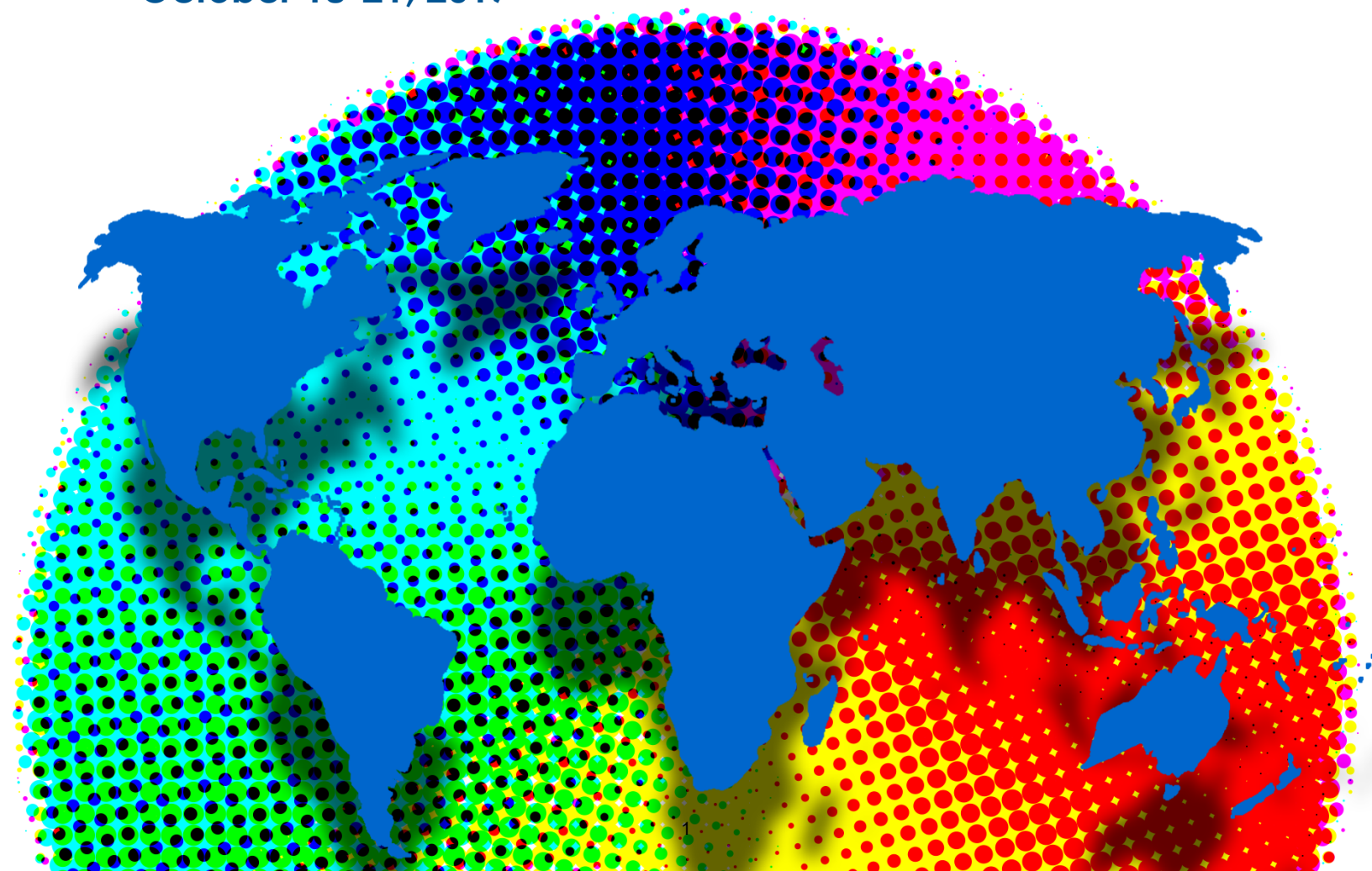


Interdisciplinarity: Understanding the Social World through Multiple Perspectives

43rd Annual Mid-South Sociological Association Conference
Chattanooga, Tennessee

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MSSA PROGRAM SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

