

# Unfinished Business: The Quest for Inclusion



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Association Meetings

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4736 Best Road  
College Park  
Atlanta, Georgia 30337**

# About the Mid-South Sociological Association

## Purpose

The Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) is a nonprofit professional organization which promotes the study and understanding of sociological and related issues and problems. Professional interests include crime, aging, deviance, demography, environment, family, education, race and ethnic relations, religion, global and community development, occupations, health, inequality, gender, corrections, community, political economy, science and technology, urban/rural, law, ecology, and others.

## Membership

The membership comprises sociologists and other social scientists who come from colleges and universities, various levels of government, and nonprofit social agencies. Membership policy imposes no geographical restrictions. All professionals with interests in sociological and social science topics are welcome as members. Payment of the \$40 annual dues for regular membership (\$20 for students) includes subscriptions to the journal, *Sociological Spectrum*, and the *Forum* newsletter.

## Meetings

Membership in the MSSA and participation in annual meetings offer advantages to sociologists, social scientists, related professionals, and students of sociology. These advantages include exposure to current research on various social topics with opportunities for interactions, networking, and engagement in dialogue on social research issues and problems of mutual interest. The meetings provide a medium for dialogue on research and professional development issues of concern to the discipline and the larger community. Meetings of the MSSA are held annually and are hosted by colleges and universities in different states in the mid-South region.

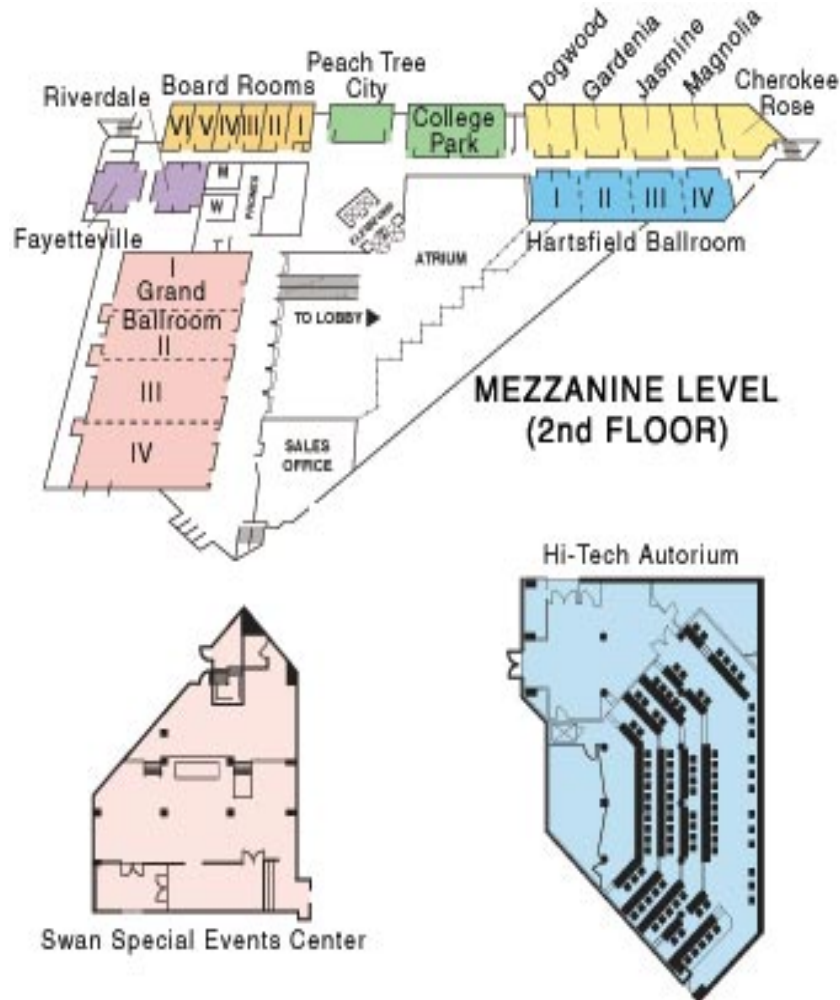
## Publications

The scholarly, refereed journal, *Sociological Spectrum*, is published six times per year. Manuscripts are submitted to the editor and then 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 each year and focuses on news events and affairs of the MSSA.

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# Meeting Rooms for MSSA



- Hartsfield I
- Hartsfield II
- Hartsfield III
- Hartsfield IV
- Cherokee
- Grand Ballroom II
- Grand Ballroom III
- Grand Ballroom IV
- Peach Tree City
- Atrium

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Joan Schabert, Tennessee Tech University

# Program Summary

## 2005 Mid-South Sociological Association Meetings

### Wednesday, October 26

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Executive Council I** –Peachtree City

**4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Registration** – Grand Ballroom III  
 Foyer

**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sociological Spectrum Editorial  
 Board Meeting** – Peachtree City

**7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.**  
**President's Welcoming Reception -**  
 Grand Ballroom III

### Thursday, October 27

**8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Registration** – Grand Ballroom III Foyer

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Small and Community Colleges Breakfast --** Hotel  
 Restaurant

**8:00 a.m. -- 9:30 a.m.**

1. **Graduate Paper Competition** –  
 Peach Tree City
2. **Alcohol, Drugs and Social Policy** –  
 Hartsfield II
3. **WWW.Sociology@Internet.com:**  
**Sociology On-line** – Hartsfield III
4. **Medical Sociology** – Hartsfield IV
5. **Race Relations in the University Settings**  
 – Grand Ballroom II
6. **Social Movements I** – Cherokee
7. **Sociology of Environment and Risk** –  
 Hartsfield I

**9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

8. **Global Sociology I** – Hartsfield I
9. **Sociology of Meditation** – Hartsfield II
10. **The Intersection of Biography and  
 History** – Hartsfield III
11. **Sociology of Education I** – Hartsfield IV
12. **Gender and Work Research in Progress--**  
 Cherokee
13. **Gender and Sexuality** – Peach Tree City
14. **Environment and Health I** – Grand  
 Ballroom II

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Minority Caucus Luncheon** – Hotel  
 Restaurant

**12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

15. **Becoming an Officer in the MSSA** –  
 Hartsfield I
16. **Hurricane Katrina --** Hartsfield III
17. **Sociology of Poverty and  
 Underdevelopment I** – Hartsfield II
18. **Historical Sociology** – Hartsfield IV
19. **Domestic Violence --** Cherokee
20. **Religion, War and Peace** – Peach Tree City
21. **The Social Indicators and the Quality of  
 Life** – Grand Ballroom II

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

22. **The Sociology of Art** -- Hartsfield I
23. **Applied Sociology and Community Activism** -- Hartsfield II
24. **Social Theory** – Hartsfield III
25. **The Sociology of Sexuality: Current Research Trends** -- Hartsfield IV
26. **Work and Organizations** -- Peach Tree City
27. **Are African-American Professional Conferences Still a Necessity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?** -- Cherokee
28. **Undergraduate Paper Competition** – Grand Ballroom II

