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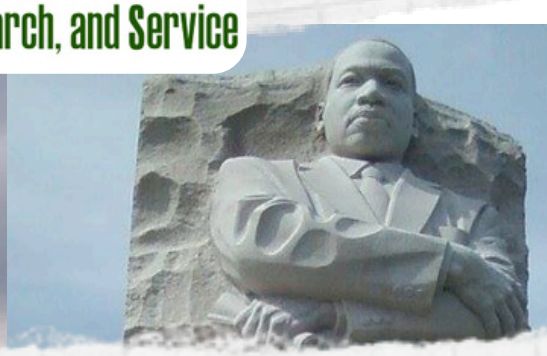

52nd Annual Conference:

REVISITING DEMOCRACY: FACTS, FEARS AND MYTHS ABOUT THE THREATS TO AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

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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 dues include a subscription 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 enter the review process. 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 per year.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

(All times are Central Daylight Time)

NUMBER	TITLE	START	END	ROOM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14				
1	Registration Desk	12:00 PM	5:00 PM	Foyer
2	Executive Council Meeting	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Redstone
3	Welcome: An Introduction to this Year's Conference Theme from the Program Chair	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Redstone
4	Presidents' Welcome Reception (Complimentary Appetizers and Beverages	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Big Spring A
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15				
5	Registration Desk	7:45 AM	5:00 PM	Foyer
6	Culture and Medical Sociology	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Big Spring B
7	Getting Involved, Getting Ahead: Service, Leadership, and MSSA	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Big Spring C
8	Maintaining an Active Research Agenda at a Teaching Institution [Panel]	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Big Spring D
9	Come Hell or High Water: Community Interpretations of and Response to Disaster	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Madison
10	Freedom in Focus: Art, Advocacy, and the First Amendment	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Orion
11	The Caucus on Small and Community Colleges Meeting	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Monte Sano
12	Committee on Membership: New Member Mixer	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Big Spring B
13	Mastery or Application? The Pros and Cons of Capstone Projects and Comprehensive Exams in Graduate Programs	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Big Spring C

14	Reframing Mentorship as Equity Work: Advancing Leadership for Early-Career African American Women in Higher Education	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Big Spring D
15	Criminology: The U.S. and Abroad	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Monte Sano
16	Coffee Break	10:30 AM	11:30 PM	Registration Area
17	Politics [Roundtable]	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Big Spring B
18	HBCUs and the State of American Democracy: Separating Facts, Fears, and Myths	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Big Spring C
19	Generative AI in the Undergraduate Classroom: Practical Successes, Pitfalls, and Pedagogical Pathway	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Big Spring D
20	Criminology	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Madison
21	Storytelling as Research With Incarcerated Women	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Monte Sano
22	Teaching Gender	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Orion
23	Alabama Mississippi Sociological Association Remembrance Gathering	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Redstone
24	Women, Gender, and Sexualities Caucus Luncheon	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Saturn V
25	Lunch	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	On Your Own
26	Poster Presentation 1	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Big Spring B
27	"Revisiting Democracy: The Evolution of Career Advancement in Society and the Persistent Barriers for Women and Minorities"	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Big Spring C
28	Applying to Master's and Ph.d. Programs	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Big Spring D
29	Undergraduate Research: Education	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Madison
30	Graduate Research: Criminology and Crime	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Monte Sano
31	Gender	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Orion
32	Media Narratives in the Trump Era	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Redstone

33	Professions Committee: Getting Published: Acquisitions Editor Meet and Greet	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Big Spring C
34	Social Media and Criminal Justice Policies	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Big Spring D
35	Social Theory, Race and Ethnicity	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Madison
36	Culture	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Orion
37	Graduate Research: Democracy & Social Movements	3:30 PM	4:45 AM	Redstone
38	Religion, Politics, and Social Movements	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Saturn V
39	AKD and MSSA Student Mixer	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Big Spring B
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16			
40	Registration Desk	7:45 AM	5:00 PM	Foyer
41	Professions Committee: Work/Life Balance: I Don't Have It!	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Big Spring C
42	Professions Committee: Navigating the Academic and Applied Job Market	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Big Spring D
43	Potpourri: Gender, Youth, Global Politics	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Monte Sano
44	The Family	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Orion
45	Teaching and Mentoring	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Redstone
46	Medical Sociology	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Saturn V
47	Committee on the Profession Meeting	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Big Spring B
48	Education	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Big Spring C
49	Roundtable: Small Projects in Sociology	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Big Spring D
50	Graduate Research: Social Theory	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Madison
51	Undergraduate Research: Religion	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Monte Sano
52	The Environment	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Redstone
53	Author Meets Critics: Serving the Street: Volunteering as Charity, Racial Justice, and Poverty Tourism	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Saturn V

54	Coffee Break	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Registration Area
55	In Memoriam	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Redstone
56	Poster Presentation 2	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Big Spring B
57	Teaching Mini Conference: Engaging Teaching Strategies for Today's Students	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Big Spring C
58	Education and Gender	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Big Spring D
59	Democracy	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Madison
60	Graduate Research: Social Justice	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Monte Sano
61	Undergraduate Research: Race and Ethnicity	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Orion
62	Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Caucus Luncheon	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Saturn V
63	Lunch	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	On Your Own
64	Plenary: The Gendered and Racialized Labor of Democracy: Black Women, Civic Participation, and the Care Economy	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Big Spring CD
65	Professions Committee: I'm Hiring/I'm on the Job Market: Candidate Meets Search Chair	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Big Spring B
66	The Emergence of Africa American Sociology: The Contributions of W.E.B Dubois, E. Franklin Frazier, St. Clair Drake & Horace Cayton	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Orion
67	Research in Progress: Ghana	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Saturn V
68	President's Closing Reception	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Big Spring A
69	Awards Banquet, Presidential Plenary "Sociologist as Civil Scholars in a Modern Democracy" and Business Meeting	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Big Spring BC
	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17			
70	Due Process Under Pressure: CIVIL Liberties and Democratic Stability for Immigrants and the Undocumented	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Virtual Room A

71	Education	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Virtual Room B
72	Technology, Society, and Power: What…of…the Future of the Species?	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Virtual Room C
73	The Family and Children	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Virtual Room D
74	Potpourri: Teaching & Scholarship, Political Sociology, Criminology	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Virtual Room A
75	Revisiting the Critique of Traditional Marxism: Moishe Postone's Social Theory	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Virtual Room B
76	Popular Culture	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Virtual Room C
77	Social Theory	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Virtual Room D
78	Health	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Virtual Room B
79	Variants of Social Theory	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Virtual Room C
80	Social Movements, Religion, and Politics	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Virtual Room D
81	Criminology	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Virtual Room A
82	Theorizing the Future of Democracy…or Its Demise?	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Virtual Room B
83	Race	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Virtual Room C
84	Professions Committee: Grant Writing With Special Focus on Non-Profit Organizations	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Virtual Room D

WELCOME FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear MSSA Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 52nd Annual Mid-South Sociological Association Conference! On behalf of the Executive Committee, I want to thank you for your dedication, passion, and investment in our association. For over fifty years, the MSSA has supported faculty, students, and independent scholars alike as they achieve excellence in teaching, research, and service. Through active engagement in our own communities, we provide a spotlight on social injustice and inequalities, while serving as a guide through dark times. As Sociologists, our capacity to understand and explain the connections between local and global, individual and system, and the intersection of it all, position us to support civic engagement in its truest sense.

