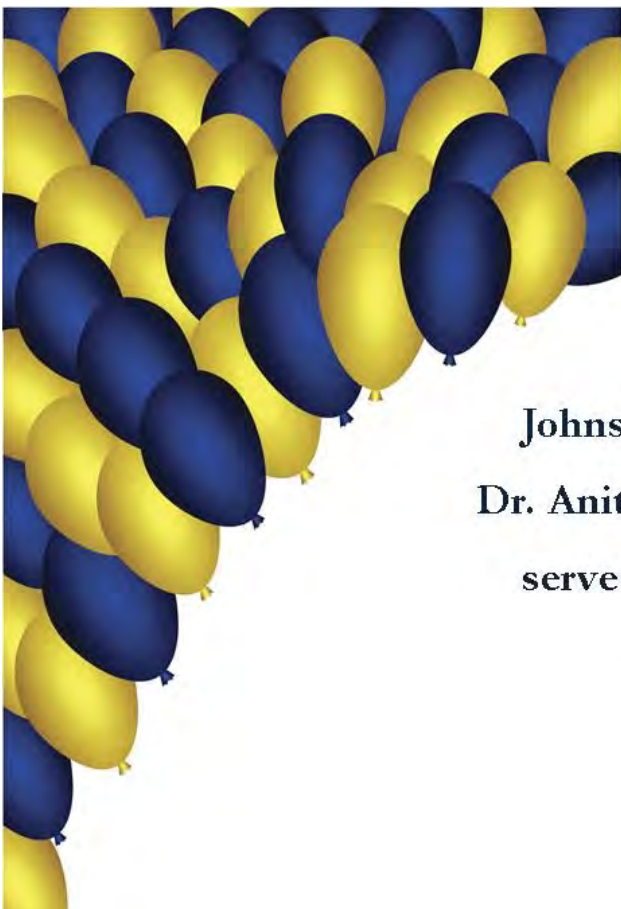


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