	Title	Time	Room
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18		
	Executive Council Meeting I	9:00AM-12:00PM	KINSEY
	Breakroom Open (snacks & beverages)	12:30PM-5:00PM	WALKER
	Registration Table Open	2:00PM-4:00PM	WALKER FOYER
1	Connecting Public Discourse, Social Issues and Analysis in the Classroom	2:30PM – 3:45PM	WALKER
2	Gender Research in Progress	2:30PM – 3:45PM	KELLY
3	Voter Participation in the 1st Presidential Election without Full Protections of the Voting Rights Act	2:30PM – 3:45PM	CRABTREE
4	Science, Technology and Culture	4:00PM-5:15PM	WALKER
5	Service Learning and Social Justice in the Curriculum	4:00PM-5:15PM	KELLY
6	Sociology of Death and Dying	4:00PM-5:15PM	CRABTREE
7	Sociology of Religion	4:00PM-5:15PM	THOMPSON
	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19		
	Light Breakfast/Break Room Open	8:30AM-11:45AM	WALKER
	Registration Table Open	8:45AM-4:00PM	WALKER FOYER
8	Disaster Research Network	9:00AM-10:15AM	WALKER
9	Teaching in the Trump Era	9:00AM-10:15AM	CRABTREE
10	Cultural and Political Mobilization	9:00AM-10:15AM	THOMPSON
11	Discovering Interdisciplinary Program Evaluation	9:00AM-10:15AM	OCHS
12	Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: An Interdisciplinary Perspective on the World	9:00AM-10:15AM	LITTLETON
13	Teaching from a Feminist Perspective	10:30AM-11:45AM	WALKER
14	Scientific and Technological Trends Affecting the Workforce	10:30AM-11:45AM	CRABTREE
15	Race-Gender-Crime and the Criminal Justice System	10:30AM-11:45AM	OCHS
16	Popular Culture, Sport, and Media Studies	10:30AM-11:45AM	THOMPSON
17	Criminology	10:30AM-11:45AM	LITTLETON
	Women, Gender & Sexualities Caucus Lunch	11:45AM-1:00PM	MOUNTAIN ROOM (RESTAURANT)
	Breakroom Open (snacks & beverages)	12:30PM-5:00PM	WALKER
18	The Big "What if": Imagining New Paradigms for Interdisciplinary Studies (PLENARY)	1:00PM-2:15PM	AMPHITHEATER
19	The Role of Service Learning in Sociology and Social Science courses	2:30PM-3:45PM	WALKER
20	Possibilities and Pitfalls of Interdisciplinary Studies	2:30PM-3:45PM	OCHS
21	New and Emerging Research I	2:30PM-3:45PM	CRABTREE
22	Meaningful Service Projects that Impact Lives: On the Issue of Food and Food Security	2:30PM-3:45PM	THOMPSON
23	Animals in Society	2:30PM-3:45PM	LITTLETON
24	When Everything is on the Line: Navigating Too Much Advice, Nerves, and First Impressions on the Job Market	4:00PM-5:15PM	OCHS
25	Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Teaching About America	4:00PM-5:15PM	CRABTREE
26	Crime, Deviance, and Interventions	4:00PM-5:15PM	THOMPSON
27	Terrorism, Social Response to Terrorism and Border Security	4:00PM-5:15PM	LITTLETON
	Presidents Welcome Reception (Limited FREE Drink Tickets, food & cash bar)	5:30PM-7:00PM	GAME ROOM (HOTEL BAR)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20			
	Small & Community Colleges Caucus Breakfast	8:00AM-9:00AM	MOUNTAIN ROOM (RESTAURANT)
	Light Breakfast/Break Room Open	8:30AM-11:45AM	WALKER
	Registration Table Open	8:45AM-4:00PM	WALKER FOYER
28	Gender Research Network	9:00AM-10:15AM	WALKER
29	Competitive Poster Session	9:00AM-10:15AM	WALKER
30	Teaching Social and Behavioral Science for Health Professionals: New Opportunities for Medical Sociologists (PART 1 OF 2)	9:00AM-10:15AM	OCHS
31	Undergrad Research I	9:00AM-10:15AM	CRABTREE
32	New and Emerging Research II	9:00AM-10:15AM	THOMPSON
33	The Role of the Community College in Sociology/Criminology Education	9:00AM-10:15AM	LITTLETON
34	Teaching Social and Behavioral Science for Health Professionals: New Opportunities for Medical Sociologists (PART 2 OF 2)	10:30AM-11:45AM	OCHS
35	Military Sociology	10:30AM-11:45AM	CRABTREE
36	Undergraduate Sociology Clubs: Activities, Successes, and Challenges	10:30AM-11:45AM	THOMPSON
37	Police and Citizen Brutality	10:30AM-11:45AM	LITTLETON
38	Social Media and Sociology	10:30AM-11:45AM	HARDY
	Minorities Caucus Lunch	11:45AM-1:00PM	MOUNTAIN ROOM (RESTAURANT)
	Breakroom Open (snacks & beverages)	12:30PM-5:00PM	WALKER
39	Graduate Student Research I	1:00PM-2:15PM	THOMPSON
40	Teaching Intersectionality to Majority Students: Challenges, Strategies, and Opportunities	1:00PM-2:15PM	WALKER
41	Community and Media Reactions to Crime	1:00PM-2:15PM	CRABTREE
42	Health and Illness of Children	1:00PM-2:15PM	LITTLETON
43	Critical Theory and the Critique of 21st Century Political Economy	1:00PM-2:15PM	HARDY
44	The Intersection of Public Policy and Sociology	1:00PM-2:15PM	OCHS
45	Gender Diversity: A Workshop for Educators (Sponsored by the Women, Gender & Sexualities Caucus)	2:30PM-3:45PM	OCHS
46	Graduate Student Research II	2:30PM-3:45PM	THOMPSON
47	Technology Exchange Roundtable: Free and Low-Cost Technology Resources for the Classroom (Sponsored by the Committee on Small and Community Colleges)	2:30PM-3:45PM	WALKER
48	Immigrant Identity, Race, and Ethnicity I	2:30PM-3:45PM	LITTLETON
49	Health and Aging	2:30PM-3:45PM	CRABTREE
50	Undergrad Research II	4:00PM-5:15PM	CRABTREE
51	Environment and Society	4:00PM-5:15PM	THOMPSON
52	Workshop on Teaching Human Sexuality in Sociology and Social Science Courses	4:00PM-5:15PM	OCHS
53	Homicide Studies	4:00PM-5:15PM	HARDY
54	Immigrant Identity, Race, and Ethnicity II	4:00PM-5:15PM	LITTLETON
	Pre-Banquet Cocktails (cash bar)	6:00PM-6:30PM	BALLROOMS 1&2
	Annual Banquet (included with registration)	6:30PM-8:30PM	BALLROOMS 1&2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21			
	Light Breakfast/Break Room Open	8:30AM-11:45AM	WALKER
	Registration Table Open	8:45AM-10:30AM	WALKER FOYER
55	Dangerous Academics? Politicizing the Professional Identity	9:00AM-10:15AM	OCHS
56	Deviance Studies	9:00AM-10:15AM	CRABTREE
57	Environmental Sociology, Climate Change and Disasters	9:00AM-10:15AM	THOMPSON
58	Gender and Work	9:00AM-10:15AM	LITTLETON
59	Public Opinion: Research on Social and Political Attitudes	10:30AM-11:45AM	CRABTREE
60	Critical Theory as Interdisciplinary Research	10:30AM-11:45AM	THOMPSON
61	Global Voices: Politics, Planning and Poverty	10:30AM-11:45AM	OCHS
62	Health Inequalities	10:30AM-11:45AM	LITTLETON
	Executive Council Meeting II	12:00PM-1:00PM	KINSEY





City of Chattanooga

Mayor Andy Berke

August 24, 2017

Mid-South Sociological Association
MSSA 2017 Conference

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens of Chattanooga, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our city. We are honored to have your conference in Chattanooga October 18-21, 2017.



Chattanooga has tremendous natural assets, from our mountains to the Tennessee River. In recent years we've seen our city transform with a vibrant downtown, including the Tennessee Aquarium and Riverwalk. We hope that you have the opportunity to enjoy all Chattanooga has to offer while you spend time in our city.

Once again, thank you for choosing Chattanooga. We hope everyone will enjoy their stay in our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Berke".

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Mayor Andy Berke
City of Chattanooga

WELCOME

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Mid-South Sociological Association, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 43rd Annual Meeting of the MSSA in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Every year in the fall we bring together scholars and students in various areas to discuss the current topics of the discipline. Among other things we offer panel discussions, round tables, poster sessions, book exhibits, workshops, and of course the presentation of academic papers. The general theme of the meetings this year is "Interdisciplinarity: Understanding the Social World through Multiple Perspectives," and among others includes discussion of such varied matters as: Race-Gender-Crime and the Criminal Justice System, Possibilities and Pitfalls of Interdisciplinarity, Health Inequalities, Health and Aging, Police and Citizen Brutality, Terrorism, Social Response to Terrorism and Border Security, Animals and Society, Military Sociology, and Teaching in the Trump Era. Variety indeed!

And that is sociology in the 21st Century. We have been taught and often tell our students that sociology is some version of the study of society, but increasingly sociology is what sociologists do, and as this conference indicates, we do a great many things. That has not always been the case and you don't have to go too far back to a time when various prescriptions for what sociology and sociologists should do were fundamental to our understanding of ourselves. In some places that is still true, and of course there is a marketing aspect of this that can unfortunately work to narrow our horizons. But we have observed in our lifetime the extraordinary development of multidisciplinary science, lead first by the natural sciences but now also strongly associated with the social sciences. Today's economists do psychology, psychologists do biology, anthropologists do medicine, etc., and the promise, and I would argue the future, is for a sociology that goes everywhere and does everything. The common denominator in this explosion of interdisciplinarity is science and the scientific method, or more simply put, rationality and reason. Such an approach merges our own discipline to the theories and methods of economics, anthropology, psychology, biology, genetics and medicine, because it is reasonable to do so, because science takes us there. Increasingly, doing the opposite is not reasonable and may do harm to our discipline, putting us in a kind of "iron cage" - viewed by some as fantastic, obscure and irrelevant by the very society we profess to study. Consider this example from my own work: as a graduate student, I was lucky to publish a paper using social and economic variables that supported Durkheim's theory that social integration was highly related to rates of suicide. That was in 1986, a short time ago, at least by my reckoning, but today that paper most likely would not be published. The study of suicide now involves sociology and economics, but also psychology, epidemiology, research psychiatry and genetics among others. And we don't yet know if Durkheim was right, but we do know that science writ large, and not a narrow understanding of what we should be doing, is the only way an answer will be provided in the future.