This year's theme, *Revisiting Democracy: Facts, Fears and Myths about the Threats to American Democracy*, comes at an important moment in time--one in which concepts such as the social construction of reality become increasingly improtant in the face of technologies such as artificial intelligence that blur the lines of reality through deep fakes and fabricated news. As we move through the years to come, our work as trained scholars who understand the impacts of research methodology on knowledge construction will become one of increasing service to the public. We, through our documentated data collection practices, will record the shifts in social life. We, through transparent accountability, will gather the voices of those who remain and become unheard to elevate their narratives and understandings of the world. We, through immersion in communities diverse to us, will make a space so lived experiences cannot be erased by the anonymous powerbrokers who write the algorithms that shape perceived realities, or revise longstanding census measures. It is through our work, dedication, and honest accounts of everyday individuals and communities that we will record history in the moment of its inception. We are powerful. We are strong. We support democracy for all through the everyday work we do. We are *sociologists*.

Many thanks for all you do for the MSSA,

Jessica W. Pardee

Jessica W. Pardee, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Science, Technology, and Society
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WELCOME FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AND PROGRAM CHAIR

Welcome to the 52nd Mid-South Sociological Association's Annual Conference and Meeting! I am excited to present our meeting program to you! I would like to thank session organizers, participants, officers, past officers, committee chairs, contributors, my graduate assistant, and everyone who helped in some way to put together this incredible program. Without you, this meeting and program would not be possible. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, contributions, and commitment to the MSSA.

This conference's theme, **Revisiting Democracy: Facts, Fears and Myths about the Threats to American Democracy**, is relevant to our current society. This theme is intended to create a contemplative and profound mood for the meeting as we recognize our 52nd Annual Conference. The MSSA was formed in 1975 to not only provide professional support to its members but to also foster engagement among the future generation of sociologists. During this annual meeting, I implore each of us to meditate on what democracy means in the 21st century and why it is important in maintaining an inclusive and empowered society.

For many of us, the MSSA is our professional "home", and I hope that new members will make this association their "home" as well. It is my wish that new members will make long lasting connections as you meet other students, faculty, practitioners, and observers this week. The MSSA is known as one of the most welcoming sociological conferences. It is a place where members know each other and a place where we can freely share our scholarship. I hope that we will continue to foster the legacy of this association. We appreciate your dedication and support in moving the discipline forward in research, teaching, and service.

Respectfully,

Giselle Greenidge

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PLENARY SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

The Gendered and Racialized Labor of Democracy: Black Women, Civic Participation, and the Care Economy

Lenice C. Emanuel, MLA

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This presentation examines the historical and contemporary role of Black women in American democracy through civic participation, political organizing, community leadership, and care work. Drawing connections between Black women's democratic engagement and their significant presence within the care economy, it considers civic and caregiving labor as interconnected forms of social infrastructure. The presentation also examines contemporary policy shifts affecting public-sector employment, racial and gender equity initiatives, and child care, with attention to their implications for Black women's economic security and civic participation. Through a sociological lens, the presentation situates these developments within broader questions of race, gender, labor, power, and participation in American democracy.

Biography

Lenice is a speaker, writer, gender and racial justice advocate, and nonprofit executive with more than 25 years of leadership in the nonprofit and public sectors. She serves as Executive Director of the Alabama Institute for Social Justice and leads The Alabama Movement for Child Care (TAMCC), a statewide, provider-led movement working to elevate the voices of child care providers and families to advance greater public investment in Alabama's child care system.

Emanuel's writing, advocacy, and public scholarship center the experiences and leadership of Black women and examine how race, gender, economic inequality, public policy, and power shape the lives of historically marginalized communities. Drawing on decades of community-based leadership, she works to elevate voices and perspectives too often excluded from public discourse and decision-making.

Emanuel holds a Master of Liberal Arts in Leadership and Ethics from Spring Hill College and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Auburn University at Montgomery. She also holds a certification in Diversity & Inclusion from Cornell University and is a Climate Reality Leader, trained by former Vice President Al Gore, as part of a global network of advocates working to address the climate crisis.

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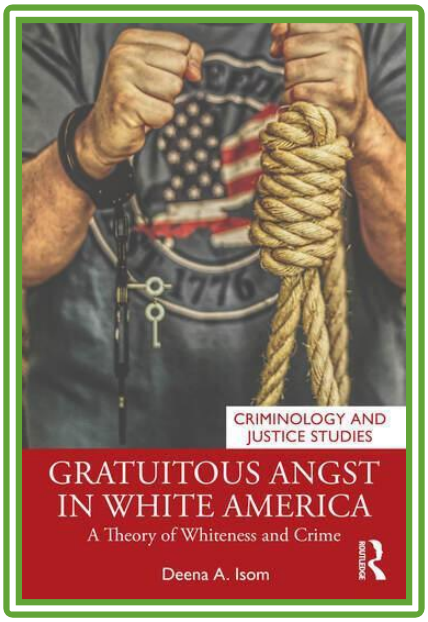

Gratuitous Angst in White America: A Theory of Whiteness and Crime

Gratuitous Angst in White America presents a new criminological theory that explains the racialized experiences of white people. Unlike orthodox traditions that assume whiteness as normative or progressive traditions that center the experiences of the marginalized and oppressed, the theory of whiteness and crime flips those perspectives and turns a lens toward white people's lived experiences and the ideologies of whiteness. The theory of whiteness and crime answers two overarching questions: How does being white impact one's likelihood of engaging in deviant, criminal, and/or violent behaviors? And, why are white people treated differently than other racial and ethnic groups by the criminal legal system? Through the application of a critical whiteness perspective to criminology, the theory of whiteness and crime is an intersectional and integrated framework that explains within (and between) group differences in negative behaviors and entanglements with the criminal legal system.

This book examines the racialized history of America to contextualize the current racial strife in society and inform a more nuanced theoretical approach to explaining disparities. The reader will gain a socio-historical understanding of the depths of the current divides and insight into how such are perpetuated and potentially dismantled. Students will see connections between various theoretical traditions and an application of theory to current social conditions. Researchers will acquire a new theoretical foundation and propositions to ground empirical work that will fill extensive gaps in the criminological literature. And policy makers will see how oversights in understanding the depths of historical significance perpetuate and increase disparities and disadvantages, which are counter to a pursuit of justice.

https://www.routledge.com/Gratuitous-Angst-in-White-America-A-Theory-of-Whiteness-and- Crime/Isom/p/book/9780367763992

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2025 Award Winner

DeMond Miller, Rowan University, Calhoun Excellence in Mentoring Award

Named after Thomas C. Calhoun, an influential and long-time member of the MSSA, this prestigious award honors members who provide exceptional support to the development and career advancement of their students. This year, the award was earned by Dr. DeMond Miller, who accepted the award in person to a standing ovation. Dr. Rosalyn Harrington, who wrote a letter in support of Dr. Miller noted that he "has exemplified the highest standards of mentorship, scholarship, and service. His unwavering commitment to student success and professional development has left an indelible mark on countless individuals across disciplines and backgrounds… Dr. Miller's compassion remains both a guiding principle and a source of strength—reminding us all that the measure of our progress is not only in what we achieve, but also in how we uplift those around us."