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Cash Bar** – Grand Ballroom III Foyer

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**MSSA Banquet, Awards Ceremony, Business Meeting, and Presidential Address** – Grand Ballroom IV

**7:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.**

**Dance** – Grand Ballroom III

## **Friday, October 22**

**8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Registration** – Grand Ballroom III Foyer

**8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

29. **Top Ten Reasons You Might Not Get Published** – Peach Tree City
30. **Health Care and People of Color I** – Hartsfield II
31. **Contemporary Issues and Challenges Facing Native Americans : Power, Culture, and Economy** – Hartsfield III
32. **Racial and Ethnic Relations** – Hartsfield IV

33. **Teaching Sociology** -- Cherokee

34. **Sociology of Education III** – Grand Ballroom II

35. **Environment and Health II** – Hartsfield I

**9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**Executive Council II** – Peach Tree City

36. **Marriage and Family**-- Hartsfield I

37. **Health Care and People of Color II** -- Hartsfield II

38. **Medical Sociology II** – Hartsfield III

39. **Culture, Religion, and Ethnicity in the American South** – Hartsfield IV

40. **Culture and Power** – Grand Ballroom II

41. **Sociology of Gender and Sport** – Cherokee

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Women's Caucus Luncheon** – Hotel Restaurant

**12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

42. **Global Sociology II** – Grand Ballroom II

43. **Sociology of Poverty and Underdevelopment II** – Hartsfield I

44. **Criminology and Deviant Behavior** -- Hartsfield II

45. **Interesting Sociology** – Hartsfield III

46. **Qualitative Methodology** -- Cherokee

47. **Issues and Concerns in Teaching Courses on Diversity** – Peach Tree City

48. **Gender Research in Progress** – Hartsfield IV

**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

- 49. **Unfinished Business: Issues in Race, Crime, and Social Control --** Hartsfield I
- 50. **Sexuality in the 21st Century –** Hartsfield II
- 51. **Space, Race and the Study of Mortality –** Hartsfield III
- 52. **Social Movements II –** Hartsfield IV
- 53. **Eclectic Sociology –** Peach Tree City
- 54. **A Sociological Understanding of Casino Gambling: The Effects of Race, Class, and Gender –** Grand Ballroom II
- 55. **Sociology of Deviance --** Cherokee

**4:15p.m. – 5:45p.m.**

**Plenary Address-Grand Ballroom IV**

**5:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**President's Reception - Atrium**

## **Saturday, October 29**

**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Registration**

**8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

- 56. **Latino Immigration in the South –** Hartsfield I

- 57. **Poster Sessions –** Peach Tree City

- 58. **Preparing for Entry and Success in Graduate School --** Hartsfield II

- 59. **Personal Stories –** Hartsfield III

- 60. **Sociology of Education II –** Hartsfield IV

**9:45 a. m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**Executive Council III –** Hartsfield II

- 61. **Urban and Community Sociology --** Hartsfield I

- 62. **Social Ethics –** Hartsfield III

- 63. **Social Psychology –** Hartsfield IV

- 64. **Service-Learning, Community Partnerships and Student Growth –** Peach Tree City

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Small and Community College Committee Breakfast.....Hotel Restaurant

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1. Graduate Paper Competition.....PeachTree City  
Organizer: *David Gay, University of Central Florida*

*Jessica Beyer, University of Central Florida*  
*Chantel Dufrene, University of Central Florida*  
*Kristina Dzara, Southern Illinois University*  
*Meggan M. Jordan, University of Central Florida*  
*Christopher W. Purser and Wesley L. James, Mississippi State University*

2. **Alcohol, Drugs, and Social Policy** .....Hartsfield II  
Organizers: *John Hall, Tulane University*

[jhall@tulane.edu](mailto:jhall@tulane.edu)

*Geoffrey L. McIntyre, Troy UniversityMontgomery, Auburn University Montgomery*  
[geoffmci@bellsouth.net](mailto:geoffmci@bellsouth.net)

“Funding Addictions Treatment and Social Policies: A Commentary”  
*Geoff McIntyre, Troy University Montgomery, Auburn University*

“Do Winners Hang with Winners: A Network Analysis of Clients in a Drug Treatment Program”  
*Mitchell B. Mackinem, Claflin University*

“Binge Drinking by College Students: Longitudinal Tests of Two Theories of Deviant Behavior”  
*Keith Durkin, Chad Horstman, Brittani Knisley, and Rodd Closson, Ohio Northern University*

“Homo Sacer and the Drug Trade”  
*Stuart Zisman, University of Northern Colorado*

3. **WWW.Sociology@Internet.com: Sociology On-line** .....Hartsfield III  
 Organizer: *B. Gerry Coulter, Bishop's University*  
[gcoulter@ubishops.ca](mailto:gcoulter@ubishops.ca)
- “Principles of Internet Referencing for Sociology”  
*Fred Winckleman, Washington University*
- “The Internet as a Sociological Resource in the Classroom”  
*Barry Johnstone, Temple University*
- “Sustaining a Scholarly Journal on the Internet: The International Journal of Baudrillard Studies in Year III”  
*Gerry Coulter, Bishop's University*
4. **Medical Sociology III** .....Hartsfield IV  
 Organizer: *C. Eddie Palmer, University of Louisiana at Lafayette*  
[palmer@louisiana.edu](mailto:palmer@louisiana.edu)
- “Syndromal Depression and Generalized Anxiety among Elderly Mexican-American and Non-Hispanic White Residents of a United States-Mexico Border City,”  
*Peter L. Heller, Middle Tennessee State University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center-El Paso, David F. Briones, Martin Guerrero, Jr., James A. Wilcox, Elizabeth M. Ledger TTUHSC-El Paso, and Randolph B. Schiffer, TTUHSC-Lubbock*
- “Responding to Hurricane Katrina: Stress, Strain, and Adaptation among Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics,”  
*Sheryl M. Gonsoulin and C. Eddie Palmer, University of Louisiana at Lafayette*
- “Access to Care and Perceived Health Status: A Multi-Method Study from the Mississippi Delta”  
*John J. Green and Albert B. Nylander III, Delta State University*
- Discussant: *C. Eddie Palmer, University of Louisiana at Lafayette*
5. **Race Relations in the University Setting**.....Grand Ballroom II  
 Organizer: *Diane C. Keithly, Southern University*  
[Dckethly@aol.com](mailto:Dckethly@aol.com)
- Shirley Rombough, Great Basin College*  
[srom@gbcnv.edu](mailto:srom@gbcnv.edu)
- “Gross Underutilization of Learning Disability Rights and Accommodation Services by African American College Students: College Counselor Ineptitude or Condition of Self-Disclosure Refusal?”  
*Dawood H. Sultan, Jayme D. Crawford, and Tammy D. Lauderdale, University of Tennessee at Martin*
- “Ethnic Preference in University Admissions: The Case of Nigeria”  
*Anthony Igiede, Southern University*
- “Global-Village World: Implications for United States Inter-Group Relations”  
*Riad Yehya, Southern University*
- “Factors Influencing Race and Gender Inequities in Higher Education”  
*Alma Thornton, Southern University*  
*Francis Staten, Grambling State University*