Academic conferences and programs are the product of the hard work of a great many people. In our association, among those who had a significant hand in the work, was the Executive Council, the Past President, DeMond Miller, other past presidents, the Vice President, Theresa Davidson, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Shelly McGrath. But in the MSSA most of the work falls to the President Elect and Program Chair. This year that role was assumed by Ruth Chananie. Ruth's tireless focus on the conference and the Association has produced a conference of unparalleled quality, scope and depth. The Association and the wider discipline owes her a great debt. And let me end by saying that members of the Association can look forward to a similarly strong and engaging conference next year in Birmingham, Alabama. I will see you there too.

Kevin Breault

2017 MSSA President; Editor-in-Chief, *Sociological Spectrum*

WELCOME

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PROGRAM CHAIR AND PRESIDENT-ELECT

Welcome to the 43rd Mid-South Sociological Annual Conference and Meeting. I wish to heartily thank our session organizers, participants, officers, past officers, committee chairs, and contributors for their time, thought, and energy. All of you have made this conference a success, and I am excited to be a part of our collective effort.



A word about this year's theme: In these troubling times, scholars need to pull together and share insights in order to facilitate understanding and positive social action. Thus, we have gathered academics from a broad stripe of disciplines to contribute to a larger conversation grounded in research and teaching strategies focused on a wide variety of social issues and concerns – both within and outside of academia.

Our collection of paper sessions, scholarly panels, academic workshops, posters, roundtables, and our plenary speaker, address wide ranging topics from a multiplicity of disciplinary perspectives. Although our main focus remains sociological, we value interdisciplinary approaches to further our collective knowledge and understanding of the issues we face in contemporary society.

As a lifelong student of sociology, I have always valued multiple disciplinary perspectives, and seek to bring us together in such a manner as to facilitate productive discussion amongst the disciplines. It is my hope that we can participate in an engaging, productive, and enlightening conversation at the 2017 MSSA Conference.

Furthermore, I have been an active member of the MSSA since 1998, when I was an undergraduate sociology major, and unsure of my path and my future. The MSSA has always welcomed undergraduate and graduate students, junior faculty, adjuncts, independent scholars, tenured faculty, emeritus faculty, and individuals from outside or near-outside academia. This open and welcoming atmosphere, more than any other attribute of our organization, won my loyalty and has kept me coming back, no matter where my career has taken me geographically.

I wish to pass along and continue our traditions, and I personally invite you to come on in, make yourself at home, and plan to stay for a while. Please consider getting involved in our leadership structure and service to the organization in any capacity, whether you are new, been with us for a bit, or are coming back to the fold. We appreciate and welcome you all. The MSSA is for you, and I hope you enjoy and benefit from it as much as I have.

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Chananie
2017 MSSA Program Chair and President-Elect
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2017 MSSA PLENARY SPEAKER

SHANE GUNDERSON, PH.D., *BROWARD COLLEGE*



“The Big “What If”: Imagining New Paradigms for Interdisciplinary Studies”

Contemporary institutions of higher education are built on well-defined, discrete pillars of theory, with limited integration. However, a growing number of policymakers and philanthropists argue there is a need to rework the framework of higher education into a highly integrated structure. A scholar of communication and social movements studies, Dr. Gunderson is an accomplished public servant, community activist, and author. His plenary argues for an interdisciplinary approach to learning at colleges and universities. He will challenge you to go beyond the platitudes of Interdisciplinary Studies and Studies of Interdisciplinarity and instead examine the role of interdisciplinary teaching, learning, and research: What will the new professoriate aspire to be?

Contextualized Teaching and Learning (CTL) offers new possibilities for a practical vision for Interdisciplinary Studies. This plenary delves into whether Interdisciplinarity is an inspiration or bugbear. Dr. Gunderson will take the audience back to Sir Charles Snow’s 1959 Reed lecture, “The Two Cultures,” an examination of the synergy between a culture of intellectuals and a culture of scientists. Gunderson argues that presently, a “gulf” exists between two types of scientists: the natural sciences are considered “hard”, whereas the social sciences are usually described as “soft”. But more alarming, Gunderson argues that there is also a gulf between social scientists’ disciplines. His plenary urges us to talk to each other in the Academy.

The origin of Dr. Gunderson’s political activism was during the presidential and gubernatorial campaigns in the early 90s. He was one of the founders of the Broward Coalition for the Homeless, Inc. His political leadership earned him the presidency of the Broward Young Democrats and later he became the president of the country’s largest and oldest lesbian and gay Democratic clubs, the Dolphin Democrats, and a member of the Pride South Florida Board. Dr. Gunderson's credentials speak toward his engagement with the community. In 1995 and 1997, as a President Clinton appointee to the Presidential Rank Awards Review Board, Dr. Gunderson evaluated federal executives for outstanding contributions to the management of government programs.

Dr. Gunderson holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Studies and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University. He is an Adjunct Communications Professor at Florida International University and Broward College. Additionally, since 1989, he has worked in the court system. He is the Director of Client Services for the Public Defender. His office represents indigent clients charged with crimes. In 2015, Rowman & Littlefield published Dr. Gunderson’s political science book, *Momentum and the East Timor Independence Movement: The Origins of America’s Debate on East Timor*. This book won the Mid-South Sociological Association’s Annual Distinguished Stanford M. Lyman Book Award. Noam Chomsky said his book “provides valuable insight and guidance for everyone who is concerned with crimes of state and how they can be countered by popular mobilization and principled and dedicated engagement.”

GUIDE TO TYPES OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND EVENTS

PAPER SESSIONS: These are the default type of sessions, and are most typical of an academic conference. They consist of an organizer, who decides on the title and topic of the session, and solicits submissions related to the topic. Paper sessions normally have 3-5 presenters, and a presider, who may or may not be the organizer, whose job it is to moderate the timing of presentations so each paper presenter gets roughly equal time to present. Also, they ask for questions and discussion at the end of the session. All are welcome to attend.

ROUNDTABLES: These are a more informal variety of the paper session. They take place at a literal “round” table, or some other shaped table, and are organized and moderated typically by one individual. The organizer decides how informal the session will be – sometimes they solicit submissions with titles, where each scheduled participant talks for a time, followed by general Q&A. Other times they just host the table, and have an informal discussion about the topic without specific presentations. Everyone is welcome to join a roundtable, even if they do not have a predetermined topic to present.

SCHOLARLY PANELS: Panels are typically organized and moderated by one or more individuals, who specify the topic of the panel and solicit experts or experienced persons on the topic, who take turns discussing it before opening up to general questions and discussion. All are welcome to attend.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS: These are typically organized and presided over by one or two individuals, who lead the audience in doing hands-on work related to their topic. Workshops are designed specifically to engage participants, and to further their practical knowledge and skills. All are welcome to attend.

POSTER SESSION: This session is designed for students who wish to present their work in the poster format. Posters will be available for all to see in the main room (WALKER), plus the authors will present their work during the specified session. All are welcome!

PLENARY: The plenary starts with a speech by one individual, on a topic very relevant to the theme of the conference. The plenary is the only offering in the allotted time, because it is intended for all or most of the conference attendees to join. The plenary speaker engages the audience, then opens up for questions and discussion at the end. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

CAUCUS BREAKFASTS OR LUNCHEAS: These focus on areas special to the MSSA’s success, such as the Committee on Small and Community Colleges, the Committee on Minorities, and the Committee on Women, Gender, and Sexualities. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, and if you want a meal you may purchase it from the hotel restaurant staff.

PRESIDENTS RECEPTION: This event is to honor all past and present Presidents of the MSSA, and to provide a space where all conference attendees can meet, greet, and network. All are welcome, and there will be food to eat, limited free drink tickets, and a cash bar. Fun for all!

BANQUET: This is the culminating event of the conference. In addition to dinner, conference attendees can mingle prior to the event in the outer hall (cash bar), then come join the main event. In addition to socializing and a meal (included in your registration), the banquet is also our annual full-member business meeting. We will give out awards for the paper and other competitions, and provide important information on the state of the organization. Please join us...all are welcome!!