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Andrea Eller

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IN MEMORIAM

Let us take time to remember the members we have lost over the last 52 years. Their contributions, mentorship, and presence have left an indelible mark on our lives and communities. As we gather on Friday, let us share stories that celebrate their achievements, recount moments that made us smile, and cherish the lessons they imparted. Through our memories, they continue to light our path and inspire us to live fully and meaningfully. In honoring them, their research and pedagogy, we not only pay tribute to their lives but also strengthen the bonds that unite us, reminding us of the importance of connection, compassion, and legacy.

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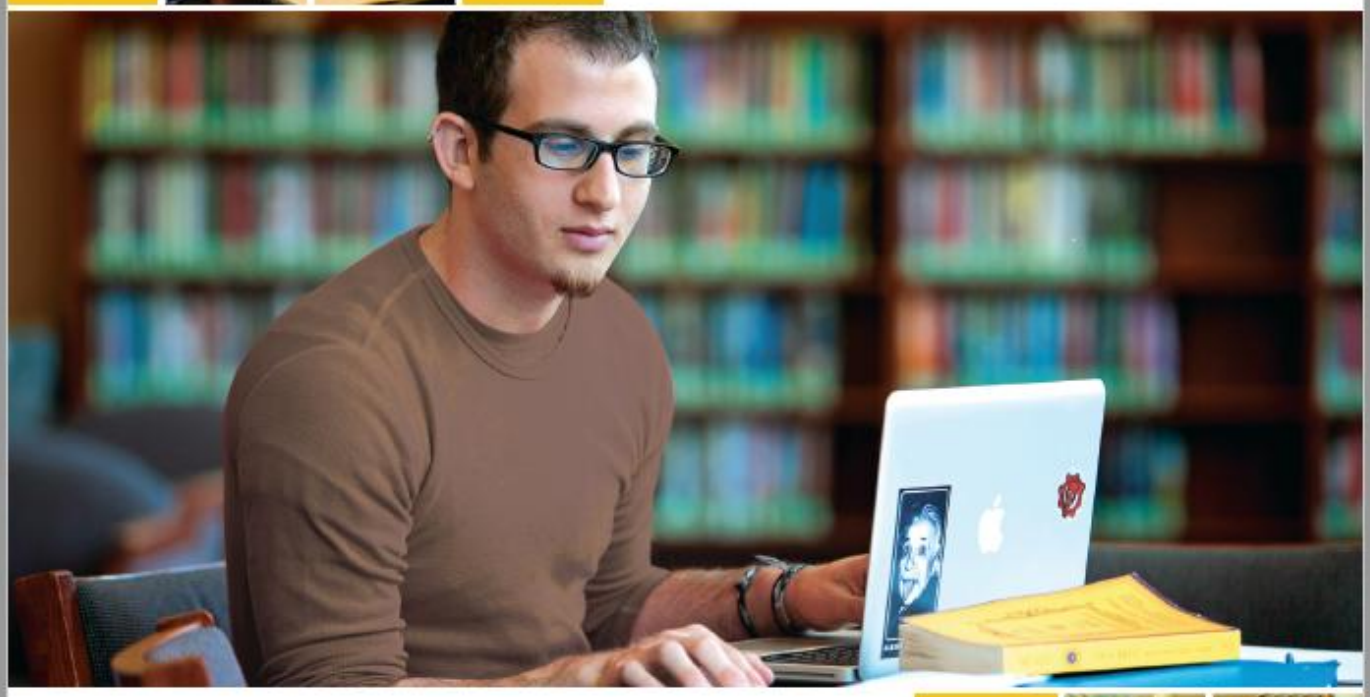

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Disaster Impacted Communities: What They Teach Us

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In today's world, where disasters are interconnected and recurrent, communities are confronted with a complex and ever-evolving set of challenges to address as they enter recovery. For many communities, these challenges are all too familiar; however, for others, disasters present a new dynamic environment that poses both significant obstacles and unprecedented opportunities that test communities' capacities amid change. In this special issue, we seek papers that develop nuanced approaches to understanding disaster recovery in various contexts. Moving beyond a one size fits all recovery model, we acknowledge disaster recovery is situational, historical, non-linear, and differentially experienced in the same community. We hope to fill a literature gap that exists in understanding the commonalities, as well as unique struggles communities face as they navigate the complexities of a disaster(s). If societies do not act on the mounting evidence regarding population composition, migration, inequality, and disaster vulnerability, we will continue to experience disasters with greater regularity, intensity, and longer lasting damages (Donner and Rodríguez, 2008). As such, what lessons have we learned from disasters? What community-based strategies have been developed to build resilience? What mechanisms at all levels are put into place to foster communities that thrive after their disaster? By bringing together cutting-edge research in this emerging area, we aim to provide timely insights that are vital for understanding and shaping the future of disaster social science research.

We seek empirical research, systematic reviews, case studies, and theoretical papers that address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- long-term resilience among survivors;
- community-embedded resilience and recovery processes;
- disaster recovery innovations in impacted communities;
- comparative studies of pre- and post- disaster response and preparedness measures;
- social policy and lessons that embrace growth, challenges, and recovery;
- analysis of "best practices" that emerge to promote lasting social change and enhance the lives of survivors;
- how social and technological advancements help communities address new post-disaster realities; and
- Inquiries into the theoretical utility and contextual applicability of key disaster concepts.

All methodological approaches will be considered. We expect some of the chapters to be qualitative as well as quantitative (surveys, census data, focus groups, case studies, cross-cultural comparisons, etc...).

Manuscript Deadline: October 20, 2026

For more information, email Jessica Pardee at jwpgss@rit.edu with 'Sociological Spectrum Disaster Issue" as the subject.