6. **Social Movements I**.....Cherokee  
Organizer: *Tim Gongaware, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse*  
[gongawar.timo@uwlax.edu](mailto:gongawar.timo@uwlax.edu)

“Phenomenology in the Land of Social Movements”

*Armando Cisneros Sosa, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Azcapotzalco Mexico*

“Environmental Racism or Environmental Justice? A Theoretical Study of Framing in the Environmental Justice Movement”

*Michelle Petrie, Spring Hill College*

“To Grieve or Not to Grieve? A C.A.S.E. for Social Movement Success”

*Barry Durbin, Oklahoma State University*

7. **Sociology of Environment and Risk**.....Hartsfield I  
Organizer: *Duane A. Gill, Mississippi State University*  
[duane.gill@ssrc.msstate.edu](mailto:duane.gill@ssrc.msstate.edu)

“The Water Reuse Toolbox: Overcoming Public Opposition to Water Reuse”

*Demond Miller, Kauser Jahan, Joseph Orlins, Mark Weaver, John Hassler, Jess Everett, Jason Rivera, and Charles Ozuna, Rowan University*

“Inglehart’s Theory of Environmentalism: Does it Stand the Test in the Middle East?”

*Madalla Alibeli, University of Memphis*

*Duane A. Gill, Mississippi State University*

“Social Capital and Risk: Conceptual and Theoretical Linkages”

*Liesel A. Ritchie, Western Michigan University*

*Duane A. Gill, Mississippi State University*

“The Use of Social Science in Support of Offshore Environmental Management”

*Rodney E. Cluck, U.S. Department of the Interior*

**9:45 a.m.—11:15 a.m.**

8. **Global Sociology**.....Hartsfield I  
Organizer & Discussant:  
*Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University*  
[sadu-mireku@uncfsu.edu](mailto:sadu-mireku@uncfsu.edu)

“U.S. versus China: A Comparative Science and Technology (S&T) Workforce Assessment”

*Yu Tao and Willie Pearson Jr., Georgia Institute of Technology*

“The U.S. – IRAQ Situation: An Analysis of Public Opinion and the View Promoted by the Current Administration”

*Lynne Rich and Wolfgang Frese, Mississippi State University*

“Sociodemographic Correlates of Sexual Violence among Teacher Training College Students in Ghana”

*Samuel Adu-Mireku, Melissa Davis, and Michele Smith, Fayetteville State University*

9. **Sociology of Meditation**.....Hartsfield II  
 Organizer: *Shanta Sharma, Henderson State University*  
[Sharma@hsu.edu](mailto:Sharma@hsu.edu)
- “Zen Meditation and Mongolian Culture”  
*Kinko Ito, University of Arkansas, Little Rock*
- “The Sociology of Meditation: Training Your Intuitive Self – Cushion of Self Esteem and Decision Making”  
*Caroline Westerhof, Florida Metropolitan University, Pinellas-Clearwater*
- “The Impact of Meditation on Attitudes”  
*Farah Gilanshah, University of Minnesota, Morris*
- “Socialization of Meditation- Self Development”  
*Shanta Sharma, Henderson State University*
10. **The Intersection of Biography and History** .....Hartsfield III  
 Organizer: *Paul Luken, University of West Georgia*  
[pluken@toast.net](mailto:pluken@toast.net)
- “Life Stories, History and the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of West Georgia”  
*Paul Luken, University of West Georgia*
- “Research Activities: Uncovering the Department of Sociology and Criminology”  
*Patricia Pinkard and D. West Gresham, University of West Georgia*
- “The Value of Interview Data”  
*Dana Beard, University of West Georgia*
- “The Department of Sociology and Criminology in Social Context”  
*Paul Lewis, University of West Georgia*
11. **Sociology of Education I**.....Hartsfield IV  
 Organizer: *Frederique Van de Poel-Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University*  
[frederique.knottnerus@okstate.edu](mailto:frederique.knottnerus@okstate.edu)
- “A Call to Arms: The Impact of the Conservative Debate on Sociology”  
*Thomas W. Brignall III, Tennessee Tech University*
- “Predictors of Academic Performance of University Students: An Application of the Goal Efficacy Model”  
*Roger Klomegah, Fayetteville State University*
- “Identifying White-Flight Segregationist Academies: Experimental Results and Future Prospects”  
*Jeremy R. Porter and Frank M. Howell, Mississippi State University*
12. **Gender and Work Research in Progress** .....Cherokee  
 Organizer: *Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University*  
[jaeller@mtsu.edu](mailto:jaeller@mtsu.edu)
- “Women in Nontraditional Blue-Collar Work: An Investigation of Job Retainment”  
*Diana Lovvorn Ledbetter, West Georgia College and University*
- “‘It Wouldn’t Be Nontraditional If You Had More Women Doing It’: Southern Women in Nontraditional Occupations”  
*Lachelle Norris and Heather Craig, Tennessee Tech University*
- “Men at Work: Teaching and Masculinity in the Classroom”  
*Lorraine Evans, Augusta State University*



13. **Gender and Sexuality**.....Peach Tree City  
 Organizer: *Reshmi Chowdhury, University of Lafayette*  
[RChowdhury\\_85@hotmail.com](mailto:RChowdhury_85@hotmail.com)
- “‘It’s Dog’s Night Baby and We’re All Gonna Score!’ Achieving Masculinity through Hogging”  
*Ariane Prohaska, The University of Akron*  
*Jeannine A. Gailey, Texas Christian University.*
- “Circumcising Would-be Daughters: A Sociological Discursive on the Likelihood of Mutilative Surgery”  
*Dawood H. Sultan, University of Tennessee at Martin.*
- “Why I told Mom First: A Literature Review on the Social Construction of Motherhood and Fatherhood in Relation to Disclosure Trends.”  
*Marni Kahn ,Georgia State University.*
- “Explaining Comfort with Homosexuality among Social Work Students: The Impact of Demographic, Contextual and Attitudinal Factors”  
*Eric Swank, Morehead State University and Lisa Raiz, Ohio State University*
14. **Environment and Health I**.....Grand Ballroom II  
 Organizer and President: *Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans*  
[fadeola@uno.edu](mailto:fadeola@uno.edu)
- “The Systematic Incorporation of Social Elements into the Dose-Response Relationship of Environmental Justice Measurement Tools”  
*Dorothy Stevens, Georgia State University*
- “Chapter 11 of NAFTA: How it Supersedes the Power of State and National Governments to Enact Environmental Health Laws”  
*Stuart Zisman, University of Northern Colorado*
- “Persistent Organic Pollutants and Precautionary Principles Revisited: Persistent Negative Externalities on Environment and Health predominate”  
*Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans*
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**.....Hotel Restaurant  
**Minority Caucus Luncheon**
- 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.**
15. **Becoming an Officer in MSSA (Panel)** .....Hartsfield I  
 Organizers: *Thomas Calhoun, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*  
[tcalhoun@siu.edu](mailto:tcalhoun@siu.edu)
- Clifton Bryant, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University*  
[cbryant@vt.edu](mailto:cbryant@vt.edu)
- Jackie Eller, Middle Tennessee State University*  
[jaeller@mtsu.edu](mailto:jaeller@mtsu.edu)
16. **Hurricane Katrina (Roundtable)** .....Hartsfield III  
 Organizer and President: *Dawood H. Sultan, The University of Tennessee at Martin*  
[dsultan@utm.edu](mailto:dsultan@utm.edu)
- Participants:  
*Liesel Ritchie, Western Michigan University*  
*Dennis R. McSeveney, University of New Orleans*  
*Thomas J. Durant, Louisiana State University*  
*Duane A. Gill, Mississippi State University*  
*Demond Miller, Rowan University*