STUDENT-CENTERED SESSIONS AND EVENTS

The MSSA welcomes all students!

Below is a list of sessions and events of particular interest to you.

EVENTS: Students are encouraged to attend Caucus meetings, the Presidents Welcome Reception, and the Banquet:

Thursday 11:45AM – 1:00PM **Women, Gender & Sexualities Caucus Lunch and Annual Committee Meeting** (all welcome) MOUNTAIN ROOM (IN RESTAURANT)

Thursday 5:30PM – 7:00PM **Presidents Welcome Reception**
(Hors d'oeuvre, limited FREE drink tickets, & cash bar) GAME ROOM (IN HOTEL BAR)

Friday 8:00AM – 9:00AM **Small & Community Colleges Caucus Breakfast and Annual Committee Meeting** (all welcome) MOUNTAIN ROOM (IN RESTAURANT)

Friday 11:45AM – 1:00PM **Minorities Caucus Lunch and Annual Committee Meeting**
(all welcome) MOUNTAIN ROOM (IN RESTAURANT)

Friday 6:30PM – 8:30PM **Annual Banquet** BALLROOMS 1 & 2

SESSIONS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO STUDENTS:

- Session 18 The Big “What if”: Imagining New Paradigms for Interdisciplinary Studies (PLENARY)
Session 22 Meaningful Service Projects that Impact Lives: On the Issue of Food and Food Security
Session 24 When Everything is on the Line: Navigating Too Much Advice, Nerves, and First Impressions on the Job Market
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FULL SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS
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9:00AM – 12:00PM	Executive Council Meeting I	KINSEY BOARDROOM
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch on Own	
2:00PM – 4:00PM	Registration Table Open	WALKER FOYER
12:30PM – 5:00PM	Beverages/Break Room Open	WALKER ROOM

2:30PM – 3:45PM Breakout Sessions (Wednesday)

Session 1 **Connecting Public Discourse, Social Issues and Analysis in the Classroom**
WALKER ROOM (ROUNDTABLE)
Session Organizer and Presider: Patricia Gleich, University of West Florida

Description: This roundtable will explore the scope of teaching sociology in a rapidly changing and often divided society. It will combine several brief prepared presentations, but following the round-table format – will provide an opportunity for others to join us at the table. The intent is to keep the discussion focused, reality based and practical.

Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University
Hugh Floyd, Samford University
Marc Matre, University of South Alabama

Session 2 **Gender Research in Progress**

KELLY ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

The Feminist Criminologist and Ethnography
Allison Willingham, University of South Carolina

The Mother of All Surgeries: Exploring Redemption Language in Cosmetic Surgery's 'Mommy Makeover'
Matthew S. Vos, Covenant College
Veronica Pettit, Covenant College

Identity Crisis: The Relationship Between Gender, Political Identity and Political Ideology
Stephanie Earwood, Jacksonville State University
Tina Dehotels, Jacksonville State University

For HE Tells Me So: Techniques of Neutralization Used in Christian Domestic Discipline
Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University
BreeAnna New, Jacksonville State University
Jennifer Fulmer, New Mexico State University
Craig Forsyth, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Session 3 **Voter Participation in the 1st Presidential Election without Full Protections of the Voting Rights Act**

CRABTREE ROOM (SCHOLARLY PANEL)

Session Organizer: Keith Parker, Florida A&M University
Presider: Ray Von Robertson, Florida A&M University

Dora Tilles, Florida A&M University
Jessica A. Johnson, Ohio State University

4:00PM – 5:15PM Breakout Sessions (Wednesday)

Session 4 **Science, Technology and Culture**

WALKER ROOM (ROUNDTABLE)

Session Organizer and Presider: Dennis Peck, The University of Alabama

Session 5 **Service Learning and Social Justice in the Curriculum**

KELLY ROOM (CONFERENCE WORKSHOP)

Co-Session Organizer and Presider: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Co-Session Organizer and Presider: DeMond Miller, Rowan University

Session 6 **Sociology of Death and Dying**

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: James Gadberry, Athens State University

Advance Directives and Individuals with Disabilities

Keydron K Guinn, SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Charlotte Winston, Wayne State University

Remember the Titans: Exploring Ritualized Symbolic Practices and Long-Term Grief with Human-Made Disasters

Jason S. Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

Kristen Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

Sahara Collins, Arkansas Tech University

Session 7 **Sociology of Religion**

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Shondrah Tarrezz Nash, Morehead State University

Leadership in the Church: An Evaluation of an Executive Training Program

Karen Mundy-Judkins, Lee University

Bennet M. Judkins, Lee University

Are Criticisms of Islam Racist? The Formation and Implications of a Category Error

Andrew Austin, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Religious Constraints on Kinky Sexual Practices of University Students

Marc Matre, University of South Alabama

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30AM – 11:45AM Light Breakfast/Break Room Open

WALKER ROOM

8:45AM – 4:00PM Registration Table Open

WALKER FOYER

9:00AM – 10:15AM Breakout Sessions (Thursday)

Session 8 Disaster Research Network

WALKER ROOM (ROUNDTABLE)

Session Organizer and Presider: DeMond Miller, Rowan University

Session 9 Teaching in the Trump Era

CRABTREE ROOM (SCHOLARLY PANEL)

Session Organizer and Presider: Lauren Norman, Delta State University

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

Douglas Valentine, University of Missouri-Columbia

Shane Gunderson, Broward College

Session 10 Cultural and Political Mobilization

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer: Timothy Gongaware, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Presider: David Zeller, University of South Florida

One Size Does Not Fit All: Lessons from a Comparative Study of “Real Food” Campus Campaigns

Rebecca Watts Hull, Georgia Institute of Technology

To V or Not to V: Narratives, Networks, and Contingencies of Veganism

Corey Waters, Rowan University

Elite Mobilization: Neoliberalism and the Attempt to Reframe the Free Market in the Wake of the New Deal

Aaron Rowland, University of Tennessee at Martin

Voter Participation in the Absence of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

Keith Parker, Florida A&M University

Dora Tilles, Florida A&M University

Jean C. Nwagbuo, Florida A&M University

Phyllis Welch-Johnson, Florida A&M University

Session 11 **Discovering Interdisciplinary Program Evaluation**

OCHS ROOM (CONFERENCE WORKSHOP)

Session Organizer and Presider: Alexandra C.H. Nowakowski, Florida State University

Description: Participants will learn basic evaluation vocabulary and a variety of core techniques, and build their skills by completing collaborative exercises throughout the workshop. Content will feature many examples from public health program evaluation, but all are welcome and the tools will apply to a broad range of contexts. The workshop will strongly emphasize building sustainable community partnerships and amplifying the voices of marginalized populations through participatory approaches to evaluation planning and implementation.