2026 MSSA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 14

1. Registration Desk

Wednesday | 12:00 pm-5:00 pm | Foyer

2. Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Redstone

Chair: Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

3. Welcome: An Introduction to This Year's Conference Theme From the Program Chair

Wednesday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Redstone

Chair: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

4. Presidents' Welcome Reception (Complimentary Appetizers and Beverages)

Wednesday | 5:30 pm-6:30 pm | Big Spring A

Chair: Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

Thursday, October 15

Registration Desk

Thursday | 7:45 am-5:00 pm | Foyer

5. Culture and Medical Sociology [Roundtable]

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Big Spring B

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

- *"What a Feeling!" Identity Construction through Serious Leisure in Ballroom Dance*. Virginia D`Antonio, University of North Alabama
- *My Captain America is Black*. Myron Strong, Community College of Baltimore County, Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
- *Making Medicalization Real: Interaction, Embodiment, and the Production of Medical Authority*. Olivia Donovan, University of North Carolina-Wilmington

6. Getting Involved, Getting Ahead: Service, Leadership, and MSSA [Panel]

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Big Spring C

Organizers: Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery; Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University;

Panelists:

- Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken
- Matthew Jerome Schneider, University of North Carolina Wilmington

7. Maintaining an Active Research Agenda at a Teaching Institution [Panel]

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Big Spring D

Organizers: Jessica Abbott, Utah Tech University; Aaron Rowland, University of Tennessee-Martin;

Panelists:

- Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University
- Jessica Abbott, Utah Tech University
- Aaron Rowland, University of Tennessee-Martin

8. Come Hell or High Water: Community Interpretations of and Response to Disaster [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Madison

Organizer: Candace Bright, East Tennessee State University

Chair: Ruth Chananie, University of Tampa

- *Bible Beliefs as a "Sacred Umbrella" Protecting the Faithful against Hostility Perceived from the News*. Emily Morgan, University of Alabama-Huntsville, Robert Thomson, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- *Florida Farmers and Best Management Practices: The Compliance Challenge*. Kirstin Lewis, University of Florida
- *Six Years After the COVID-19 Pandemic: Generational Differences in Policy Perceptions*. sherri marquez, Middle Tennessee State

University, Kristi Stringer, Middle Tennessee State University, Don Belcher, Middle Tennessee State University, Brandon Wallace, Middle Tennessee State University, Ron Aday, Middle Tennessee State University

9. Freedom in Focus: Art, Advocacy, and the First Amendment [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Orion

Chair: Earl Wright II, Rhodes College

- *"Teaching Around Sociology": What We Can Learn from the Original 'Divisive Concepts Legislation' Directed at HBCUs During Jim Crow.* Earl Wright II, Rhodes College
- *Memorial to the Enslaved: History of the Goodwood Plantation in Tallahassee Florida.* Keith Parker, National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc.
- *Remnants of Colonialism in Dance: A Rhetorical Analysis.* AUDREY CONLEY, Middle Tennessee State University

Quiet Space

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Redstone

10. The Caucus on Small and Community Colleges Meeting

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:30 am | Monte Sano

Chair: Rosalyn Harrington, Johnson C Smith University

11. Committee on Membership: New Member Mixer

Thursday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Big Spring B

Chair: Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

12. Mastery or Application? The Pros and Cons of Capstone Projects and Comprehensive Exams in Graduate Programs [Roundtable]

Thursday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Big Spring C

Organizer: Jackie McNett, Auburn University at Montgomery

Chair: Jackie McNett, Auburn University at Montgomery

Discussants:

- Kimberly Brackett, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Qassim Bolaji, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Theresa Pelfrey, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Robert K Perkins, auburn university at montgomery
- Courtney Waid, Auburn University at Montgomery

13. Reframing Mentorship as Equity Work: Advancing Leadership for Early-Career African American Women in Higher Education [Workshop]

Thursday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Big Spring D

Organizer: Jessica McCarty, University of South Alabama

Chair: Jessica McCarty, University of South Alabama

Panelist:

Jessica McCarty, University of South Alabama;

Discussant:

Jessica McCarty, University of South Alabama;

14. Criminology: The U.S. and Abroad [Regular Paper Session] [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Monte Sano

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

- *A Multifaceted Analysis of Violence against Women, Using East Asia as an Example*. Hua-Lun Huang, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- *In Shades of Black and White: Labeling, Moral Panic, and the Right to Religious Expression among Minority Muslim Sects in Bangladesh*. Abdullah All Aman, University of Dhaka, Maisha Mostofa, university Of Mississippi
- *August Vollmer, Policing, and Anti-Communism During and After World War I*. Brian Pitman, Lander University
- *What is a Tulpa? Exploring a 'Deviant' Online Subculture.*. Amanda Heitkamp, Troy, Brandon Clark, Troy University

Coffee Break

Thursday | 10:30 am-11:30 am | Registration Area

15. Politics [Roundtable]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Big Spring B

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Ruth Chananie, University of Tampa

- *From Theory to Practice: Evaluating International Volunteering in the Rohingya Refugee Crisis in Bangladesh through an International Development Lens*. Anika Nargis, University of North Carolina Wilmington
- *"Oops...[They] Did It Again": An Autoethnographic Analysis of Institutional Schism and Culture War Friction in the Daughters of the American Revolution 1939/2026*. Roma Hanks, University of South Alabama

16. HBCUs and the State of American Democracy: Separating Facts, Fears, and Myths [Workshop]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Big Spring C

- *HBCUs and the State of American Democracy: Separating Facts, Fears, and Myths*. Rosalyn Harrington, Johnson C Smith University, Laytifia Williams, Johnson C Smith University

Panelists:

- Rosalyn D Harrington, Johnson C Smith University
- Laytifia Williams, Johnson C Smith University

17. Generative AI in the Undergraduate Classroom: Practical Successes, Pitfalls, and Pedagogical Pathways [Workshop]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Big Spring D

Organizer: Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

Chair: Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

- *From AI Tool to Sociological Thinking Partner: Lessons from an AI Course Development Fellowship*. Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken
- *Institutional Erasure, Mnemonic Hegemony, and the Avalon Plantation: A Genealogical Counter-Archive of the University of Alabama in Huntsville*. Alexis Bendickson, University of Alabama in Huntsville

18. Criminology [Regular Paper Session] [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Madison

Organizer: Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

Chair: Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University

- *Anomie in Old Detroit: Robocop Comics and Strain Theory*. Stanley Adam Veitch, Tuskegee University

- *When Does Deviance Become Crime? Harm, Consent, and the Justification of State Coercion*. Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University, Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
- *Bias and Hate at School: The Role of Social Disorganization*. Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery
- *An Evaluation of the Self-Control Theory of Crime*. Aynal Haque, University of North Carolina Wilmington

19. Storytelling as Research With Incarcerated Women [Regular Paper Session]
Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Monte Sano

Organizers: Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University; Ron Aday, Middle Tennessee State University; Nicole Seabold, Tennessee Tech University;
Chair: Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

- *The Power of Storytelling and Social Policy*. Ron Aday, Middle Tennessee State University
- *"I've Shaken Hands with Disappointment": The Journey of Just Judy*. Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University, Ron Aday, Middle Tennessee State University
- *Two Stories of Mass Incarceration*. Nicole Seabold, Tennessee Tech University, Ron Aday, Middle Tennessee State University, Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

20. Teaching Gender [Regular Paper Session]
Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Orion

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Andrew Tatch, Troy University

- *Racial Incompetence in the Courtroom: Perpetuating Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System Through White-Washed Curricula in Higher Education*. Jessica Yohey, N/A
- *The Bible and Homosexuality: Student Agency from an Essay Assignment*. Jerome Koch, Texas Tech University, Patricia Maloney, Texas Tech University
- *Why am I Drawn to This? An Exploratory Look into the Relationship Between Gender and True Crime Podcasts*. Sarah Preston, Troy University, Andrew Tatch, Troy University