17. **Sociology of Poverty and Underdevelopment I** .....Hartsfield II  
 Organizer and Presider: *Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans*  
[fadeola@uno.edu](mailto:fadeola@uno.edu)
- “Poverty and Conspicuous Consumption Lifestyles Portrayed in Popular Culture: Ethical Concerns”  
*Toni Y. Sims and George Wooddell, University of Louisiana, Lafayette*
- “School Re-Segregation, Poverty, and Class Inequality in Urban School Districts”  
*Cheryl Mills, Southern University*
- “Explaining Population Churn: Mass Society, Social Capital and Community Churn”  
*Delores A. Forbes-Edelen, University of Central Florida*
18. **Historical Sociology** .....Hartsfield IV  
 Organizer: *Earl Wright II, Fisk University*  
[ewright@fisk.edu](mailto:ewright@fisk.edu)
- Marianne Fisher-Giorlando, Grambling State University*  
[fisher-giorlando@tcaineternet.com](mailto:fisher-giorlando@tcaineternet.com)
- “Condemned to Death: Slave Executions in Louisiana, 1835-1862”  
*Marianne Fisher-Giorlando, Grambling State University*
- “Fisk University and American Sociology, 1911-1956”  
*Earl Wright II, Fisk University*
19. **Domestic Violence** .....Cherokee  
 Organizer: *Rhonda D. Evans, University of Louisiana, Lafayette*  
[rde8498@louisiana.edu](mailto:rde8498@louisiana.edu)
- Kathy Smith, Martin Methodist College*  
[ksmith@vallnet.com](mailto:ksmith@vallnet.com)
- “Male Victims of Domestic Violence”  
*Kathy Smith, Martin Methodist College*
- “Community Response to Domestic Violence”  
*Jane McCandless, University of West Georgia*
- “Battering Tactics Among Females: A Study of Incident Reports of Court Referred Females”  
*Russell D. Ward, Jr, John P. Muldoon, and Rebekah Norris, Francis Marion University*
- “Violence Against Women in Africa”  
*Bukola Asunyanmi, Nigeria*

20. **Religion, War and Peace** .....Peach Tree City  
 Organizer: *V.V. Prakasa Rao, Jackson State University*  
[dycusa@aol.com](mailto:dycusa@aol.com)
- “Religious Preference, Attendance Rates and Military Personnel Decisions”  
*Stacia Creek, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*
- “Religion and Terrorism: A Relative Social Construct for the Force Behind Political Violence and Social Cleavages”  
*Leon Newton, Jackson State University*
- “Have Predicted Positive Elements Manifested as a Result of 200,000 Vedic Pundits Practicing Superradiance Techniques.”  
*Stuart Zisman, University of Northern Colorado*
- “Religion and Spirituality: How do we stop Violence and promote Peace in the World?”  
*V. V. Prakasa Rao, Jackson State University.*
21. **The Social Indicators and the Quality of Life**.....Grand Ballroom II  
 Organizer and Presider: *Abbott L. Ferriss, Emory*  
[fabbott@emory.edu](mailto:fabbott@emory.edu)
- “Toward a Positive Sociology”  
*Dennis L. Peck, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa*
- “Spiritual Capital and the Good Life”  
*Robert A. Wortham, North Carolina Central University*  
*Carol Barbee Wortham, Shaw University*
- “Elderly Quality of Life in Rural Middle Tennessee”  
*Harsha N. Mookherjee, Tennessee Technological University*
- “A Framework for a Sociology of the Good Life”  
*Abbott L. Ferris, Emory University*
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
22. **The Sociology of Art** .....Hartsfield I  
 Organizer: *B. Gerry Coulter, Bishop’s University*  
[gcoulter@ubishops.ca](mailto:gcoulter@ubishops.ca)
- “Culture, Identity and Jazz”  
*William S. White, University of New Orleans*
- “The Social Implications of Aspects of Pre-Historic Art and the Concept of the Homo-Sacer”  
*Stuart Zisman, University of Northern Colorado*
- “Contemporary Art and Social Theory in Canada”  
*Gerry Coulter, Bishop’s University*
- “Deviance in Early Modern Spanish Literature: A Sociological Resolution for Literary Indeterminacy”  
*Michael Phillip Kristiansen, University of the Ozarks*

23. **Applied Sociology and Community Activism** (Women’s Caucus).....Hartsfield II  
 Organizer: *Cheryl Brown, Greensboro College*  
[cbrown@gborocollege.edu](mailto:cbrown@gborocollege.edu)
- “‘Righteous Among the Nations’: Danish Resistance Under Nazi Occupation”  
*Shirlee A. Owens, University of Louisiana at Monroe*
- “A Committee to Study the Causes of Hate-speech and Harassment”  
*Andrew Austin, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay*
- “Community Response to Domestic Violence”  
*Jane McCandless, University of West Georgia, Carrollton*
- “Bridging Two worlds: Working with Latino Youth in Mexico and North Carolina:  
*Ascary Arias, Greensboro College*
24. **Social Theory**.....Hartsfield III  
 Organizer: *J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University*  
[jdk2307@okstate.edu](mailto:jdk2307@okstate.edu)
- “Soren Kierkegaard: Postmodernism’s Neglected Founding Father.”  
*Garrison Thompson, University of Mobile*
- “‘Weberian Legacy’ and the Conceptualization of Nationalism in the Context of the Secularization Process.”  
*Tugrul Keskingoren, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*
- “The Growing Impact of Ritual in Sociology: A Comparison of Two Theoretical Programs – Interaction Ritual Chains and Structural Ritualization.”  
*P. Alex Thornburg and J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University*
- “Maslow’s Growth Needs in Economic Organizations and the Implications for Social Change”  
*David Sims, University of Louisiana at Monroe*
25. **The Sociology of Sexuality: Current Research Trends**.....Hartsfield IV  
 Organizer: *Danielle Hidalgo, Tulane University,*  
[dhidalgo@tulane.edu](mailto:dhidalgo@tulane.edu)
- “Determinants of Negative Attitudes Toward Homosexuality: Political and Moral Intolerance”  
*John Lynxwiler and Joan Morris , University of Central Florida, Orlando*
- “‘Friends of Dorothy’ as Friends of the Court: Lesbian and Gay Boundary Work before the Supreme Court”  
*Gregory Maddox, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*
- “Eating Disorders among Young African American Females: Conversions to Dominant Sexy Body Ideals or Unintended Consequences of Differential Association”  
*Caroline R. Tippens and Dawood H. Sultan, University of Tennessee Martin*
- “If Not Me, Then Who?: Activists in the HIV/AIDS- Education/Prevention/Support Effort and the African American Community”  
*Anita Winfrey Thompson, University of Georgia*