Session 12 **Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: An Interdisciplinary Perspective on the World**

LITTLETON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Vicky M. MacLean, Middle Tennessee State University

Women's Sexual Fluidity in Swinging

Felicia Brown, Middle Tennessee State University

Roles of Identity Language for Transgender and Gender-nonconforming People

Rebekah Dawson, Middle Tennessee State University

The Social Construction of Sexual Consent among College Students

Leslie Hanlin, Middle Tennessee State University

A Woman's Worth in Commercial Real Estate

Britt Bimson, Middle Tennessee State University

10:30AM – 11:45AM Breakout Sessions (Thursday)

Session 13 Teaching from a Feminist Perspective

WALKER ROOM (ROUNDTABLE)

Session Organizer and Presider: Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University

C. Patrice Lockett, Jacksonville State University

Ruth Chananie, University of Northern Iowa

Jessica Altice, University of South Florida

Session 14 Scientific and Technological Trends Affecting the Workforce

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Willie Pearson, Jr., Georgia Institute of Technology

Big Data and the Socio-Digital Construction of Consumer Identity

Sherrie Drye, North Carolina AT&T State University

Terrell Hayes, High Point University

Workforce Transformations in the Digital Economy: Diversity Innovations and Participation in Industry 4.0

Connie L. McNeely, George Mason University

"I'm a necessary piece to the puzzle": An Intersectional Study of the Computing and IT Workforce

Kera Allen, Georgia Institute of Technology

Session 15 **Race-Gender-Crime and the Criminal Justice System**

OCHS ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

The Role of Human Capital in Racial Wage Gaps

David Singleton, Mississippi State University

Pathways to Prison for Women Serving Life Sentences: Implications for Prison Adjustment and Re-entry

Meredith Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

Ronald Aday, Middle Tennessee State University

Nicole Cook, Middle Tennessee State University

Tori Ong, Middle Tennessee State University

Space, Place and Contested Terrain: A MicroAnalysis for Understanding the Streets of Black Protests

Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Nyjeer Wesley, Rowan University

DeMond Miller, Rowan University

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

"I've Met Great People in Here": The Role of Family, Inmate, and Staff Supports in Adjustment for Life-Sentenced Women

Huey Davis, Middle Tennessee State University

Sana Wilson, Middle Tennessee State University

Alicia Tanner, Middle Tennessee State University

Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

Session 16 **Popular Culture, Sport, and Media Studies**

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Katie Cooper, University of South Florida

Classless TV

Romney S. Norwood, Perimeter College- Georgia State University

The Comical is Political: Reflections on Comedy as Cultural Pedagogy

Katie Cooper, University of South Florida

Power Through Fishnets and Broken Legs: The Negotiation of Legitimacy and Status in Women's and Men's Flat-Track Roller Derby

Allison Willingham, University of South Carolina

Session 17 **Criminology**

LITTLETON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Timothy Clark, University of North Alabama

The Effect of Police Activity on Crime Victims' Fear of Crime

Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University

Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama at Birmingham

The Relationship between Physical Attractiveness, Strain, and Deviant Coping Adaptations

Allison House, University of North Alabama

Christopher Purser, University of North Alabama

Applying the 'WalkScore' as a Measure of Routine Activities Theory for Auto Theft and UBEV

Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama at Birmingham

An Examination of Socio-Demographic Differences in Perceptions of Risks and Rewards of Impaired Driving

Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University

**11:45AM – 1:00PM (Thursday) Women, Gender & Sexualities Caucus Lunch and Annual
Committee Meeting (all welcome)**

MOUNTAIN ROOM (IN RESTAURANT)

12:30PM – 5:00PM Beverages/Break Room Open

WALKER ROOM

1:00PM – 2:15PM PLENARY SESSION (Thursday)

Session 18 **The Big “What if”: Imagining New Paradigms for Interdisciplinary Studies**
AMPHITHEATER (PLENARY SPEAKER)

Plenary Speaker: Shane Gunderson, Broward College



2:30PM – 3:45PM Breakout Sessions (Thursday)

Session 19 **The Role of Service Learning in Sociology and Social Science courses**
WALKER ROOM (ROUNDTABLE)

Session Organizer and Discussant: Kelly James, Christian Brothers University Memphis

Using Research Methodology Class for Community Based Study: The Case of Study of Aging Population in Stevens County, Minnesota

Farah Gilanshah, University of Minnesota-Morris

Defining Service Learning: An Ambiguous Term for a Multitude of Activities

Lindsay Anderson, University of Tennessee at Martin

Amy McLean, University of Tennessee at Martin

September of Service: Exposing Students to Service Opportunities

Kelly James, Christian Brothers University Memphis

Tracie Burke, Christian Brothers University Memphis

Session 20 **Possibilities and Pitfalls of Interdisciplinary Studies**

OCHS ROOM (SCHOLARLY PANEL)

Session Organizer and Discussant: Shane Gunderson, Broward College

Andrew Austin, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Maggie C. Cobb, University of Tampa

Session 21 **New and Emerging Research I**

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer: DeMond Miller, Rowan University

Presider: Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

*Conceptualizing and Analyzing Quantitative Literacy in Undergraduate Sociology and Social Work
Research Method Courses*

Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

Alexis Paige, Jacksonville State University

Food Safety: Analyzing the Connection between Government and Industrial Influence

Jennifer Hall, University of Louisville

The Difficulties, Success, & Failures of Ethnographic Studies with Difficult to Reach Populations

Ben Stickle, Middle Tennessee State University

Session 22 **Meaningful Service Projects that Impact Lives: On the Issue of Food and Food Security**

THOMPSON ROOM (CONFERENCE WORKSHOP)

Session Organizer and Presider: Tradell Adkins, Operations, Data & Logistics Specialist

Raleigh, North Carolina

This workshop is designed to benefit students, student leaders, faculty and faculty advisors in designing and implementing meaningful service projects that will impact the lives of fellow citizens beyond our campus walls. The theme for this workshop will center on food security and how to design and carry out a meaningful project with local partners to get the most impact. While the topic of this session centers on food security, the workshop will culminate with how the strategies discussed can be employed to address a host of other social problems. At the end of this presentation, attendees will: Understand the role of building community networks; Learn how to approach community organizations, understand their needs and employ university structures to help accomplish a target goal; Seek funding for special projects; Learn how to carry over and sustain projects from semester-to-semester or year-to-year; Learn how to increase the impact of their on-campus and off-campus activities.

Session 23 **Animals in Society**

LITTLETON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: James Gadberry, Athens State University

Outside the Canopy: Anthropocentrism in the Sociology of Peter Berger

Jeremy Ross, Jacksonville State University

Christopher Morgan, Jacksonville State University

Fat Cats and Porky Pooches: Stories of 'Pet Obesity' and the Production of Bodies

Garrett Bunyak, Georgia Institute of Technology

The Perceived Masculinity of Meat: Development and Testing of a Measure Across Social Class and Gender

Jacob B. Lax, Middle Tennessee State University

Angela G. Mertig, Middle Tennessee State University

4:00PM – 5:15PM Breakout Sessions (Thursday)

Session 24 **When Everything is on the Line: Navigating Too Much Advice, Nerves, and First Impressions on the Job Market**

OCHS ROOM (SCHOLARLY PANEL)

Session Organizer and Discussant: Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

Standing Out: The Cover Letter

Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery

Job Market Horror Stories

Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

Crafting Your Teaching Philosophy

Andrea Hunt, University of North Alabama

Preparing for the Phone and On-Campus Interview Experience

Lindsay Anderson, The University of Tennessee at Martin

Job Market, Dissertating, and Mental Health

Ashleigh McKinzie, Middle Tennessee State University

Session 25 **Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Teaching About America**

CRABTREE ROOM (SCHOLARLY PANEL)

Session Organizer: Orsolya Kolozsvari, College of Coastal Georgia

Session Presider: Hector Montford, College of Coastal Georgia

Interdisciplinarity is becoming a central theme in academia, not only in research, but also in teaching. This panel focuses on using interdisciplinary perspectives when teaching about America. The panel itself is interdisciplinary in featuring sociologists and representatives of other disciplines, such as history and criminal justice. The panelists will discuss how they use interdisciplinary sources in their teaching and incorporate other fields into their course materials, for example, history, criminal justice, political science, literature, journalism, the media, music, popular culture, and so on. Panelists will describe how interdisciplinarity enriches their pedagogy.