21. Alabama Mississippi Sociological Association Remembrance Gathering [Panel]
Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Redstone

Organizers: Kimberly Brackett, Auburn University at Montgomery; Jacqueline McNett, Auburn University at Montgomery;
Panelists:

- Kimberly Brackett, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Jacqueline McNett, Auburn University at Montgomery

22. Women, Gender, and Sexualities Caucus Luncheon
Thursday | 12:00 pm-1:00 pm | Saturn V

Chair: Andrea Nicole Hunt, University of North Alabama

23. Poster Presentation 1 [Regular Paper Session]
Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Big Spring B

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

- *1791 to 2026: The Modern-Day Importance of the Bill of Rights*. LaNiya Harris, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

- *Assessing the Perceived Threat and Awareness of Cybercrime Attacks in College*. Tori Belle, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- *Group polarization and Social Media*.
- *Mental Health: The Effect on College Athletes*. Daniel Maye, The University of North Carolina Pembroke, Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- *Socializing STEM: Analyzing the Effects of STEM Pedagogy, Communication, and Culture on STEM Students' Holistic Development*. Jalynn Whitfield, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- *The Crisis of Online Sexual Exploitation: A Research Proposal*. Veronica Cunningham, The University of North Carolina Pembroke, Madison Moore, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- *Between Cultures and Cleats: A Japanese Woman in American Football's Men's World*. Kyle Ryan, Northwest Missouri State University, Maho Kawaguchi, Northwest Missouri State University

24. "Revisiting Democracy: The Evolution of Career Advancement in Society and the Persistent Barriers for Women and Minorities" [Workshop]
Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Big Spring C

Organizer: Pamela Adkins, Career Life and Love Counseling & Consulting, PLLC
Chair: Pamela Adkins, Career Life and Love Counseling & Consulting, PLLC

- *"Revisiting Democracy: The Evolution of Career Advancement in Society and the Persistent Barriers for Women and Minorities"*. Pamela Adkins, Career Life and Love Counseling & Consulting, PLLC

25. Applying to Master's and Ph.d. Programs [Workshop]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Big Spring D

Organizer: Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Chair: Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Panelists:

- Matthew Jerome Schneider, University of North Carolina Wilmington
- Ugur Orak, Middle Tennessee State University

26. Undergraduate Research: Education [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Madison

Organizer: Boniface Noyongoyo, Marshall University

Chair: Boniface Noyongoyo, Marshall University

- *Comparing the Influence of Parental Education on Health Literacy Between Domestic and International Students*. Alisha (Elsa) Ghimire, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- *Barriers to Marriage among African Americans: The Role of Systematic Inequality and Education*. Kevon Jordan, Lane College
- *Classroom as Democratic Spaces: Exploring Student Perceptions of Civil Discourse and Critical Thinking in Higher Education*. Christina Samuels, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

27. Graduate Research: Criminology and Crime [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Monte Sano

Organizer: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

Chair: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

- *Connected But Vulnerable: Internet Access and Identity Theft in Rural America Before and After COVID-19*. David Oluwashina Ademule, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
- *"The most vulnerable target is a woman alone": How PWIs and HBCUs Frame Rape Prevention in Campus Safety Messaging*. Madeline Brock, Mississippi State University
- *Vote, Pray, and Fear: Politics, Religion, and Fear of Crime in Today's United States*. Madeline Brock, Mississippi State University , Nicole Rader, Mississippi State University, Margaret Ralston , Mississippi State University

28. Gender [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Orion

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University

- *'STEMing' or Not? Gendered Majoring: Exploring the Differences in College Major Choices, 2012-2023*. Veena S. Kulkarni, Arkansas State University, Christopher Pitts, Arkansas State University
- *Staying, Leaving, or Reclaiming: Identity Negotiation and Emotion Work in the Harry Potter Fandom*. Jacob Church, Jacksonville State University, Brianna Turgeon, Jacksonville State University, Addie Lott, Jacksonville State University
- *He was "something of a dandy": Augustus Granville Dill's Modeling of Disidentification and Quareness as Strategies of Racial Uplift*. Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University

29. Media Narratives in the Trump Era [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Redstone

Organizer: Theresa Davidson, Samford University

Chair: Theresa Davidson, Samford University

- *Can Democratic 'Socialism' Save Democracy?*. Grady Lowery, University of Tennessee
- *Risk, Responsibility, and Women's Health: Comparing Political and Media Discourses across Three Countries*. Adenife Modile, Coker University, Greg Gondwe, University of Alabama
- *Native American News Media and Representations of Climate Change*. Theresa Davidson, Samford University, Jennifer Rahn, Samford University

Quiet Space

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Saturn V

30. Professions Committee: Getting Published: Acquistions Editor Meet and Greet [Workshop]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Big Spring C

Organizer: Jessica Lynn Burke, Francis Marion University

Chair: Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Panelist:

Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University;

31. Social Media and Criminal Justice Policies [Roundtable]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Big Spring D

Organizer: Maruice Mangum, Jackson State University

Discussants:

- Maruice Mangum, Jackson State University

- Stacy Carter, Alabama A&M University
- Randall Swain, Eastern Kentucky University
- Marcus Bryant, Jackson State University

32. Social Theory, Race and Ethnicity [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Madison

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Ruth Chananie, University of Tampa

- *White U.S. Racism as Deviant Behavior*. Peter Shrock, Southeastern Louisiana University
- *The Production of Resistance: Spatial Embodiment in Lumbee versus Waccamaw Technologies*. Christopher Elliott, UNCW, Lauren Edes, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Olivia Johnson, University of North Carolina-Wilmington

Quiet Space

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Monte Sano

33. Culture [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Orion

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Andrew Tatch, Troy University

- *Podcasting and Public Sociology*. Dan Morrison, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- *No Class for Hot Dogs*. Boniface Noyongoyo, Marshall University
- *"All that is Solid Melts Into Air": Critical Theorists on Cultural Change*. Richard Simon, Mount Saint Joseph University

- *Done with the Toxic Warzone: Examining Passport Bros and the International Dating Scene*. Andrew Tatch, Troy University, Jenny Beatty, Troy University, Lottie Crabtree, Troy University

34. Graduate Research: Democracy & Social Movements [Regular Paper Session]
Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Redstone

Organizer: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University
Chair: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

- *The Embodied Venue: Micro-Democracy and Cultural Unity in Nashville's Dance and Music Scenes*. AUDREY CONLEY, Middle Tennessee State University
- *A Change of Heart: Evangelism, Empire, and the Question of Palestine in the 1930s*. Dylan Baun, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Andrew Scott, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- *Immigrant Belonging and Democratic Participation in the United States: The Experiences of African Immigrants*. Taiwo Basiru, University of South florida

35. Religion, Politics, and Social Movements [Regular Paper Session]
Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Saturn V