26. **Work and Organizations** .....Peach Tree City  
 Organizer: *Song Yang, University of Arkansas*  
[yangw@cavern.uark.edu](mailto:yangw@cavern.uark.edu)
- “POET Revisited: A Reanalysis and Expansion of Albrecht and Murdock’s Part-Time Farming Model”  
*Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University*
- “Learning to Labor on the Informational Backroads”  
*Arthur S. Wilke, Auburn University*
- “A Unique Source of Income Penalty for Hispanic Workers: Evidences from a Recent California Worforce Survey”  
*Song Yang, University of Arkansas*
27. **Are African American Professional Conferences Still a Necessity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?** (Panel) .....Cherokee  
 Organizer: *Shirley Rainey, Chair of the Committee on the Profession*
- Participants: *Thomas Durant, Louisiana State University*  
*Ollie G. Christian, Southern University*  
*Thomas Calhoun, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*  
*Janice Duncan, Hinds Community College*
28. **Undergraduate Paper Competition**.....Hartsfield IV  
 Organizer: *Keith Durkin, University of Northern Ohio*  
[k-durkin@uno.edu](mailto:k-durkin@uno.edu)
- Ashley Sharpe, Samford University*  
*Jung Mee Park, Columbia University*  
*Jackson Bunch, University of Southern Mississippi*  
*Jennifer McClure Lassiter, Appalachian State University*  
*Megan Crisp, University of Central Florida*
- 6:00 p.m. -- 7:00 p.m.**  
**Cash Bar** .....Ballroom III
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**MSSA Banquet, Awards Ceremony, Presidential Address and Business Meeting**  
 “Conceptualizing Secondary Disasters: Insights from Hurricane Katrina”  
*Duane Gill, Mississippi State University*.....Ballroom IV
- 9:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.**  
**Dance** .....Ballroom III
- Friday, October 28**
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  
 29. **Top Ten Reasons You Might Not Get Published** .....Peach Tree City
- Organizer: *DeAnn Kalich, University of Louisiana, Lafayette*  
[deannkalich@louisiana.edu](mailto:deannkalich@louisiana.edu)
- Panelists:  
*Jay Corzine, University of Central Florida*  
*Keith Durkin, Ohio Northern University*  
*Rhonda D. Evans, University of Louisiana at Lafayette*  
*DeAnn M. Kalich, University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

30. **Health Care and People of Color I** .....Hartsfield II  
 Organizer: *Ollie G. Christian, Southern University and A&M College*  
[ogchristian@yahoo.com](mailto:ogchristian@yahoo.com)  
 President: *Janice Duncan, Hinds Community College*
- “The Social Effects of Medicaid Policy in Mississippi on Disadvantaged Black Elderly and the Social Psychological Effects on Caregiving”  
*Janice Duncan, Hinds Community College*
- “Attitudes and Perceptions of Sexual Practices and Contraceptives among African-American College Students”  
*Christopher Hunte, Southern University*  
*LaSheila S. Williams, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*
- “The Blum Model”  
*Stuart Zisman, University of Northern Colorado*
- “Oral Health Disparities Among People of Color in the United States”  
*Mark Scarbecz, University of Tennessee*
- Discussant: *Ollie G. Christian*
31. **Contemporary Issues and Challenges Facing Native Americans: Power, Culture and Economy** ..Hartsfield III  
 Organizer and President: *Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University*  
[socdua@lsu.edu](mailto:socdua@lsu.edu)
- “Negotiations and Transcendancy in Contemporary Native American Powwows”  
*J. David Knottnerus, Jean VanDelinder, and Kristina E. Smith, Oklahoma State University*
- “Patterns of Casino Gambling & Their Influence on Native American Reservations”  
*Thomas J. Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University*  
*Aaryn Ward, Louisiana State University*
- “Playing Indian”: Black Seminoles in Oklahoma and Their Struggle for Recognition”  
*Ray von Roberston, Jean VanDelinder, and J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University*
- “A New Tribe: Juvenile Delinquency and Gangs Among Native Americans”  
*Chanika Jones, Louisiana State University*  
*Hagi Bradley, Louisiana State University*
32. **Racial and Ethnic Relations** .....Hartsfield IV  
 Organizer: *Dana Greene, Appalachian State University*  
[greenedm@appstate.edu](mailto:greenedm@appstate.edu)
- “The Importance of Pre-School for Early Achievement”  
*Shelly L. Brown, University of North Carolina, Greensboro.*
- “Spaniards Social Distance from Immigrant and Ethnic Minorities in Spain”  
*Marcel Ionescu, Tulane University*
- “Extensiveness of Mormon Faith and Practice Among Native Peoples: A Case Study of Religious Life on the Catawba Reservation in Rock Hill, SC”  
*Dana Greene, Appalachian State University*  
*Whitney Hodges, Wake Forest University*