Hector Montford, College of Coastal Georgia

Alana M. Berry, University of North Georgia/Georgia State

Daniel Pasciuti, Georgia State University

Cyntoria Johnson, Georgia State University

Romney Norwood, Perimeter College - Georgia State

Session 26 **Crime, Deviance, and Interventions**

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Shondrah Tarrezz Nash, Morehead State University

TBI and IPV: Understanding the Dynamics and the Consequences of Violent Relationships Yielding Severe Head Injuries

Allison B. Willingham, University of South Carolina

The Many Theories of Change in a Gang-Intervention Program

Joshua Wakeham, The University of Alabama

Examining Factors Associated with Two-Year Post-Program Recidivism Rates among Participants in a Statewide Drug Court Program

Lisa M. Shannon, Morehead State University

Afton Jackson Jones, Morehead State University

Shondrah Nash, Morehead State University

Jennifer Newell, Morehead State University

Session 27 **Terrorism, Social Response to Terrorism and Border Security**

LITTLETON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: DeMond Miller, Rowan University

Terrorism as Economic Warfare

Rodger Bates, Clayton State University
Bryan LaBrecque, Clayton State University

Terrorism, Terror and Territory

Jiayi Li, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Youth Belonging, Radical Extremism and Social Integration

DeMond Miller, Rowan University
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University
Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University/Colorado State University - Global Campus
Gregory Harris, Florida State University
Nyjeer Wesley, Rowan University
Shaquille Haskins, Rowan University

5:30PM – 7:00PM (Thursday)

Presidents Welcome Reception

(Hors d'oeuvre, limited FREE drink tickets, & cash bar)

GAME ROOM (IN HOTEL BAR)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00AM – 9:00AM **Small & Community Colleges Caucus Breakfast and Annual Committee Meeting (all welcome)**

MOUNTAIN ROOM (IN RESTAURANT)

8:30AM – 11:45AM Light Breakfast/Break Room Open

8:45AM – 4:00PM Registration Table Open

WALKER ROOM

WALKER FOYER

9:00AM – 10:15AM Breakout Sessions (Friday)

Session 28 Gender Research Network

WALKER ROOM (ROUNDTABLE)

Session Organizer and Discussant: Jessica Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

Session 29 Competitive Poster Session

WALKER ROOM

Co-Session Organizer and Presider: DeMond Miller, Rowan University

Co-Session Organizer and Presider: Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University/Colorado State University - Global Campus

Difficulties with Identification of Human Sex Trafficking Victims
Chloe Parker, Mississippi State University

Linking Employees' Organizational Commitment and Turnover Intention Among Medical Laboratory Personnel: A Correlational Study
Tasia Hilton, St. Leo University

Inequality, Natural Disasters, and Companion Animals
Hannah Bellina, Valdosta State University

Health Problems and Grocery Store Access in the City of Atlanta, Georgia
Kara Tsukerman, Georgia State University

Session 30 Teaching Social and Behavioral Science for Health Professionals: New Opportunities for Medical Sociologists (PART 1 OF 2)

OCHS ROOM (CONFERENCE WORKSHOP)

Co-Session Organizer and Discussant: Jason Wasserman, Oakland University

Co-Session Organizer and Discussant: Brian Hinote, Middle Tennessee State University

Description: In light of changes to the MCAT, pre-requisite courses for medical school entry, core curricula in nursing and allied health, and professional competencies that increasingly include social and behavioral science content, medical sociologists have an opportunity to reach new populations of students. This seminar explores this opportunity and the challenges associated with adapting traditionally successful course content and teaching strategies to future health professionals.

Session 31 Undergrad Research I

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University

Captain Fantastic: A Projection of Egalitarianism's True Practicability
Alexis Carter, Millsaps College

Incarcerated and Pregnant: How Societal Attitudes Affect the Sentencing and Treatment of Pregnant Inmates in Rural Tennessee
Mary de la Torre, Middle Tennessee State University

Ethical Manufacturing in a Third World Setting
Katherine DeSilva, Millsaps College

Are Religiosity and Altruism Keys to Happiness?
Julianna Greene, Samford University

Sexual Harassment at Anime Conventions: A Theoretical Analysis
Michelle McIntosh, Millsaps College

Session 32 New and Emerging Research II

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Kirsten Ostergren Clark, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Re-thinking Causation: Challenging the Positivist Paradigm in Sociology
Phil Davignon, Union University

"If We Don't Talk About It, They'll Never Go Away": An Examination of the Experiences of and Reactions to Stigma by a Diverse Population of Adoptive Parents in the United States
Jessica Newton, University of Louisville

Contextual Factors Associated with Women's Attitudes toward Intimate Partner Violence in Swaziland
Roger Klomegah, Tennessee State University

Session 33 The Role of the Community College in Sociology/Criminology Education

LITTLETON ROOM (SCHOLARLY PANEL)

Session Organizer and Discussant: Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University/Colorado State University - Global Campus

Elizabeth Davis, Roane State Community College

Liala Syler, Motlow State Community College

10:30AM – 11:45AM Breakout Sessions (Friday)

Session 34 Teaching Social and Behavioral Science for Health Professionals: New Opportunities for Medical Sociologists (PART 2 OF 2)

OCHS ROOM (CONFERENCE WORKSHOP)

Co-Session Organizer and Discussant: Jason Wasserman, Oakland University

Co-Session Organizer and Discussant: Brian Hinote, Middle Tennessee State University

Description: In light of changes to the MCAT, pre-requisite courses for medical school entry, core curricula in nursing and allied health, and professional competencies that increasingly include social and behavioral science content, medical sociologists have an opportunity to reach new populations of students. This seminar explores this opportunity and the challenges associated with adapting traditionally successful course content and teaching strategies to future health professionals.

Session 35 Military Sociology

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: David May, Mississippi State University

The American Family Wage Gap: Economic Realities for Military Mothers

Christie Burton, Clayton State University

The Effects of Combat Experience on Religiosity

Timothy McClure, University of South Carolina Aiken

Christopher Purser, University of North Alabama

Does Serving in the Military Make You a Happier Corrections Officer? Evidence from Mississippi Prisons

David May, Mississippi State University

Stacy Hanes, Mississippi State University

Eric Lambert, University of Mississippi

Linda Keena, University of Mississippi

Session 36 Undergraduate Sociology Clubs: Activities, Successes, and Challenges

THOMPSON ROOM (SCHOLARLY PANEL)

Session Organizer and Discussant: Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

Theresa Davidson, Samford University
Julianna Greene, Samford University
Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery
Andrea Hunt, University of Northern Alabama
Tyler Gay, Jacksonville State University
Alexis Paige, Jacksonville State University
Noah Wentworth, Jacksonville State University

Session 37 Police and Citizen Brutality

LITTLETON ROOM

Co-Session Organizer: Lisa Eargle, Francis Marion University
Co-Session Organizer: Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University
Presider: DeMond Shondell Miller, Rowan University

Social Justice and Police Violence: Constructing Narratives and Counter Narratives in Black and Blue

John Thomas Mills, Rowan University
DeMond Shondell Miller, Rowan University
Nyjeer Wesley, Rowan University
Shaquealle Haskins, Rowan University

The Influence of Media on Fear among Police and African Americans

Jeannice Louine, Mississippi State University

Space, Place and the Evolution of the Policing of Black Bodies

DeMond Shondell Miller, Rowan University
John Thomas Mills, Rowan University
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University
Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University/Colorado State University - Global Campus

Reducing the Victim: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Rwandan Genocide

Rachel Ponder, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Session 38 **Social Media and Sociology**