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

- *Where does the wind blow; Whom do people trust when choosing to get a vaccination?*. Neil Robert White, University of Louisiana Monroe
- *The Unhappy Marriage of Marxism and Feminism: Revisited*. John McCollum, Alabama A and M University

- *An Exploration of South LGBTQ+ Religious Experiences*. Tierra James, Auburn University, Gracie Davis, Auburn University, Austin Johnson, Kenyon College

36. AKD and MSSA Student Mixer

Thursday | 5:00 pm-6:30 pm | Big Spring B

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Friday | 7:45 am-5:00 pm | Foyer

37. Professions Committee: Work/Life Balance: I Don't Have It! [Roundtable]

Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Big Spring C

Chair: Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

38. Professions Committee: Navigating the Academic and Applied Job Market [Workshop]

Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Big Spring D

Organizer: Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Chairs: Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke; Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University;

Discussants:

- Jennifer Patrice Sims, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

- Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University

Quiet Space

Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Madison

39. Potpourri: Gender, Youth, Global Politics [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Monte Sano

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Andrea Nicole Hunt, University of North Alabama

- *Beyond One Size Fits All: Domestic Violence Programs Serving Specific vs. General Populations*. Jessica Lynn Burke, Francis Marion University, Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University
- *Integrating the Strengthening Families Program into a Juvenile Treatment Court: A Process Evaluation*. Andrea Nicole Hunt, University of North Alabama, Douglas Brown, University of North Alabama, Braely Taylor, Lauderdale County Treatment Courts

40. The Family [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Orion

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Jiabin Fan, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- *Gendered Divisions of Household Labor and Perceptions of Fairness in Dual-Income Families: Evidence from Arkansas*. Madeline Ginsburg, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Jiabin Fan, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- *Understanding Sleep Satisfaction Among Women Caregivers After the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Roles of Depression, Social Support, and Caregiving Burden*. Abolade Oladimeji, Samford University

- *Cultural Lag in Intimate Relationships: A Macrostructural Perspective on Perceived Intimate Relationship Difficulties in the Era of Voluntary Intimacy and High Population Heterogeneity*. Cristina Stephens, Kennesaw State University

41. Teaching and Mentoring [Regular Paper Session]
Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Redstone

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: David May, Eastern Kentucky University

- *A Sociology of Alabama: Organizing for a Sociologically Informed Analysis of Challenges and Opportunities in the State*. Chris Bounds, University of Montevallo, Derrick Shapley, University of Alabama
- *Examining the Impact of a Policing Course Enhanced with Guest Lectures on Students' Perceptions about Policing*. Makeela Johari Wells, Auburn University
- *Using Mentoring for Adult Reentry and Adolescent Delinquency Prevention*. David May, Eastern Kentucky University

42. Medical Sociology [Regular Paper Session] [Regular Paper Session]
Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Saturn V

Organizer: Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Chair: Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

- *Correlates of Past-Year Hallucinogen Use Among Young Adults Reporting Past-Year Prescription Stimulant Misuse: Evidence from the 2024 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

- *Psychedelic Prohibition as a Human Rights Violation: Constraining Personal Agency and Denying Cognitive Liberty*. Kenton Bartlett, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- *Social determinants of happiness and health in the United States, 1972-2024*. Sanjeev Acharya, Arkansas State University

43. Committee on the Profession Meeting

Friday | 8:00 am-9:30 am | Big Spring B

Organizer: Jessica Lynn Burke, Francis Marion University

Chair: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

44. Education [Roundtable]

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Big Spring C

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University

- *Migrating into Uncertainty: Belonging and Sense of Security Among International Students in the U.S. University Environments*. Anika Tabasum Barsha, University of Mississippi
- *Campus Resilience and Security: Understanding and Preventing Terrorism Threats*. Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University, Tia Suggs, Dillard University
- *AI in the classroom: Is Anyone Actually Using It?*. John McCollum, Alabama A and M University

Roundtable: Small Projects in Sociology [Roundtable]

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Big Spring D

Organizer: Jessica S Pearce, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Discussant:

Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University;

45. Graduate Research: Social Theory [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Madison

Chair: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

- *Psychedelics and Those Who Use Them: Socially Constructing Deviant Behavior and Medicalized Intervention*. Kenton Bartlett, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- *From Private Pleasure to Public Debate: Women's Erotic Reading and Moral Regulation on BookTok*. Katie Rhyne, Auburn University at Montgomery
- *Neoliberal Doxa across the World-System: Economic Beliefs in the Global North and South*. Waris Ahmad Faizi, Virginia Tech

46. Undergraduate Research: Religion [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Monte Sano

Organizer: Boniface Noyongoyo, Marshall University

Chair: Boniface Noyongoyo, Marshall University

- *The Children, the Father, and the Sacred Spirit of Cults: Religious World Building in the Fallout Franchise*. Kirstin Paulk, Auburn University at Montgomery
- *How do race and non-religiosity influence individuals' attitudes towards capital punishment?*. Westin Baker, Samford University
- *POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS PREDICTORS OF PERCEIVED MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA*. David Weed, Samford University

Quiet Space

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Orion

47. The Environment [Regular Paper Session] [Regular Paper Session]
Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Redstone

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Ruth Chananie, University of Tampa

- *Community Creation and Development in the Wake of Global Warming and Climate Change: A Review of Research Literature*. Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University, Jessica Lynn Burke, Francis Marion University
- *AI on Small Farms: Centering the Voices of Robeson County Small Farmers*. Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Bryan Sales, Texas State University-San Marcos, Christina Samuels, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Gradie Heaton, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, Ja'Kira McCrimmon, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, Jack Taylor, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
- *Citizen Assessment of Government Performance in Providing Water and Sanitation Services: A Comparative Study of Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire*.. Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University

48. Author Meets Critics: Serving the Street: Volunteering as Charity, Racial Justice, and Poverty Tourism [Panel]
Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Saturn V

Organizer: Matthew Jerome Schneider, University of North Carolina Wilmington
Panelists:

- Matthew Jerome Schneider, University of North Carolina Wilmington
- Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University
- Brian Pitman, Lander University
- Jennifer Patrice Sims, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

- Courtney Heath, Colgate University

Coffee Break

Friday | 10:30 am-11:30 am | Registration Area

49. In Memoriam [Panel]

Friday | 11:00 am-11:30 am | Redstone

Chairs: Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University; Ron Aday, Middle Tennessee State University;

50. Poster Presentation 2 [Poster Session]

Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Big Spring B

Organizer: Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University

- *The Impact of Media Coverage of Mass Shootings on University Students' Perceived Campus Safety*. Annette Alvarado, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- *Women with ADHD, Social Capital and Mental Health*. Karen Hoefer, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- *Association Between the Levels of Emotional and Social Support and Substance Use Among U.S. Adults*. Oluwagbeyidide Olaomo, Dillard University
- *Renewable Energy Transition and Community Health in Louisiana: A Comparative Analysis of Energy Burden, Industrial Exposure, and Public Health Outcomes*. Autumn Jefferies, Dillard University
- *Risk and Protective Factors of Parental Substance Use: How are Children Affected?*. Chloe Stewart, Dillard University
- *Health informatics, Environmental Health, and community risk along Louisiana's Gulf Coast*. Traisean James, Dillard University

- *The Long-Term Effects of Family Dynamics and Racial Identity on Dating Preferences*.