33. **Teaching Sociology** .....Cherokee  
 Organizer: *Russell Burton, Washburn University*  
[russell.burton@washburn.edu](mailto:russell.burton@washburn.edu)
- “Making a Game of Learning Social Problems: Alternative Teaching Methods for Sociology”  
*Holly R. Carter, Augusta State University*
- “Intergenerational Transmission of Sociology- ‘Teach Your Children Well’”  
*Russell Burton, Washburn University*
- “Teaching African-American Women’s Experiences with Intimate Male Partner Violence: Using Testimony as Text in Sociology of Gender Violence Pedagogy”  
*Shondrah Tarrezz Nash, Morehead State University*
- “Teaching Theory: The Deep End of the Pool”  
*B. Gerry Coulter, Bishop’s University*
34. **Sociology of Education III**.....Grand Ballroom II  
 Organizer: *Frederique Van de Poel-Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University,*  
[frederique.knottnerus@okstate.edu](mailto:frederique.knottnerus@okstate.edu)
- “How Do Students View the Process of ‘Student Evaluation of Instruction?’”  
*Larry D. Hall, Spring Hill College*
- “Non-Traditional Female College Students: Great Expectations”  
*Gail R. Nelson, California State University, Bakersfield*
- “The Relationship between Social Factors and Academic Achievement among African-American College Students”  
*Sandra Willis-Theus, Bossier Parish Community College*  
*Ronnie L. Davis, Grambling State University*  
*Frances A. Staten, Grambling State University*  
*Alma Thornton, Southern University*
35. **Environment and Health II** .....Hartsfield I  
 Organizer and President: *Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans*  
[fadeola@uno.edu](mailto:fadeola@uno.edu)
- Discussant: *Valerie J. Gunter, University of New Orleans*
- “Addressing Social Oppression as a Barrier to Environmental Justice Community Collaborations”  
*Kike Ojo, Department of Watershed Management, City of Atlanta*  
*Dorothy Stephens, Georgia State University*
- “The Association of Mississippi Head Start Mothers and Environmental Awareness”  
*LaToria Whitehead, Mercer University*
- “Public Perception of Environmental Justice Concerns Among Residents of Clarksville, Tennessee”  
*Shirley A. Rainey, Austin Peay State University*
- “Foreign Direct Investment: Different Effects in Different Countries”  
*Diogo L. Pinheiro, Emory University*

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

- Executive Council II**.....Peach Tree City
36. **Marriage and Family** .....Hartsfield I  
Organizer and Discussant: *Robert S. Bausch, Cameron University*  
[rbausch@cameron.edu](mailto:rbausch@cameron.edu)
- “Marital Satisfaction and Instability in Chinese Marriages: A Comparative Study Across the Taiwan Strait”  
*Xiaohu Xu and Christy Flatt, Mississippi State University*
- “The Failure of Social Theory to Explain Arranged Marriage”  
*Lewellyn Hendrix, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*
- “Meditation as a Process of Empowering Families”  
*Joyce Shephard, Henderson State University*
- “African American Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Physical and Psychological Impact of the Caregiver Role”  
*Dorothy Ruiz, University of North Carolina at Charlotte*
37. **Health Care and People of Color II** .....Hartsfield II  
Organizer and President: *Ollie G. Christian, Southern University and A&M College*  
[ogchristian@yahoo.com](mailto:ogchristian@yahoo.com)
- “Born Unequal: Ethnic and Racial Stratification in Health and Health Care”  
*Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University*
- “New Challenges for African-American Seniors: Prevalence, Disparities and Risk for Patients with Alzheimers Disease”  
*Tony Lowe, University of Georgia*
- “An Empirically Based Justice Model for Services Application with African American Families Challenged by the Impact of Alzheimers Disease”  
*June Hopps, University of Georgia Professor Parham*
- “Crisis, Stress Management, Depression and Social Control among Aged Individuals”  
*Ollie Christian and Lauren Malbroux, Southern University*
- Discussant: Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University
38. **Medical Sociology II** .....Hartsfield III  
Organizer: *Jeralynn Cossman, Mississippi State University*  
[cossman@soc.msstate.edu](mailto:cossman@soc.msstate.edu)
- “The Affects of Long-term Poverty on Personal Attitudes Toward Community and Health”  
*Renata B. Alexandre, Middle Tennessee State University*
- “The Health Care Needs of Low-Income and Minority Women with Children in an Environment of Declining Public Health Spending”  
*Patricia Parker, Melissa Sandefur and Vicky MacLean, Middle Tennessee State University*
- “The Impact of the Ryan White CARE Act on Comprehensive Health Care for HIV/AIDS”  
*Christopher Pell, Middle Tennessee State University*
- “Shadow of the Past? Assessing Racial Differences in Confidence in the Institutions of Science and Medicine”  
*Mamadi Corra, East Carolina University and J. Scott Carter, Middle Tennessee State University*



39. **Culture, Religion, & Ethnicity in the American South** .....Hartsfield IV  
Organizer: *Dana Greene, Appalachian State University*  
[greenedm@appstate.edu](mailto:greenedm@appstate.edu)

Panel Moderator: *Shelly Brown, University of North Carolina, Greensboro*

“Constructing a Southern Jewish Identity in the American South: a Triad of Identity”  
*Dana Greene, Appalachian State University*

“Rape Myths in Central Appalachia”  
*Holly Haywood, Morehead State University*

“Local Attitudes and Perceptions of Heritage Tourism in the Mississippi Delta”  
*Alan Barton, Delta State University*

40. **Culture and Power** .....Grand Ballroom II  
Organizer: *J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater*  
[jdk2307@okstate.edu](mailto:jdk2307@okstate.edu)

“The Appalachian Trail: A Cultural Object”  
*Kristi E. McLeod and Christopher W. Bounds, Mississippi State University*

“Culture of Intimidation: Power Relationships and the Development of Culture in Oak Ridge, TN”  
*Barry Durbin, Oklahoma State University*

“The Cultural Meaning of Trail Magic along the Appalachian Trail”  
*Christopher W. Bounds and Kristi McLeod, Mississippi State University*

41. **Sociology of Gender & Sport** .....Cherokee  
Organizer: *Ruth Chananie, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*  
[chananie@siu.edu](mailto:chananie@siu.edu)

“The Social Construction of Homophobia in Sport as a Social Problem”  
*Suzanne Stoelting, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

“Perceptions of and Experiences with Physicality in Female High School Basketball Players”  
*Melissa Hicks, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

“Collegiate Women Bodybuilders as a Deviant Subculture”  
*Shelly McGrath, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

**11:15a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Women’s Caucus Luncheon** .....Hotel Restaurant

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

42. **Global Sociology II** .....Grand Ballroom II  
Organizer: *Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University*  
[sadu-mireku@uncfsu.edu](mailto:sadu-mireku@uncfsu.edu)
- “China's Great Western Development Program: Internal Colonialism in Action”  
*Donald G. Gregory, Reinhardt College*
- “Fascist Trends in U.S. Politics: From Hitler’s American Partners to the Present”  
*Stuart Zisman, University of Northern Colorado*
- “Using Sociological Methods in Health-related Research: Lessons from Sub-Saharan Africa”  
*Samuel Adu-Mireku, Fayetteville State University*
43. **Sociology of Poverty and Underdevelopment II**.....Hartsfield I  
Organizer and President: *Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans*  
[fadeola@uno.edu](mailto:fadeola@uno.edu)
- “Local Labor Market Structure, Employment hardship, and Poverty by Race and Ethnicity”  
*Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University and Ashraf Esmail, Southern University*
- “Rural Poverty Alleviation Strategies in Nigeria: Withal?”  
*Olayiwola O. Fasoranti, Adekunle Ajashin University at Akungba-Akoko, Nigeria*
- “Population Churn: The Migration Flow of Florida”  
*Marguerite F. Cashen, Florida Metropolitan University*
- “Poverty in USA: Empirical Analysis of Racial Divergence in Public Attitudes Concerning the Roots of Poverty”  
*Francis O. Adeola, University of New Orleans*
44. **Criminology and Deviant Behavior**.....Hartsfield II  
Organizers: *Heith Copes, University of Alabama Birmingham*  
[jhcopes@uab.edu](mailto:jhcopes@uab.edu)
- Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana Lafayette*  
[cjf5714@louisiana.edu](mailto:cjf5714@louisiana.edu)
- “Sex Offender Laws in Florida: An Integrative Approach”  
*Jaime Burns and Mark Vermillion, Oklahoma State University*
- “Jellyfish, Eagles, and Hyenas: A Sociological Taxonomy of Child Abductors”  
*Hua-Lun Huang and Craig J Forsyth, University of Louisiana Lafayette*
- “The Tasks of Bounty Hunters and Bail Agents”  
*Heith Copes, University of Alabama, Birmingham*  
*Craig J Forsyth, University of Louisiana Lafayette*
- “Sex Rules: Edicts of Control in Exotic Dancing”  
*Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University*  
*Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana Lafayette*
- Discussant: *Carol Y. Thompson, Texas Christian University*