HARDY ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Ruth Chananie, University of Northern Iowa

Social Media, Communication, and Social Interaction in the Digital Age: Digital Natives, Digital Immigrants, and Digital Outsiders

Ruby W. Beck, Milligan College

The Presentation of Grief and Support Online Following a Theatre Shooting

Jessica Pearce, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Dressed to Impress: #TheNewStereotype and Presentations of Self in Response to Dominant Negative Stereotypes

Lewis Jasen Miles, Morehouse College

Identity Stewards: Facebook Parents, Their Children, and Value Congruence

Lee Farquhar, Butler University

"Tell me you own me, gimme them coins": Postfeminist Fascination with Lolita, Lana Del Rey, and Sugar Culture on Tumblr

Rachel Davis, University of Kentucky

11:45AM – 1:00PM Minorities Caucus Lunch and Annual Committee Meeting (all welcome)

MOUNTAIN ROOM (IN RESTAURANT)

12:30PM – 5:00PM Beverages/Break Room Open

WALKER ROOM

1:00PM – 2:15PM Breakout Sessions (Friday)

Session 39 Graduate Student Research I

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Theresa Davidson, Samford University

Muslim American Men & Stigma: An Argument for the Use of Theories of Stigma Management and Modified Labeling Theory in the Study of Post-Terror Muslim Experiences

Jack Trey Allen, University of Louisville

Using Hoeffding's D to find Non-Monotonic Relationships between Seasonality, Temperature, and Mass Shootings

Keith Fredlund, Grand Valley State University

Socio-Structural Forces Predicting Global Inequality of Water Consumption: An Empirical Study and Path Model

Md Belal Hossain, Middle Tennessee State University

Science for U.S.-Citizens Only: The Tension between Export Controls and Free Knowledge Circulation in an Academic Environment

Sooa Lee, Georgia Institute of Technology

Session 40 Teaching Intersectionality to Majority Students: Challenges, Strategies, and Opportunities

WALKER ROOM (ROUNDTABLE)

Session Organizer and Presider: Lori Waite, Tennessee Wesleyan University

Description: A discussion of the challenges, strategies, and opportunities of teaching intersectionality to majority students.

Allison Davis, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Alex Sharp, Tennessee Wesleyan University

Deborah S. Lowry, University of Montevallo

Session 41 **Community and Media Reactions to Crime**

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Ray Von Robertson, Florida A&M University

Black Males in the Criminal Justice System

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

Fear Factors in Group Behaviors Leading to Law Formation

Stan Hodges, Texas A&M University Kingsville
Bennie Green, Texas A&M University Kingsville

Session 42 **Health and Illness of Children**

LITTLETON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Hugh Floyd, Samford University

Changing Lives of Youth: Assessment of Healthy Eating Active Lives (HEAL) in Alabama

Donna Dunaway, HEAL, Inc., Samford University
Donna Hester, HEAL, Inc., Samford University
Christina Saunders, HEAL, Inc., Samford University
Kelly DeVane-Hart, HEAL, Inc., Samford University
Hugh Floyd, Samford University

Assessing the Effectiveness of a Six-Week After-School Intervention for Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

Lori Brand Bateman, University of Alabama Birmingham
Gabriela Oates, University of Alabama Birmingham
Yu-Mei M. Schoenberger, University of Alabama Birmingham
Joanice Thompson, University of Alabama Birmingham
Bianca Hawk, University of Alabama Birmingham
Sejong Bae, University of Alabama Birmingham
Maria Norena, University of Alabama Birmingham
Laura Coulter, University of Alabama Birmingham
Mona N. Fouad, University of Alabama Birmingham

Session 43 **Critical Theory and the Critique of 21st Century Political Economy**

HARDY ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Joel Crombez, University of Tennessee Knoxville

State Theory in the Era of Trump Corp

Steven Panageotou, University of Tennessee Knoxville

A Critical Understanding of Systematic Differences in Political Cognition

Bob Leonard, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Automation, Value-Critique, and Heteronomy: A Critique of the Contemporary Debate on Technological Displacement

A. J. Knowles, University of Tennessee Knoxville

The Future of Critical Theory in the 21st Century University

Joel Crombez, University of Tennessee Knoxville

What Exactly is Wrong with Current Critical Theory? Neglecting the Logic of Capital

Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Session 44 **The Intersection of Public Policy and Sociology**

OCHS ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Ruth Chananie, University of Northern Iowa

Civic Literacy: Communicating Effectively with Your Legislator

Paul Luebke, University of North Carolina – Greensboro

Sherrie Drye, North Carolina AT&T State University

A Dirty Bird Political Climate: Experiences at the Intersections of Politics in the Atlanta Youth Count and Needs Assessment 2015

Ana LaBoy, Georgia State University

The Relationship between Sleeping Location and Service Provider Contact Among Homeless Youth in Atlanta, Georgia

Kara Tsukerman, Georgia State University

Confronting Our Past and Envisioning Our Future: The Freedom Riders National Park

C. Patrice Lockett, Jacksonville State University

Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

2:30PM – 3:45PM Breakout Sessions (Friday)

Session 45 Gender Diversity: A Workshop for Educators (Sponsored by the Women, Gender & Sexualities Caucus)

OCHS ROOM (CONFERENCE WORKSHOP)

Session Organizer and Presider: Jessica Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

Presenter: Alan Smerbeck, Rochester Institute of Technology

Session 46 Graduate Student Research II

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Theresa Davidson, Samford University

Strain among Bullying Victims: Considering the Effect of Alternative Relationships on Prosocial, Asocial, and Antisocial Responses to Physical, Verbal, Relational, and Cyber Bullying

Megan Stubbs-Richardson, Mississippi State University

Becoming Fictional: Cosplay and Identity

Angela Barajas, University of Texas at Arlington

A Country's Religious Freedom & Graduate School Attendance in the U.S

Giselle C. Greenidge, University of North Texas

Cumulative Minority Disadvantage: Factors Affecting Health among Sexual LGB Identities

J. Dylan Sandifer, University of Memphis

Session 47 Technology Exchange Roundtable: Free and Low-Cost Technology Resources for the Classroom (Sponsored by the Committee on Small and Community Colleges)

WALKER ROOM (ROUNDTABLE)

Session Organizer and Discussant: Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University/Colorado State University - Global Campus

Description: This roundtable discussion, sponsored by the Committee on Small and Community Colleges, is a discussion where attendees/participants can demonstrate or learn about free and low-cost technologies used in the classroom.

Yolanda Meade Byrd, Winston Salem State University

Session 48 **Immigrant Identity, Race, and Ethnicity I**

LITTLETON ROOM

Co-Session Organizer and Presider: Basudhara Sen, Oklahoma State University
Co-Session Organizer, J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

Stand Up, Stand Apart: (De)constructing immigrant Identities in Hasan Minhaj's Homecoming King
Shreyosi Mukherjee, National University of Singapore

Migration from the Global South: Commodification of Intimacy and Feminized Labor
Ketaki Kiran Deshpande, University of Arkansas

Recreating Immigrant identity: Changing Ethnic Rituals of Asian Indians in the Post-Election United States
Basudhara Sen, Oklahoma State University
J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

Experiences of Muslim Female Students: At the Intersection of Race, Gender, and Religion
Nuray Karaman, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Session 49 **Health and Aging**

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Kimberly Wingard, University of Florida

Motivation to Volunteer in Mid-to-Late Life: A Closer Look at Community Health Workers' Commitment to Fight Health Disparities
Joseph Daniel Abbott, Rhodes State College
Sarah M. Wraight, University of South Alabama
Roma Stovall Hanks, University of South Alabama