51. Teaching Mini Conference: Engaging Teaching Strategies for Today's Students [Workshop]
Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Big Spring C

Organizer: Eryn Grucza Viscarra, Georgia College

- *Perceptions of Curriculum Effectiveness Among Eighth-Grade Teachers and the Impact on Black Student Achievement*. Carla Kabwatha, Georgia Institute of Technology
- *The Culture Fair: A Hands-On Community Engagement Project for Students*. Eryn Grucza Viscarra, Georgia College
- *Spinning the Path to Research Competency Through a Local Cycling Event*. Nathaniel Bliss, Troy University, Marlee Brand, Troy University, Jacob Brewer, Troy University, Lottie Crabtree, Troy University, Andrew Tatch, Troy University

52. Education and Gender [Regular Paper Session]
Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Big Spring D

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: DeMond Miller, Rowan University

- *AI Models as Potential Structuring Agents in Sociological Research: Questions, Pitfalls, and Opportunities in an Age of Artificial Intelligence*. Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama at Birmingham, DeMond Miller, Rowan University
- *Independent Living Programs and Post-Secondary Academic Achievement Among Emancipated Foster Youth*. Sheri Jenkins Keenan, Alabama A&M University, Sam Choi, Alabama A&M University

- *Linguistically Mediated Epistemic Compression: Access, Expression, and Recognition of Scientific Knowledge in French-Medium Moroccan Classrooms*.

53. Democracy [Regular Paper Session]
Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Madison

Organizer: Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology
Chair: Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

- *AI under Capitalism*. Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology
- *Protecting the Nation, Rolling Back Rights: Charismatic Anti-Rationality from Obama to Trump in Executive Orders (2009–2025)*. Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University, Addie Lott, Jacksonville State University

54. Graduate Research: Social Justice [Regular Paper Session]
Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Monte Sano

Organizer: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University
Chair: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

- *Built to Stay: Institutional Reproduction of Racial Inequality in Mississippi Public High School Discipline*. Maisha Mostofa, university Of Mississippi, Albert Nylander, University of Mississippi
- *Beyond Biodiversity: International Media Narratives of the Rampal Coal Power Plant Project in Bangladesh*. Aynal Haque, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Matthew Jerome Schneider, University of North Carolina Wilmington

55. Undergraduate Research: Race and Ethnicity [Regular Paper Session]
Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Orion

Organizer: Boniface Noyongoyo, Marshall University
Chair: Boniface Noyongoyo, Marshall University

- *Race and Self-Reported Health: The Role of Resources in Racial Health Disparities*. Kaela Keith, Samford University
- *Racial-ethnic differences in children's mental health: Examining the role of family resilience and neighborhood factors*. Kevon Jordan, Lane College
- *Crime, Fear, and Representation: Criminal Justice and Electoral Politics with a Focus on Gangs*. Briana Boston, Johnson C Smith University, Clarence Barnett Jr, Johnson C Smith University

56. Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Caucus Luncheon
Friday | 12:00 pm-1:00 pm | Saturn V

Organizer: Jennifer Patrice Sims, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Chair: Jennifer Patrice Sims, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

57. Plenary: The Gendered and Racialized Labor of Democracy: Black Women, Civic Participation, and the Care Economy [Plenary]
Friday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Big Spring CD

Discussant:
Lenice C. Emanuel, Alabama Institute for Social Justice;

58. Professions Committee: I'm Hiring/I'm on the Job Market: Candidate Meets Search Chair [Workshop]
Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Big Spring B

Organizer: Jessica Lynn Burke, Francis Marion University

Chair: David May, Eastern Kentucky University

Panelists:

- David May, Eastern Kentucky University
- Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Andrew Tatch, Troy University
- Thomas Michael Kersen, Jackson State University

Quiet Space

Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Monte Sano

59. The Emergence of Africa American Sociology: The Contributions of W.E.B Dubois, E. Franklin Frazier, St. Clair Drake & Horace Cayton [Panel]

Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Orion

Organizer: Ollie Christian, Southern University

Panelists:

- Ollie Christian, Southern University
- Crystal Culberath, Southern University

60. Research in Progress: Ghana [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Saturn V

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Ruth Chananie, University of Tampa

- *Social & Institutional Determinants of Research Productivity in Ghana*. Nana Osei Asiamah, Louisiana State University, Mollie Schloss, Louisiana State University, Paige Miller, Louisiana State University, Wesley Monroe Shrum, Louisiana State University

- *PARANORMAL EXPERIENCE AND BELIEF: RESULTS FROM A SURVEY OF URBAN SLUMS IN GHANA, KENYA, AND KERALA*. Wesley Monroe Shrum, Louisiana State University, Paige Miller, Louisiana State University, Mollie Schloss, Louisiana State University, Nana Osei Asiamah, Louisiana State University
- *Needs Assessment for Faculty Development Programming at Ghana's Technical Universities: An Agenda for Action*. Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University

61. President's Closing Reception
Friday | 5:15 pm-6:45 pm | Big Spring D

Chair: Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

62. Awards Banquet, Presidential Plenary "Sociologist as Civil Scholars in a Modern Democracy" and Business Meeting
Friday | 7:00 pm-10:00 pm | Big Spring BC

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63. Due Process Under Pressure: CIVIL Liberties and Democratic Stability for Immigrants and the Undocumented [Workshop]

Saturday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Virtual Room A
Organizer: Katrice Crawford, Alabama State University

Discussant:
Katrice Crawford, Alabama State University

64. Education [Virtual Paper Session]

Saturday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Virtual Room B

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Chair: Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology

- *Examining Cultural, Social, and Mental Health Experiences Among First Generation Students at a Rural MSI*. Abigail Reiter, UNC Pembroke, Miranda Reiter, University Of North Carolina Pembroke
- *Digital Tools and Compassionate Leadership in Everyday Social Work Practice*. Samson Chama, Alabama A&M University, Komanduri S. Murty, Fort Valley State University
- *Reducing Cognitive Load in Online Social Statistics Courses: The Role of Procedural Supports*. Renea Duncan, Fayetteville State University
- *Between Theory and Reality: Denying the Right to Education in Occupied Gaza*. Chasidy Harris, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

65. Technology, Society, and Power: What…of…the Future of the Species? [Regular Paper Session]

Saturday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Virtual Room C

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Chair: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

- *Artificial Intelligence Technology and the Modulation of Power*. Reha Kadakal, California State University Channel Islands
- *Sex, Lies, and Megalomania: A Psychosocial Diagnosis of Digital Pimping and Clanker Love*. Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University
- *Translations of Science and Technology: Biomedicine*. Thomas Bechtold, Le Moyne College

- *The Technological Intersection of the New Cold War and the Class Conflict at Home: Resource Wars, the AI Race, and Expanding Surveillance States*. Cameron Taylor Graham , University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Patrick Clemens, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