45. **Interesting Sociology** .....Hartsfield III  
 Organizer: *Clifton Bryant, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, [cbryant@vt.edu](mailto:cbryant@vt.edu)*
- “Partyboing’: Some Sociological Observations on an Emerging Form of Deviant Behavior”  
*Keith F. Durkin and Scott E. Wolfe, Ohio Northern University*
- “A Close Look at the Jazz Audience”  
*William Mader, University of Central Florida*
- “Zoological Crime Redux: The Continued Neglect of Animal Crime and Deviance”  
*Clifton D. Bryant, Virginia Tech University*  
*C. Eddie Palmer, University of Louisiana at Lafayette*
- “Sympathy and Social Distance Toward the Homeless in Eastern Kentucky”  
*Misty Dyer, Morehead State University*
46. **Qualitative Methodology (Panel)** .....Cherokee  
 Organizer: *Shondrah Tarrezz Nash, Morehead State University*  
[s.nash@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.nash@moreheadstate.edu)
- “Studying the Sex Industry: The Unexplored Toll on Qualitative Researchers”  
*Bernadette Barton, Morehead State University*
- “Narrative Archival Analysis and Living Ethnography”  
*Rebecca Katz, Morehead State University*
- “The Impact of Religion on Black Longevity in Rural Communities in Northern Louisiana”  
*Frances Staten, Grambling State University*
47. **Issues and Concerns in Teaching Courses on Diversity: Comparing Experiences** .....Peach Tree City  
 Organizers: *Diane C. Keithly, Southern University*  
*Shirley Rombough, University of Texas Pan-American*
- Participants: *Christopher N. Hunte, Southern University*  
*Thomas J. Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University*  
*Dawood H. Sultan, University of Tennessee at Martin*  
*Riad Yehya, Southern University*
48. **Gender Research in Progress** .....Hartsfield IV  
 Organizer: *Kim A. Davies, Augusta State University*  
[kdavies@aug.edu](mailto:kdavies@aug.edu)
- “An Examination of the Lives of Refugee Women in the South: Multiple Contradictions and Confusion”  
*Brenda Hoke and Isa Williams, Agnes Scott College*
- “Excuse me, Ma'am? That's Sir to you!" Perceptions of Butch Privilege in Contemporary Society.”  
*Mikel Walters, Georgia State University*
- “What Does it Mean to Be Masculine?: Racial and Gender Responses”  
*Whitney Bauer, Jeffrey Hall, Gigi Talley, Becky Trigg and Michele Wilson, University of Alabama, Birmingham*
- “Gender Role Reproduction among Women Volunteers and Activists in India:  
 An Ethnographic Study of Ritualization”  
*Aditi Mitra, University of Colorado*  
*J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University*

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

49. **Unfinished Business: Issues in Race, Crime, and Social Control** .....Hartsfield I  
Organizer: *Timothy Clark, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*  
[timclark@siu.edu](mailto:timclark@siu.edu)
- “Cultural Racism: Social Control within the Black Community”  
*Adrain Conyers, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*
- “Finding the Causes of the Tulsa Race Riot: An Integrative Conflict Approach”  
*Chris Messer, Oklahoma State University*
- “The Social Construction of African-American Serial Killers”  
*Kristie Perry, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*
- “Unfinished Business in Racial Justice: Disparities in the Handling of Similar Problems at an HBCU and non-HBCU in Mississippi”  
*Stuart Zisman, University of Northern Colorado*
50. **Sexuality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** .....Hartsfield II  
Organizer: *Bernadette Barton, Morehead State University*  
[bernbarton@yahoo.com](mailto:bernbarton@yahoo.com)
- “Attitudes vs. Actions in Sexual Activities Outside of Relationships”  
*Clark Hudspeth, Jacksonville State University*  
*Xiaohe Xu, Mississippi State University*
- “College Student Sexual Morality”  
*Larry Lance, University of North Carolina*
- “What Students Are Learning from Abstinence Education: A Quantitative Analysis of the ‘Right Choices’ Abstinence-Only Education Program”  
*Marc Matre, Nicole Guidry, and Doriene V. Rhome, University of South Alabama*
51. **Space, Race and the Study of Mortality** .....Hartsfield III  
Organizer: *Jeralynn Cossman, Mississippi State*  
[cossman@soc.msstate.edu](mailto:cossman@soc.msstate.edu)
- “Is Cause of Death Created Equally? Geographic Variation in America’s Leading Causes of Death”  
*Wesley L. James, Jeralynn Sittig Cossman and Ronald E. Cossman, Mississippi State University*
- “Racial Disparities in the Health of Mississippians: An Examination of Cardiovascular Disease, Stroke, Diabetes, and Hypertension”  
*Arthur G. Cosby, Lesli Hutchins, LaQuita Shanks, Oleisha Smith, Lovetta Brown, Tonya Thornton-Neaves, Robert Cameron McMillen, Wesley James, Lynn Rich, and Holli Hitt, Mississippi State University*
- “The Adjustment Dilemma When Regressing Mortality Rates”  
*Carol R. Campbell, Jeralyn Sittig Cossman, Ronald E. Cossman, and Wesley L. James, Mississippi State University*
- “Modernization and Suicide: County-Level Variation in the late Twentieth Century”  
*Jacob T. Walker and Jeralynn Sittig Cossman, Mississippi State University*