"Who were you when...?" Do Age and Life Stage Predict Disaster Impact and Recovery?
Roma Stovall Hanks, University of South Alabama
Candace Forbes Bright, University of Southern Mississippi
Edward Sayre, University of Southern Mississippi

Depression Among the Elderly: How Does It Differ from That of Other Adults?
Kimberly Wingard, University of Florida

4:00PM – 5:15PM Breakout Sessions (Friday)

Session 50 Undergrad Research II

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Jessica Abbott, Dixie State University

The Kawaii Paradox

Abby Wren, Union University

Social Capital and First- Generation College Students' Persistence

Haley Baker, Austin Peay State University

Deviance Within the Work-Family Life Balance

Danielle Brown, Union University

Pubertal Suppression, Hormonal Therapy, and Sex Reassignment Surgery in Adolescents

Josephine Carrier, Union University

Session 51 Environment and Society

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: David Zeller, University of South Florida

The Knowledge Economy: Increasing Human Capital on the U.S. I-65 Corridor

Brandon S. McReynolds, University of Louisville

Breakfast at McDonald's: Building Social Capital in Small Towns

John L. Verburg, Talladega College

'We're Already Playing God...': Geoengineering Framings in Environmental Movement Organization

Discourse Online, 2005-2015

David Zeller, University of South Florida

Session 52 **Workshop on Teaching Human Sexuality in Sociology and Social Science Courses**

OCHS ROOM (CONFERENCE WORKSHOP)

Session Organizer and Presider: Kelly James, Christian Brothers University Memphis

From Desire Patterns to Partners, Issues in Teaching Sexuality

Kelly James, Christian Brothers University Memphis

Exercise on Content Analysis and Slut Shaming

Eryn G. Viscarra, Georgia College

Session 53 **Homicide Studies**

HARDY ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: John Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

Minority Segregation and Homicide: An Examination of Social Class, Race and Homicide

Michael Bisciglia, Southeastern Louisiana University

A Comparison of Homicide Clearance Rates in Chicago and New Orleans: Do Victim/Offender

Characteristics Matter?

John Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

Beyond Modus Operandi: Ritual Execution in Mexican Drug Trafficking Murders

Timothy Clark, University of Northern Alabama

Session 54 Immigrant Identity, Race, and Ethnicity II

LITTLETON ROOM

Co-Session Organizer and Presider: Basudhara Sen, Oklahoma State University
Co-Session Organizer, J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

The Association Between Perceived Discrimination and Depressive Symptomatology Among the Children of Caribbean Immigrants

Fabrice Julien, University of Alabama at Birmingham

M.I.A.'s "Bad Girls": Orientalism or Empowerment?

Alshaatha Alsharji, University of Arkansas

The First-Chapter Device, and the Reincarnation Belief in "I, The Divine. A Novel in First Chapters"

Samaher Aldhamen, University of Arkansas

Place, Space and Landscapes in the Creation of a "European Identity" among Migrants in Greece

DeMond Miller, Rowan University

Sotiris Chtouris, University of the Aegean

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9:00AM – 10:15AM Breakout Sessions (Saturday)

Session 55 Dangerous Academics? Politicizing the Professional Identity

OCHS ROOM (CONFERENCE WORKSHOP)

Session Organizer and Presenter: Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

Description: This workshop will address how to develop a professional online identity as central to the Sociology discipline and spirit of social justice.

Session 56 **Deviance Studies**

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: David May, Mississippi State University

Violence and Popular Media: Examining the Relationship between Movie Violence and Ticket Sales

Raymond E. Barranco, Mississippi State University

Nicole E. Rader, Mississippi State University

Maria Trinh, Mississippi State University

Predicting Cyberbullying in Mississippi: The Impact of Alienation, Belonging, and Social Media

Janet Giron-Legarda, Mississippi State University

David C. May, Mississippi State University

Megan Stubbs-Richardson, Mississippi State University

Colleen Sinclair, Mississippi State University

"Us against the World": An Overview of Groups and Bullying Using Findings from the Reasons for Retaliation Project

Sierra Nelson, Mississippi State University

Colleen Sinclair, Mississippi State University

Megan Stubbs-Richardson, Mississippi State University

Rebecca Goldberg, Mississippi State University

Tawny McCleon, Mississippi State University

Session 57 **Environmental Sociology, Climate Change and Disasters**

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer: Lisa Eargle, Francis Marion University

Presider: Ashleigh E. McKinzie, Middle Tennessee State University

You Don't Miss It `Til It's Gone: Disaster and Environmental Meaning Making

Ashleigh E. McKinzie, Middle Tennessee State University

Session 58 **Gender and Work**

LITTLETON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University

Does Real versus Ideal Workplace Characteristics Matter more for Job Satisfaction? Exploring Gender Differences

Deniz Yucel, William Patterson University

Just One of the Guys Until Shower Time: Gender Performance and Symbolic Embodiment in the U.S. Military

Christina Steidl, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Aislinn Roxie Brookshire, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Erik Hyska, University of Alabama in Huntsville

A Gendered Analysis of Teacher Self-efficacy in Texas Public Schools

Kim Murray, Texas A&M University – Texarkana

Abbie Strunc, Texas A&M University – Texarkana

Gender Trends in Attending Public Skating Sessions

Assel Kuzembayeva, University of Louisville

10:30AM – 11:45AM Breakout Sessions (Saturday)

Session 59 **Public Opinion: Research on Social and Political Attitudes**

CRABTREE ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Theresa Davidson, Samford University

Exploring Southern College Students' Attitudes toward Spanking: A Qualitative Study

Ayesha Jihad, Emory University

Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

Stopping the Hate: The Tension between Achieving Supportive and Secure School Environments in U.S. Schools

Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery

The Denied Scholar and the Disposable People: Tracing the Connections Between Educational and Carceral Racism

Roman Johnson, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Session 60 **Critical Theory as Interdisciplinary Research**

THOMPSON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Joel Crombez, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Critical Theory and Psycho-social Dynamics: What Can Psychoanalysis Do for Sociology?

Joel Crombez, University of Tennessee Knoxville

What Alternative is There? Revisiting Structure and Agency through the Work of Frantz Fanon

Holly Ningard, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Emancipating the Mind: Examining the Connection Between Critical Theory's Emancipatory Practices with Mindfulness Training for Incarcerated Women

Della Winters, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Critical Theory for Studies of Social Entrepreneurship

Emily Medley, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Session 61 **Global Voices: Politics, Planning and Poverty**

OCHS ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

Environmental Justice in Sub-Saharan Africa

Elisha Jasper Dung, Alabama State University

Politics and Civil Rights Struggle: The Tea Plantation Communities in Sri Lanka

Ram Alagan, Alabama State University

Ten Years of Environmental Justice in the USA: Using Sociological Lens to Explain Health Disparities

Jesse McKinnon, Alabama State University

Brenda I. Gill, Alabama State University

Poverty, Regional Planning and Post War Development Programs in Sri Lanka

Seela Aladuwaka, Alabama State University

Conceptualization of Poverty and the Poor in the Historical Literature of Iran: A Cross-Cultural Study

Karam Adibifar, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Session 62 **Health Inequalities**

LITTLETON ROOM

Session Organizer and Presider: Lori Brand Bateman, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

*How the Catholic Church in the United States Accommodates People with Disabilities: A Focus on
Diocesan Strategies*

Jonathon Holland, University of Louisville

Comparing the Health of Romantically Involved Monoracial and Multiracial Young Adults

Byron Miller, University of South Florida St. Petersburg

*An Exploration of Multi-Level Physical Activity Correlates among African Americans in Low-Resource
Communities in Alabama and Mississippi*

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