66. The Family and Children [Virtual Paper Session]
Saturday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Virtual Room D

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Adrienne Atterberry, University of Massachusetts Lowell

- *Cognitive Labor and Family-to-Work Conflict Among Employed Parents*. Deniz Yucel, William Paterson University of New Jersey
- *Leveraging Extended Kin Networks in the Intergenerational Transmission of Privilege*. Adrienne Atterberry, University of Massachusetts Lowell
- *Is it Kool to be Kind? Examining Identifiers and Inhibitors of Bullying Victimization among Children with a Rare Genetic Syndrome*. Kristen Nicole Sobba, Southeast Missouri State University

67. Potpourri: Teaching & Scholarship, Political Sociology, Criminology {Virtual Roundtable]
Saturday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Virtual Room A

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: David May, Eastern Kentucky University

- *Has ChatGPT changed how college students learn?*. Ying Ma, Austin Peay State University
- *Art in Relation to Sociology and Social Movements*. Douglas Myers, Coker College, Adenife Modile, Coker University

- *The Cardiff Model of VIolence Prevention: An Interview with the Creator*. Jonathan Shepherd, Cardiff University, David May, Eastern Kentucky University
- *Navigating the AI Divide: Two Classroom Activities for Teaching Responsible AI Use in the Writing-Intensive Course*. Michelle Petrie, University of South Carolina Aiken

68. Revisiting the Critique of Traditional Marxism: Moishe Postone's Social Theory [Regular Paper Session]
Saturday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Virtual Room B

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Chair: Dan Krier, Iowa State University

- *Abstract Time, Determinate Being: Value, Commodity, and Critique in Time Labor and Social Domination*. Reha Kadakal, California State University Channel Islands
- *AI, Climate Change, and the Dynamics of Productivity: Assessing the Continuing Relevance of Moishe Postone's Social Theory*. Alexander Stoner, Northern Michigan University
- *Artificial Intelligence as Social/Artificial Necessity: Postone in the Age of AI*. Anthony J. Knowles, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- *Postone's Critique of Horkheimer's "Pessimistic" Vision of Postliberal Capitalism*. Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

69. Popular Culture [Virtual Paper Session]
Saturday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Virtual Room C

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

- *Framing the Educational Mission: Contemporary Approaches at Museums in Madrid and Washington D.C.*. Blake R. Silver, George Mason University
- *When a Chair is No Longer Just a Chair: The Commemoration of the 2023 Montgomery Brawl*. Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU) - Charlotte, NC
- *AI Psychosis and Persona-Driven AI Chatbot Platforms*. Abigail Reiter, UNC Pembroke, Semih Pala, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

70. Social Theory [Virtual Paper Session]
Saturday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Virtual Room D

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Jiabin Fan, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- *Effectuating Change Through the Courts: The Role of Rights-Based Litigation in Shaping the Climate Change Movement*. Allie Mitchell, Louisiana Tech University, Brenda Savage, Louisiana Tech University , Mandi N. Barringer, University of North Florida
- *A Box of Memories: Terminal Illness and Death with Dignity*. Adam Rafalovich, Pacific University
- *From Slave Codes to School Codes: Using Racist Laws and Policies to maintain of Educational Inequality in the Urban South*. Chasidy Harris, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

71. Health [Virtual Paper Session]
Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual Room B

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Jiabin Fan, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- *Machine Learning Analysis of Socioeconomic Stratification and Health Vulnerability in the United States*. Tamim Anowar, University of North Texas
- *Examining COPD Stigma and Tobacco Use History: Insights From a Vignette Pilot Study*. Ryan Howard, University of Florida
- *Rural-Urban Disparities in Drinking Water Violations and Water-Related Health Outcomes in the United States*. Monisha Alam, University of North Texas, Dr. Dale Yeatts, University of North Texas

72. Variants of Social Theory [Regular Paper Session]
Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual Room C

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Chair: Alexander Stoner, Northern Michigan University

- *Why Is a Theory of Society More Necessary Today Than Ever?*. Oliver Kozlarek, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo
- *Revisiting "Rationalism Without Reason/RWR": The Destiny of the Left in Postmodern Times*. Sarah MacMillen, Duquesne university
- *Before Totality: Adorno, Horkheimer, Weber and the Critique of Capital*. Dan Krier, Iowa State University
- *Why is There no Social Theory of American Society, and what Would One Look Like?*. Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

73. Social Movements, Religion, and Politics [Virtual Paper Session]
Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual Room D

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Theresa Davidson, Samford University

- *Threatened Citizens, Threatening Citizens: The Moral Politics of Belonging in Bangladesh*. Mashaekh Hassan, University of Florida
- *"We Were Warned: The Internal Contradictions of Political-Economies that Combine Anarcho-(or Laissez-Faire)-Capitalism and Democracy."*. Brad Garrick Harden, Lamar University
- *The Political Economy of Fear and Crisis Management*. Chasidy Harris, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

74. Criminology [Virtual Paper Session]
Saturday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Virtual Room A

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Tiffany Zamora, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- *COUNTERTERRORISM IN NORTH AFRICA*. Evaristus Obinyan, Middle Georgia State University - Macon
- *Beyond "Decline": Food Access, Vacancy, and Crime in Rust Belt Cities*. Teddy Shin, North London Collegiate School Jeju
- *The Systematic Restoration of Power to Those Who Abuse It: Critiquing Common Responses to Clergy Sexual Misconduct in Protestant Churches*. Tiffany Zamora, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

75. Theorizing the Future of Democracy…or Its Demise? [Regular Paper Session]
Saturday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Virtual Room B

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Chair: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

- *What Do We Want? What the Other Desires: Mimetic Theory and Political Subject Mediation*. Stelios Panageotou, College of Idaho

- *Ruse, Subjection, Domination: Power by Coarse and Subtle Means*. Thomas Bechtold, Le Moyne College
- *How Exactly Does the Critique of Power Work Today?*. Oliver Kozlarek, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo

76. Race [Virtual Paper Session]
Saturday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Virtual Room C

Organizer: Giselle C. M. Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University
Chair: Micah Pyles, Western Carolina University

- *Sex and Race differences in health-related locus of control (HLoc) and associations between HLoC and health behaviors and outcomes among college students*.. Miranda Reiter, University Of North Carolina Pembroke, Abigail Reiter, UNC Pembroke
- *Indigeneity, Racial Legacies, and the COVID-19 Racial Death Gap*. Micah Pyles, Western Carolina University, Asa Iacobucci, Bridgewater State University
- *Two Paths, One Destination: A Comparative Study of Black Community Expulsions in Texas and Missouri*. Dr. Hollie A. Teague, Independent Scholar

77. Professions Committee: Grant Writing With Special Focus on Non-Profit Organizations [Workshop]
Saturday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Virtual Room D

Organizer: Alexandra "Xan" C.H. Nowakowski, Florida State University College of Medicine
Chair: Alexandra "Xan" C.H. Nowakowski, Florida State University College of Medicine

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