52. **Social Movement II** .....Hartsfield IV  
 Organizer: *Reshmi Chowdhury, University of Lafayette*  
[reshmi1974@yahoo.com](mailto:reshmi1974@yahoo.com)
- “Like a Natural Woman: Gender Politics and Collective Identity Formation Among Midwifery Workshop Students At The Farm”  
*Amy Chasteen Miller, University of Southern Mississippi.*
- “Expanding the Brotherhood: Changing Dynamics of Gender in a Rural Brazilian Environmental Organization”  
*Valerie Singer, Oxford College of Emory University*
- “Myths, Practices, and Resistance: Educating a Kenyan Rural Community about HIV/AIDS”  
*Georgianna M. Forrest, Louisiana State University.*
53. **Eclectic Sociology: Four Papers in Search of a Central Theme** .....Peach Tree City  
 Organizer: Thomas Dunn
- “Pediatric Diabetes among Black Youth in East Baton Rouge Parish”  
*Bettye Davis and Alma Page, Southern University*
- “Gender Differences in HIV Testing among High-Risk African-Americans”  
*Antonio L. Jackson, Samuel Adu-Mireku, Ella T. Keller, and Annie M. Chavis, Fayetteville State University*
- “Ultimate Concern and Troubling Things: Dying People Share Their Living”  
*Carolyn Peevey, Auburn University*
- “On Becoming One of Them: Confessions of a Prima Donna Faculty Member Turned Administrator”  
*Thomas Dunn, Troy University*
54. **A Sociological Understanding of Casino Gambling: The Effects of Race, Class, and Gender (Roundtable)**  
 .....Grand Ballroom II  
 Organizer and President: *Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University*  
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- Topics: “The Impact of Casino Gambling on the Social Stratification of Native American Reservations”
- “Place Your Bet: Age and Gender Patterns of Casino Gambling”
- “The Culture of Casinos”
- Participants: *Michael Boutte, Hagi Bradley, Chanika Jones, Jessica Simpson, Aaryn Ward, Louisiana State University, Ollie Christian, Southern University, J. David Knottnerus, Jean VanDelinder, and Ray von Robertson, Oklahoma State University*
55. **Sociology of Deviance**.....Cherokee  
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- “Lady Justice: The Persistence of Gendered Social Institutions”  
*Nicole Flynn, Roma Hanks, Andrea Hunt, and Felicia Woerner, University of South Alabama*
- “Ooh, She’s a Little Runaway – or is She?”  
*Christine Edwards, University of Texas*
- “When in Doubt, Tell the Truth: Pragmatism and the Sociology of Deviance.”  
*Mark Konty, Auburn University*

**4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

**Plenary Address**

“All Bigots Don't Wear White: Sociological Reflections on DIFFERENCES in America”.....Grand Ballroom IV  
*Lena Wright Myers, Ohio University*

**5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

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**8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

56. **Latino Immigration in the South** .....Hartsfield I

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“The Effects of Migrant Remittances on Development in Home Communities”  
*J. Stephen Thomas, University of South Alabama*

“Racial Differences in Self Destructive Behavior Related to Depression”  
*Joseph D. Diaz, Fayetteville State University*

“Latinos and Residential Segregation”  
*Ana-Maria Wahl, Wake Forest University*

“Status Differences in How Latinos Rank Immigrant Community Problems: A Preliminary Analysis of Focus Group Data”  
*Brian L. Rich, Transylvania University*

57. **Poster Sessions** .....Peach Tree City

Organizer: *R. Gregory Dunaway, Mississippi State University*  
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“Social and Psychological Impact of a Natural Disaster: The Case of Hurricane Katrina”  
*Frances Staten, Grambling State University*

“The Effects of Cohort, Gender, and Denomination on Attitudes Toward Same Sex Partners”  
*David Gay, University of Central Florida, Orlando*

“The Quality of Life Concept in Sociology”  
*Abbott L. Ferris, Emory University*

“Exploring American Social Value Priorities: Freedom vs. Equality”  
*Willie Melton, Michigan Technological University*  
*Brenda Hoke, Agnes Scott College*

58. **Preparing for Entry and Success in Graduate School (Panel)**.....Hartsfield II

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59. **Personal Stories (Panel)** .....Hartsfield III  
Organizer: *Kathy Smith, Martin Methodist College*  
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“Mzungu Celebs: Experiencing Africa as a White Woman.”  
*Georgianna M. Forrest, Louisiana State University.*

“Mystory: Personal Experience in Public Discourse.”  
*Kathy A. Smith, Martin Methodist College*

60. **Sociology of Education II** .....Grand Ballroom II  
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“The Problem of Juvenile Delinquency in Nigeria”  
*Olusola Karimu, Adenkunle Ajasin University, Nigeria*

“Stigmatization and Stigma Management Strategy of College Students with Learning Disabilities”  
*Andre Arceneaux, University of Missouri, Columbia*

“The Initiation of Binge Drinking by First Year College Students: An Application of Social Learning Theory”  
*Keith Durkin, Scott E. Wolfe, and Nicole Pierson, University of Northern Ohio*

**9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**Executive Council III** .....Hartsfield II

61. **Urban and Community Sociology** ..... Hartsfield I  
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“Insurance Redlining or Incompetence: Service Learning Students Conduct Insurance Testing with Central Alabama Fair Housing Center”  
*Annette Allen, Alabama State University*

“The Importance of Community Diversity in Responding to Homelessness in Canada’s Urban Centres”  
*Mary Ellen Donnan, Bishop’s University*

“A Longitudinal Analysis of Social Context and Crime in Louisville, KY”  
*Katherine Black, University of Louisville*

“Social Capital and Community Survival Strategies: A Case Story of Tumbasson Village, Trinidad”  
*Clarence R. Talley, University of Louisville*

62. **Social Ethics**.....Hartsfield III  
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“The Stuff of a Lifetime: Reflections on Ethics, Aging and Caregiving”  
*Nancy McElveen, Greensboro College*

“Towards an Ethic of Opportunity”  
*Neill Clegg, Greensboro College*

“Sin in the Arts”  
*Robin Monteith, Greensboro College*

Discussants: *Daniel Malotky and John Woell, Greensboro College*

63. **Social Psychology**.....Hartsfield IV

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“Super-Ordinate Events and the Self-Concept”  
*George Parangimalil, Texas A&M University*

“Asian Indian Identity in America: Ritual Dynamics in an Ethnic Community”  
*Dam Stephan Dasari and J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University*

"Sociological Naturalism: Integrating Pragmatism and Physics."  
*David G. LoConto and Becky R. Hawkins, Jacksonville State University*

“Conversations of Gestures or Significant Symbols? An Analysis of Boxing”  
*Wesley L. James and Christopher W. Purser, Mississippi State University*

64. **Service-Learning, Community Partnerships, and Student Growth**.....Peach Tree City

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“Multi-tiered Mentoring in Higher Education”  
*Catherine D. Stogner and Shelly Phillips, Middle Tennessee State University*

“Can You Build Community Partnerships Without Communicating with the Community?”  
*Ann Marie Kinnell, University of Southern Mississippi*

“Classroom Research in Maternal and Child Health Care Needs Assessment”  
*Vicky MacLean, Patricia Parker, Melissa Sandefur, and Christopher Pell, Middle Tennessee State University*

“Keeping the Learning in the Service and Service in the Learning”  
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